

**REGULAR MEETING – MAY 12, 2025
BOROUGH OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA
1202 PHILADELPHIA AVENUE
NORTHERN CAMBRIA, PA 15714**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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Meeting called to order by President Jason Whited at 7:00 p.m. Also, present William Toth, Donald Ferguson, Albert LeGars, Ronald Nagle, James Rocco, Brandi Wargo, and Mayor Lisa Mays.

Motion by Donald Ferguson to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2025, regular meeting, 2nd by Albert LeGars.

Roll Call: Whited – yes; Toth – yes; Ferguson – yes; LeGars – yes; Nagle – yes; Rocco – yes; Wargo – yes. Motion passed.

SCHEDULED BOROUGH EVENTS:

NC Clean-Up Day **May 17, 2025, at 8 a.m. Will meet at NC Borough Office at 7:45 a.m.**

Spring Clean-Up	June 9, 2025	Monday Customers
	June 10, 2025	Tuesday Customers
	June 11, 2025	Wednesday Customers

Residents Present: Danny Rietscha, Lois Rietscha, Virginia Suchar, Solicitor Devin C. O’Leary, Diane McMullen, Pete Barczak, Charlene Barczak, Vickie Vasile, Public Works Superintendent Joseph Woods, Candace Maree, Mike Mays, Sheila Ondecko, Debbie Jubas, Carol Carson, John Jarvis, Barbara Jarvis, Michelle Stiles, Tedd Knarr, Laura Palmisano, Shirley Kelly, Officer Joe Moser, and Star Courier Reporter Ray Clawson.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: PLEASE LIMIT YOU’RE TIME, STAND AND STATE YOUR NAME SO THAT YOU CAN BE HEARD BY EVERYONE. ONE PERSON TALKS AT A TIME. PUBLIC COMMENTS MAY ALSO CONSIST OF ITEM ON THE AGENDA. THANK YOU.

Diane McMullen asked for update with Susquehanna River and Walnut Run. She gave some contact information for DEP Dam Safety Department.

Virginia Suchar questioned Resolution No. 9 as to whether a fee was paid and she was informed that no consideration was received. She also asked if any bids were received on Resolution No. 10 with the In-Synch software.

Pete Barczak asked about the status of the pumping station.

Carol Carson questioned why no meeting was ever scheduled on the property issue on Railroad Avenue and she explained the situation as to why she lost her property.

Laura Palmisano quested why the Borough wanted the property over where Milko owned. She also commented as to the Schlereth property on Crawford Avenue.

Candace Maree stated about the ordinance she presented from the City of Reading.

STREET

Motion by Jason Whited to appoint Claudine M. Nagle as Agent responsible for carrying out the Borough’s duties pursuant to PEMA’s Public Assistance Grant Program, 2nd by Ronald Nagle.

Roll Call: Whited – yes; Toth – yes; Ferguson – yes; LeGars – yes; Nagle – yes; Rocco – yes; Wargo – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by James Rocco to work with Bosland Growth on their reforestation project on the Borough’s McCombie Avenue property pending review of documents/agreements with Borough Solicitor, 2nd by Ronald Nagle.

Roll Call: Whited – yes; Toth – yes; Ferguson – yes; LeGars – yes; Nagle – yes; Rocco – yes; Wargo – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Donald Ferguson to approve the following road closure request: Spangler Legacy Committee for May 26, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for Betts Avenue from 24th Street to 23rd Street; 23rd Street from Bigler Avenue to Betts Avenue; and Bigler Avenue from 23rd Street to 18th Street for their Memorial Day parade, 2nd by Brandi Wargo.

Roll Call: Whited – yes; Toth – yes; Ferguson – yes; LeGars – yes; Nagle – yes; Rocco – yes; Wargo – yes. Motion passed.

POLICE

Motion by Donald Ferguson, 2nd by James Rocco to adopt Resolution No. 9 of 2025 as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA, PENNSYLVANIA, RELATING TO THE CONVEYANCE OF FORMER K-9 OFFICER KATO;

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northern Cambria has eliminated the K-9 officer position from the Northern Cambria Police Department, and accordingly must secure responsible accommodations for Kato, the canine officer previously utilized by the Borough;

WHEREAS, Kato has been in the care and custody of Tonya Marshall, a former officer of the Northern Cambria Police Department, who has dutifully provided for Kato for an extended period even prior to her separation from the Borough;

WHEREAS, on or about February 10, 2025, Council for the Borough did pass a motion approving in principal the conveyance of Kato to Tonya Marshall subject to the execution of an appropriate release agreement, and as of May 7, 2025, Marshall has agreed to the proposed terms of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Borough and has set her signature thereupon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Northern Cambria does hereby approve of the conveyance of former K-9 Officer Kato to Tonya Marshall, effective upon approval hereof and execution by the Borough of the aforementioned Memorandum of Agreement.

Roll Call: Whited – yes; Toth – yes; Ferguson – yes; LeGars – yes; Nagle – yes; Rocco – yes; Wargo – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Jason White, 2nd by Albert LeGars to table to adopt Resolution No. 10 of 2025 as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA, PENNSYLVANIA, RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY;

WHEREAS, the Northern Cambria Borough Police Department is in need of information technology (IT) for the performance of their duties; and,

WHEREAS, the Department, to fill said need, desires to purchase four (4) In-Synch RMS Licenses, custom development services, e-citation interface, basic RMS training, administrative training, In-Synch RMS support and maintenance and e-citation interface support from In-Synch Systems in the amount of \$36,600.00 from the Police Capital Reserve Funds; and,

WHEREAS, Council of the Borough has determined that the aforementioned purchase would be of benefit to the Police Department and, as such, to the Borough;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Northern Cambria does hereby approve of the acquisition of four (4) In-Synch RMS Licenses, custom development services, e-citation interface, basic RMS training, administrative training, In-Synch RMS support and maintenance and e-citation interface support from In-Synch Systems in the amount of \$36,600.00 for use by the Northern Cambria Police Department.

Roll Call: Whited – yes; Toth – yes; Ferguson – yes; LeGars – yes; Nagle – yes; Rocco – yes; Wargo – yes. Motion passed.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Jason Whited to hire Peyton Myers, Nolan Wargo and Tyler Bradley, as part-time summer laborers at the rate of \$12.00 per hour, 2nd by Donald Ferguson.

Roll Call: Whited – yes; Toth – yes; Ferguson – yes; LeGars – yes; Nagle – yes; Rocco – yes; Wargo – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Jason Whited to not hire Landon Chverchko to complete grass cutting at the North Complex, at the rate of \$12.00 per hour, 2nd by Ronald Nagle.

Comment: This is because of age and Labor and Industry stipulations.

Roll Call: Whited – yes; Toth – yes; Ferguson – yes; LeGars – yes; Nagle – yes; Rocco – yes; Wargo – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Jason Whited to enter into Executive Session on personnel matters at 8:06 p.m., 2nd by William Toth.

Roll Call: Whited – yes; Toth – yes; Ferguson – yes; LeGars – yes; Nagle – yes; Rocco – yes; Wargo – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Donald Ferguson to come out of Executive Session at 8:34 p.m., 2nd by Jason Whited.

Roll Call: Whited – yes; Toth – yes; Ferguson – yes; LeGars – yes; Nagle – yes; Rocco – yes; Wargo – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Jason Whited to approve amending the agenda that was posted prior to meeting, 2nd by William Toth.

Roll Call: Toth – yes; Ferguson – yes; LeGars – yes; Nagle – yes; Rocco – yes; Wargo – yes; Whited – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Jason Whited to advertise for the hiring of one officer and Chief of Police, 2nd by Ronald Nagle.

Roll Call: Toth – yes; Ferguson – no; LeGars – yes; Nagle – yes; Rocco – no; Wargo – yes; Whited – yes. Motion passed.

REPORTS TO BE REVIEWED AT SECRETARIES DESK: FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer’s Report	General Fund Balance – FNB	\$266,830.59
Budget	General Fund Balance – CNB	\$3,768.13
Northern Cambria Municipal Authority Minutes	General Fund Expenses - FNB	\$103,236.07
West Branch Sewer Authority Minutes	General Fund Expenses – CNB	\$0.00
Tax Collector’s Report	General Fund Receipts – FNB	\$163,619.17
	General Fund Receipts – CNB	\$1,967.33
	Highway Aid Balance	\$327,625.30
	Beautification Account	\$116.39
	Police Car Capital Reserve	\$37,549.91
	Flood Control Reserve	\$21,481.22
	Truck Capital Reserve	\$104,072.43
	Bridge Capital Reserve	\$101,547.53
	Blight Capital Reserve	\$20,284.30

BILLS – GENERAL FUND – FNB

ACH	Amtrust North America	-\$3,173.00	17202	Donald Ferguson	-\$50.00
ACH	MetLife - Group Benefits	-\$273.20	17203	James Rocco	-\$50.00
17188	AFSCME Health & Welfare Fund	-\$219.59	17204	Jason Whited	-\$50.00
17189	Bobik's Do It Best Home Center	-\$392.69	17205	Lisa Mays	-\$50.00
17190	Cintas	-\$38.90	17206	Ronald J. Nagle	-\$50.00
17191	Devin C. O'Leary, Esq.	-\$4,812.50	17207	William J. Toth, Jr.	-\$50.00
17192	Doing Better Business, Inc.	-\$66.28	17208	Bobik's Do It Best Home Center	-\$102.30
17193	F W F Insurance Agency, Inc.	-\$6,690.70	17209	Campbell Durrant, P.C.	-\$152.50
17194	Fayette Parts Service	-\$9.98	17210	Gittings Private Investigations	-\$29.99
17195	Hugill Sanitation, Inc.	-\$20,419.50	17211	L & L Doors	-\$60.00
17196	NC Softball-Baseball	-\$3,657.59	17212	Penelec	-\$591.86
17197	Strollo's Home Center	-\$93.24	17213	Ritchey Transport	-\$139.45
17198	Tribune-Democrat	-\$534.00	ACH	WEX Bank	-\$1,365.98
17199	UniFirst Corporation	-\$157.40	ACH	NC Borough Payroll Fund	-\$19,236.13
ACH	Verizon Connect	-\$3.37	ACH	Employment Partners Benefits	-\$11,200.71
ACH	Verizon Connect	-\$80.35	ACH	NC Borough Payroll Fund	-\$22,942.99
ACH	Verizon Connect	-\$80.35	17214	PSAB U/C	-\$3,132.29
17200	Albert LeGars, Jr.	-\$50.00	ACH	United Datacom Networks, Inc.	-\$3,179.23
17201	Brandi Wargo	-\$50.00			

Motion by Brandi Wargo to approve the payment of all expenditures as recommended by the Finance Committee, 2nd by Jason Whited.
Roll Call: Toth – yes; Ferguson – yes; LeGars – yes; Nagle – yes; Rocco – yes; Wargo – yes; Whited – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Donald Ferguson to adjourn at 8:37 p.m., 2nd by Jason Whited.
Roll Call: Toth – yes; Ferguson – yes; LeGars – yes; Nagle – yes; Rocco – yes; Wargo – yes; Whited – yes. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudine M. Nagle
Borough Manager/Secretary