REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 13, 2025
BOROUGH OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA
1202 PHILADELPHIA AVENUE
NORTHERN CAMBRIA, PA 15714

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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 President Pro Tem Donald Ferguson at 7:00 p.m. Also, present Albert LeGars, Ronald Nagle, James Rocco, Brandi Wargo, and Mayor Lisa Mays.

Motion by Donald Ferguson to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2025, regular meeting, 2nd by Albert LeGars.
Roll Call: Ferguson – yes; LeGars – yes; Nagle – yes; Rocco – yes; Wargo – yes. Motion passed.

Residents Present: Virginia Knarr, Tedd Knarr, Candace Maree, Diane McMullen, Pat McMullen, Pete Barczak, Vickie Vasile, Public Works Superintendent Joseph Woods, Solicitor Devin C. O'Leary, Mike Mays, Sheila Ondecko, John Jarvis, Barbara Jarvis, Laura Palmisano, Shirley Kelly, Cathy Boring, Joanne Haggerty, 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.

Cathy Boring informed Council that Officer Moser did not show up at his hearing and he is not doing his job and what is Council going to do about this. Mayor Mays commented on this matter.

Virginia Daisley commented on Mrs. Boring's matter with Officer Moser and discipline issues with police. Also stated that Council should really look into and approve the company working on the website. Further, she stated that at September's meeting Council went into an executive session on lawsuit and she asked if it was continuing, and Councilman Rocco stated as far as we know.

Diane McMullen asked if there was any updates on the pre scheduled meeting with DEP and she was informed that Council had no update from Stiffler and McGraw. She also spoke about the portable pumping station.

Pete Barczak discussed the initial intent of the portable pumping station, questioned if project funding is by DEP, Susquehanna Avenue and Lincoln Street becoming a four (4) way stop, stated that Representative Kephart spoke to DEP and DEP is denying the mandate of the inspection ports for WBSA, storm runoff is a Borough issue and taking the Woodley property to court for their property maintenances issues.

Candace Maree advised Council that their Halloween decorations were vandalized at Fridman's Park and we are in need of better cameras at this location. Advised that Field 2 at the South Complex is being used without cost for a benefit softball tournament but did receive a $300 deposit and will be returned if area is cleaned up. She also discussed a community calendar that would include surrounding municipalities as well.

STREET

Motion by Donald Ferguson to approve the submission of a Letter of Intent for participation in the Hazard Mitigation Assistance program, FMA Swift Current, 2nd by Ronald Nagle.
Roll Call: Ferguson – yes; LeGars – yes; Nagle – yes; Rocco – yes; Wargo – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by James Rocco, 2nd by Albert LeGars to adopt Resolution No. 16 of 2025 as follows: **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE ACQUISITION AND GRANT OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.**
WHEREAS, the Borough of Northern Cambria has entered into a Sponsorship Agreement ("Agreement") with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection regarding the Upper Levee Drainage Structure Rehabilitation Project (Project No. DGS 183-23) ("Project");
WHEREAS, the Borough is obligated by the Agreement to acquire interests in all lands necessary to undertake the project, and to convey those interests to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;
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 the Council for the Borough of Northern Cambria hereby approves of the acquisition of land interests for all lands and parcels, including portions thereof, necessary to effectuate and implement the goals of the Project; and further, hereby approves of the conveyance and/or grant of all permanent easements and rights-of-way in favor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of all such lands or interests acquired for purposes of the Project. Council's approval of acquisition of land interests in favor of the Borough is retroactive to the original date of the execution of the Agreement with the Commonwealth.
Roll Call: Ferguson – yes; LeGars – yes; Nagle – yes; Rocco – yes; Wargo – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by James Rocco, 2nd by Ronald Nagle to adopt Resolution No. 17 of 2025 as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE GRANT OF LAND INTERESTS IN FAVOR OF BOSLAND GROWTH FOR REFORESTATION PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northern Cambria has entered into a Landowner Participation Agreement and Grant of Purchase Option ("Agreement") with Bosland Growth LLC ("Bosland"), for purposes of the latter undertaking due diligence with regard to the feasibility of reforestation efforts on 43.6 acres of land owned by the Borough and dedicated to public use;

WHEREAS, upon the completion of due diligence by Bosland, the Borough is obligated to grant to Bosland an easement along with restrictive covenants limiting the use of the reforested lands, a grant of carbon rights in favor of Bosland, and a right of first offer and right of first refusal should the Borough, eventually, elect to have the reforested area timbered;

WHEREAS, it is the understanding of Council that Bosland has completed its due diligence and is prepared to move forward with its reforestation efforts;

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 the Council for the Borough of Northern Cambria hereby approves of the execution of the Landowner Participation Agreement and Grant of Purchase Option, Grant of Access Easement for Forest Restoration and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants in favor of Bosland, the Grant of Carbon Rights in favor of Bosland, the Purchase and Sale Agreement (conveying forest restoration rights and carbon rights to Bosland), a Memorandum of Landowner Participation Agreement and Grant of Purchase Option, and a Timber Right of First Offer and Right of First Refusal in favor of Suntory Holdings Limited. Council's approval herein is retroactive to July 7, 2025.

Comment: Solicitor O'Leary stated that the Bosland will inject chemicals to bring the ground back to fertilization, plant 30,000 white oak trees, maintain the trees and after five (5) years test the carbon and would pay $8.00 per ton for carbon rights to the Borough. He also stated that the Borough may want to permit hunting on this property to protect the trees from damage by animals.

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

Motion by Donald Ferguson, 2nd by James Rocco to adopt Resolution No. 18 of 2025 as follows:

WHEREAS THE Borough of Northern Cambria will be undertaking the Strategic Management Planning Program, conducted through the University of Pittsburgh, Graduate Students, Intern Program, and

WHEREAS THE Borough of Northern Cambria wishes to participate in said project.

AND WHEREAS THE Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development makes available funds for said project through the Strategic Management Planning Program,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Northern Cambria hereby consents to make requisition for said project,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Northern Cambria hereby commits to full cooperation of said project.

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

RECREATION

Motion by Ronald Nagle to support the interest of the Northern Cambria Recreation Commission in a Fitness Court at the North Complex, 2nd by Brandi Wargo.

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

PERSONNEL

Motion by James Rocco to advertise for accepting Letters of Application for appointment to the Northern Cambria Civil Service Commission, 2nd by Donald Ferguson.

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

Motion by Ronald Nagle to hire Ronald J. Sharkey, Sr. as Chief of Police and to negotiate a Terms of Employment agreement, 2nd by James Rocco.

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

REPORTS TO BE REVIEWED AT SECRETARIES DESK: **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Treasurer's Report	General Fund Balance – FNB	$261,399.01
Budget	General Fund Balance – CNB	$1,598.17
Northern Cambria Municipal Authority Minutes	General Fund Expenses - FNB	$224,218.15
West Branch Sewer Authority Minutes	General Fund Expenses – CNB	$0.00
Tax Collector's Report	General Fund Receipts – FNB	$168,610.44
	General Fund Receipts – CNB	$1,996.59
	Highway Aid Balance	$330,436.22
	Beautification Account	$116.53
	Police Car Capital Reserve	$36,512.42
	Flood Control Reserve	$21,666.52
	Truck Capital Reserve	$104,965.34
	Bridge Capital Reserve	$102,418.77
	Blight Capital Reserve	$20,459.34

BILLS – GENERAL FUND – FNB

ACH	Verizon Connect	-$75.80	ACH	WEX Bank	-$1,321.99
ACH	MetLife - Group Benefits	-$409.80	17455	Cambria County Recorder of Deeds	-$550.50
ACH	Amtrust North America	-$3,161.00	ACH	NC Borough Payroll Fund	-$24,296.09
17438	Albert LeGars, Jr.	-$50.00	17456	Centre Communications, Inc.	-$120.00
17439	Brandi Wargo	$0.00	17457	Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency	-$50.00
17440	Donald Ferguson	-$50.00	17458	Lin's Sunoco	-$322.71
17441	James Rocco	-$50.00	ACH	Primo Brands	-$211.87
17442	Lisa Mays	-$50.00	ACH	Primo Brands	-$98.84
17443	Ronald J. Nagle	-$50.00	17459	NC Recreation Commission	-$300.00
17444	William J. Toth, Jr.	-$50.00	17460	Hope Fire Co Relief Assn	-$8,169.82
17445	All American Fire Equipment	-$473.00	17461	Spangler Fire Co. Relief Assn	-$8,169.83
17446	Cintas	-$353.52	ACH	United Datacom Networks, Inc.	-$4,469.85
17447	Fayette Parts Service	-$202.23	ACH	Terminix	-$148.58
17448	Gittings Private Investigations	-$29.99	ACH	Employment Partners Benefits Fund	-$13,672.52
17449	Hugill Sanitation, Inc.	-$21,016.00	17462	Quaker Sales Corporation	-$6,367.41
17450	Laurel Mun. Insp. Agency	-$93.22	17463	Justin Goss	-$5,380.00
17451	Motorola Solutions, Inc.	-$5,372.58	ACH	NC Borough Payroll Fund	-$23,861.19
17452	Penelec	-$393.17	17464	First National Trust Company	-$66,774.00
17453	PA One Call System, Inc.	-$12.64	17465	First National Trust Company	-$20,490.00
17454	Link & Associates, P.C.	-$7,500.00			

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

Motion by Donald Ferguson to adjourn at 7:48 p.m., 2nd by Albert LeGars.
Roll Call: Ferguson – yes; LeGars – yes; Nagle – yes; Rocco – yes; Wargo – yes. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudine M. Nagle
Borough Manager/Secretary