

**REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 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 President Jason Whited at 7:00 p.m. Also, present William Toth, Donald Ferguson, Ronald Nagle, James Rocco, Brandi Wargo, and Mayor Lisa Mays.

Motion by Donald Ferguson to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2025, regular meeting, 2nd by Jason Whited. Roll Call: Whited – yes; Toth – yes; Ferguson – yes; Nagle – yes; Rocco – yes; Wargo – yes. Motion passed.

Residents Present: Chief Ronald Sharkey, Virginia Knarr, Ted Knarr, Diane McMullen, Pete Barczak, Charlene Barczak, Vicki Vasile, Public Works Superintendent Joseph Woods, Solicitor Devin C. O’Leary, Mike Mays, Sheila Ondecko, John Jarvis, Barbara Jarvis, Laura Palmisano, Shirley Kelly, Officer Rusty Wills, 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.

Virginia Knarr stated that the motion at last month’s meeting was only for appointment to the water authority. She was advised that it was after the fact that the WBSA advised the Borough of a member’s term ending 12-31-25. She also questioned the one (1) mill tax increase and Councilman Rocco discussed his reasoning on raising one mill.

Pete Barczak requested that the following be placed on record on the behalf of Vicki Vasile, Virginia Knarr and himself that Council do not enter into any contract of any appointment and hold back until next month’s meeting with hiring/firing and also advance notice of intent for any motion that they intend to rescind as their right to rescind motions.

FINANCE

Motion by James Rocco to have a one (1) mill tax increase for 2026 and advertise same, 2nd by Donald Ferguson. Roll Call: Whited – yes; Toth – yes; Ferguson – yes; Nagle – no; Rocco – yes; Wargo – yes. Motion passed.

2026 BUDGET

2026 Budget – 30.5 Mills

Motion by Jason Whited to adopt the tentative 30.5 mill budget for the year 2026 and to advertise same, 2nd by James Rocco.

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

STREET

Motion by Brandi Wargo to approve free meter parking in the Borough from December 9, 2025, to January 2, 2026, 2nd by Ronald Nagle.

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

Motion by Jason Whited to adopt Ordinance No. 120825 - Section 15-213 – Stop Intersections Established – as to include Susquehanna Street intersecting Lincoln Street with North and South direction of travel as advertised, 2nd by Ronald Nagle.

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

Motion by Donald Ferguson, 2nd by James Rocco to adopt Resolution No. 20 of 2025 as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA APPROVING A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE HOPE FIRE COMPANY OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA, PENNSYLVANIA TO ACCEPT AND FACILITATE THE RECEIPT OF A LOCAL SHARE ASSESSMENT GRANT FOR A NEW FIRE STATION WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA.

BE IT RESOLVED, that by this Resolution, Northern Cambria Borough is authorized to enter into this agreement pursuant to 53 Pa. C.S.A. § 2301, *et seq.*, with the supporting agreement having been drafted to be consistent with the requirements of and be approved by this resolution under such law.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution hereby incorporates the supporting agreement and all terms thereof as if fully set forth at length herein with the intent that the supporting agreement be attached and incorporated into this Resolution as adopted by Northern Cambria Borough.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision, sentence, clause, section, or part of this Resolution shall for any reason be found to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, such holding shall not affect, impact, or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, or parts of this Resolution, and it is hereby declared to be the intent of the Council of Northern Cambria Borough that this Resolution would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, invalid, or illegal provision, sentence, clause, section, or part not been included herein.

Comment: Solicitor O’Leary explained the Cooperation Agreement with Hope Fire Company.

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

PERSONNEL

Motion by Jason Whited, 2nd by William Toth to adopt Resolution No. 21 of 2025 as follows:

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Borough Council of the Borough of Northern Cambria to pass a resolution each year in order that member contributions to the Police Pension Plan may be eliminated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Northern Cambria, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, that contributions by the members of the Police Pension Plan for calendar year 2026 are eliminated.

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

Motion by Donald Ferguson to approve the Service Agreement by and between Northern Cambria Municipal Authority and the Borough of Northern Cambria with an effective date of January 1, 2026, 2nd by Ronald Nagle.

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

Motion by Jason Whited to approve the Terms of Employment agreement with Ronald J. Sharkey, Sr., 2nd by Donald Ferguson.

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

The following individuals submitted a request to be appointed to the following:

Northern Cambria Municipal Authority: ***Wilbur Kelly and John Dospoy***

Motion by Donald Ferguson to appoint Wilbur Kelly to the Northern Cambria Municipal Authority and James Rocco to the West Branch Sewer Authority for a five (5) year term beginning January 1, 2026, 2nd by James Rocco.

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

Motion by Jason Whited to approve a Christmas gift of \$150.00 for each Borough employee, 2nd by Ronald Nagle.

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

Motion by Ronald Nagle to approve \$1.25 an hour raises for Borough Manager Claudine M. Nagle and Public Works Superintendent Joseph E. Woods, 2nd by James Rocco.

Roll Call: Whited – yes; Toth – yes; Ferguson – 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	\$255,812.56
Budget	General Fund Balance – CNB	\$2,854.59
Northern Cambria Municipal Authority Minutes	General Fund Expenses - FNB	\$117,687.88
West Branch Sewer Authority Minutes	General Fund Expenses – CNB	\$0.00
Tax Collector’s Report	General Fund Receipts – FNB	\$201,846.52
	General Fund Receipts – CNB	\$2,047.22
	Highway Aid Balance	\$106,312.40
	Beautification Account	\$116.57
	Police Car Capital Reserve	\$38,830.37
	Flood Control Reserve	\$21,735.99
	Truck Capital Reserve	\$105,301.87
	Bridge Capital Reserve	\$102,747.15
	Blight Capital Reserve	\$20,524.94

BILLS – GENERAL FUND – FNB

ACH	MetLife - Group Benefits	-\$375.65	17539	Donald Ferguson	-\$50.00
ACH	Verizon Connect	-\$75.80	17540	James Rocco	-\$50.00
ACH	PA UC Fund	-\$1,063.08	17541	Jason Whited	-\$50.00
ACH	NC Boro Payroll Fund	-\$23,495.88	17542	Lisa Mays	-\$50.00
ACH	WEX Bank	-\$1,883.57	17543	Ronald J. Nagle	-\$50.00
ACH	Verizon Wireless	-\$406.71	17544	William J. Toth, Jr.	-\$50.00
ACH	Business Card	-\$343.15	17545	B&B Screen Printing	-\$900.00
17522	Bobik's Do It Best Home Center	-\$728.51	17546	Kayla Puckett	-\$150.00
17523	Cambria Co. Recorder of Deeds	-\$91.75	17547	NC Recreation Commission	-\$300.00
17524	Cambria Family Practice, LLC	-\$30.00	17548	Nerdette Design, LLC	-\$1,500.00
17525	Campbell Durrant, P.C.	-\$41.00	ACH	NC Boro Payroll Fund	-\$23,652.43
17526	Devin C. O'Leary, Esq.	-\$280.75	17549	Hemlock Valley LLC	-\$4,109.05
17527	Fayette Parts Service	-\$192.13	17550	S-B Auto Sales Inc.	-\$853.73
17528	Gittings Private Investigations	-\$29.99	17551	Walt Mack	-\$3,000.00
17529	Hugill Sanitation, Inc.	-\$21,603.00	ACH	Employment Partners Benefits	-\$17,622.38
17530	Lin's Sunoco	-\$2,057.42	ACH	United Datacom Networks, Inc.	-\$2,578.22
17531	Mainline Newspapers	-\$29.00	ACH	Fayette Parts Service	-\$789.73
17532	Penelec	-\$734.19	17552	Cintas	-\$220.72
17533	Pennsylvania One Call System	-\$10.27	17553	Comcast	-\$749.19
17534	Strollo's Home Center	-\$46.99	17554	Laurel Municipal Inspection	-\$90.68
17535	Teamsters Legal Defense Fund	-\$14.48	17555	Mainline Newspapers	-\$56.50
17536	UniFirst Corporation	-\$156.13	17556	Penelec	-\$6,540.82
17537	Centre Communications, Inc.	-\$120.00	17557	Teamsters Legal Defense Fund	-\$14.48
17538	Brandi Wargo	-\$50.00	17558	Tribune-Democrat	-\$400.50

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

Motion by Jason Whited to advertise and accept applications for a five (5) year term beginning January 1, 2026, to the West Branch Sewer Authority, 2nd by Ronald Nagle.
Roll Call: Whited – yes; Toth – yes; Ferguson – yes; Nagle – yes; Rocco – yes; Wargo – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Jason Whited to adjourn at 7:18 p.m., 2nd by Ronald Nagle.
Roll Call: Whited – yes; Toth – yes; Ferguson – yes; Nagle – yes; Rocco – yes; Wargo – yes. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudine M. Nagle
Borough Manager/Secretary