

**REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 8, 2025
BOROUGH OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA
1202 PHILADELPHIA AVENUE
NORTHERN CAMBRIA, PA 15714**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ALL MEETINGS ARE TAPE RECORDED. ANYONE WITH A POCKET RECORDER, PLEASE ANNOUNCE THE FACT.

PLEASE TURN ALL CELL PHONES ON SILENT AND NO TALKING, OUTBURSTS, OR SIDE COMMENTARY BY PERSONS NOT RECOGNIZED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL WILL BE TOLERATED.

Meeting called to order by Vice President William Toth at 7:00 p.m. Also, present, Donald Ferguson, Albert LeGars, Ronald Nagle, James Rocco, and Mayor Lisa Mays (via telephone).

Motion by Donald Ferguson to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2025, regular meeting, 2nd by Albert LeGars.
Roll Call: Toth – yes; Ferguson – yes; LeGars – yes; Nagle – yes; Rocco – yes. Motion passed.

Residents Present: Star Reporter Ray Clawson, Virginia Knarr, Ted Knarr, Diane McMullen, Pat McMullen, Charlene Barczak, Pete Barczak, Vickie Vasile, Public Works Superintendent Joseph Woods, Solicitor Devin C. O’Leary, Sheila Ondecko, Debbie Jubas, Laura Palmisano, Shirley Kelly, Tyler Nelson, Candace Maree and Officer James Schatz.

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.

Virginia Knarr discussed the curfew ordinance, the year it was first approved and updating it to include working teens. Also questioned the website design and was advised that Council did not approve the quote that was obtained. Mrs. Knarr presented a letter effective today until December 31, 2025, that if there would be any council positions open, she would like to be appointed to that position.

Diane McMullen requested updates on the permitting for dredging with DEP, Stiffler McGraw contacting Matt on the pumping station and status of DEP easements for flood levy project.

Tyler Nelson discussed the storm drain on 33rd Street and St. Pat’s Avenue. Council stated that they will look at the area with the Public Works Superintendent.

Vickie Vasile asked the status of the grant writer and gave an update on the 10th Street water issue and stated that Joe Corio privately owns the pond. She also stated that water from 11th Street is also coming down to 10th Street.

Pete Barczak asked for update on pumping stations and pumps, discussed the parking issue at the football games and ordering signs that state for no public thru except for emergency vehicles. Councilman Toth stated about sending a letter to the school district, but Public Works Superintendent Woods stated that he has already spoken to the school. Council may want to designate that area as a fire lane. Also discussed code enforcement and him receiving a monthly report.

Candace Maree asked if PennDOT has any date for fixing the bump by Sheetz and she was advised next week. She also commented on a storm drain problem on Philadelphia Avenue and St. Mary’s by her house. Informed that the Halloween parade will be October 25 and Trick or Treat will be October 31, 2025 and asked Joe if he could have an additional horse at Dogwood and Maple Avenue this year for the parade and asked if Hope Fire Company could do Crawford and Maple Avenue. She also stated that they will be doing a “Trunk or Treat” at both the North and South Complexes. Advised that the gentlemen doing the clean-up work at the Oak Street property is doing a wonderful job and that she got some swings.

Sheila Ondecko asked if the issue was resolved with the flags and she was advised yes.

STREET

Motion by Donald Ferguson 2nd by James Rocco to adopt Resolution No. 14 of 2025 as follows:
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PERMITTING THE ANNUAL ERECTION OF A TEMPORARY BANNER ACROSS STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE 219 NORTH (CRAWFORD AVENUE) BETWEEN SEGMENT NUMBERS 780-790 IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLICATION 46.

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

Motion by James Rocco to adopt Resolution No. 15 of 2025 as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA, PENNSYLVANIA, REIMBURSING STORM DAMAGE COSTS INCURRED BY A RESIDENT

WHEREAS, on or about April 29, 2025, a storm came through the area of Northern Cambria Borough bringing winds sufficient to cause a utility pole near the South Complex to fall to the ground, partially striking a residence located at 2424 Betts Avenue in Northern Cambria Borough;

WHEREAS, the homeowners of 2424 Betts Avenue have at their own expense, repaired the damage caused by the fall of said pole, and thereby incurred costs totaling \$1,204.78, such sums being evidenced by documentation provided to the Borough by the homeowners; and,

WHEREAS, all relevant insurance policies have been exhausted and/or have declined coverage for the losses sustained by said homeowners, and it being the understanding of the Borough Council that the homeowners did not have a homeowners insurance policy in effect at the time of the loss, Council finds it to be in the best interest of the Borough to mitigate the damages sustained by said homeowners relative to the unforeseeable falling of the utility pole;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved in accordance with the authority conferred by law in a meeting assembled and enacted by and with the authority of same, that upon execution of an affidavit by the homeowners attesting that they had no insurance policy covering their home in effect at the time of the loss, the Council of the Borough of Northern Cambria hereby approves and directs that reimbursement in the amount of \$704.78 paid to Joseph Weakland, as recompense for costs associated with repair to his home incident to the damage caused by the collapsed utility pole on or about April 29, 2025.

Comment: Residents spoke about Council setting a precedent if they approve this. Councilmen Rocco spoke on this matter and he felt that this would not set a precedent and Solicitor commented that it would also not set a precedent. Motion failed for lack of second.

RECREATION

Motion by Donald Ferguson to approve the Northern Cambria Recreation Commission road closure requests as follows: October 25, 2025 – 7 pm to 8 pm - Halloween Parade - Route as follows: Philadelphia Avenue from Holly Street to St. Stan’s Avenue and from 6 pm to 7 pm for Halloween Parade Line-Up as follows: Maple Avenue from Dogwood Street to Park Avenue and Holly Street from Maple Avenue to Philadelphia Avenue; Trick or Treat scheduled for October 31, 2025 from 6 pm to 8 pm, 2nd by Albert LeGars.

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

Motion by Ronald Nagle to donate the sum of \$300.00 to the Northern Cambria Recreation Commission for their Halloween Parade, 2nd by Albert LeGars.

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

PERSONNEL

2026 Minimum Municipal Pension Obligation Per Public Notification:

Non-Uniformed Pension Plan	\$69,279.00
Police Pension Plan	\$12,054.00
TOTAL	\$81,333.00

Motion by William Toth to approve the Spark Community Capital Grant Writing and Project Support Proposal, 2nd by James Rocco.

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

REPORTS TO BE REVIEWED AT SECRETARIES DESK: FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer’s Report	General Fund Balance – FNB	\$354,295.00
Budget	General Fund Balance – CNB	\$1,598.17
Northern Cambria Municipal Authority Minutes	General Fund Expenses - FNB	\$151,577.29
West Branch Sewer Authority Minutes	General Fund Expenses – CNB	\$0.00
Tax Collector’s Report	General Fund Receipts – FNB	\$176,616.72
	General Fund Receipts – CNB	\$264.11
	Highway Aid Balance	\$329,863.06
	Beautification Account	\$116.50
	Police Car Capital Reserve	\$43,700.34
	Flood Control Reserve	\$21,628.94
	Truck Capital Reserve	\$104,783.27
	Bridge Capital Reserve	\$102,241.12
	Blight Capital Reserve	\$20,423.85

BILLS – GENERAL FUND – FNB

ACH	Verizon Connect	-\$75.80	17410	TH Port-A-John	-\$551.05
ACH	MetLife - Group Benefits	-\$307.35	17411	Tribune-Democrat	-\$42.60
ACH	Amtrust North America	-\$3,161.00	17412	West Penn Vehicle Specialists	-\$6,181.03
ACH	Primo Brands	-\$176.88	17413	Kayla Puckett	-\$100.00
ACH	Primo Brands	-\$149.80	ACH	American Bankers Insurance	-\$880.00
17383	Albert LeGars, Jr.	\$0.00	ACH	NC Borough Payroll Fund	-\$27,250.18
17384	Brandi Wargo	-\$50.00	ACH	WEX Bank	-\$2,361.35
17385	Donald Ferguson	-\$50.00	ACH	Employment Partners	-\$14,416.26
17386	James Rocco	-\$50.00	17414	NC Borough Payroll Fund	-\$26,132.10
17387	Jason Whited	-\$50.00	17415	Al's Tire & Auto	-\$69.00
17388	Lisa Mays	-\$50.00	17416	American Legal Services	-\$14.48
17389	Ronald J. Nagle	\$0.00	17417	Bobik's Do It Best Home	-\$440.22
17390	William J. Toth, Jr.	-\$50.00	17418	Burt Lewis	-\$455.00
17391	ACS Sales & Service LLC	-\$120.00	17419	Comcast	-\$748.60
17392	Al's Tire & Auto	-\$184.00	17420	Doing Better Business, Inc.	-\$175.11
17393	BAYCOM, Inc.	-\$9,477.00	17421	F W F Insurance Agency, Inc.	-\$6,690.70
17394	Bobik's Do It Best Home	-\$824.16	17422	Fayette Parts Service	-\$272.99
17395	Business Card	-\$2,387.20	17423	Garmantown Milling	-\$36.00
17396	Centre Communications	-\$120.00	17424	Holly Taranto	-\$546.00
17397	Cintas	-\$122.39	17425	Jason Whited	-\$120.00
17398	Fayette Parts Service	-\$1,185.23	17426	Kayla Puckett	-\$150.00
17399	Gittings	-\$29.99	17427	Kichler Electric, LLC	-\$650.00
17400	Hugill Sanitation, Inc.	-\$21,794.75	17428	Laurel Municipal Inspection	-\$138.43
17401	Joseph Moser	-\$14.58	17429	Luther Ford Ebensburg	-\$259.57
17402	L/B Water Service Inc.	-\$4,378.55	17430	Penelec	-\$6,537.84
17403	Laurel Municipal Inspection	-\$182.23	17431	Strollo's Home Center	-\$7.99
17404	Lisa Mays	-\$105.98	17432	Tribune-Democrat	-\$669.76
17405	New Enterprise Stone	-\$1,792.08	17433	UniFirst Corporation	-\$173.20
17406	Penelec	-\$654.59	17434	Verizon Wireless	-\$348.82
17407	Pennsylvania One Call	-\$23.22	17435	TH Port-A-John	-\$190.55
17408	Quill Corporation	-\$148.91	17436	AFSCME Health & Welfare	-\$407.05
17409	S-B Auto Sales Inc.	-\$3,099.94	17437	Business Card	-\$3,745.78

Motion by Ronald Nagle to approve the payment of all expenditures as recommended by the Finance Committee, 2nd by Albert LeGars.

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

Motion by Albert LeGars to enter into Executive Session on legal matters and adjourn at 7:46 p.m., 2nd by William Toth.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Claudine M. Nagle
Borough Manager/Secretary