

**REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 10, 2026
BOROUGH OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA
1202 PHILADELPHIA AVENUE
NORTHERN CAMBRIA, PA 15714**

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Meeting called to order by Vice President Virginia Knarr at 6:18 p.m. Also, present, Peter Barczak, Jessie Laney, Michael Mays (via telephone), Sheila Ondecko, Shirley Gormish, and Mayor Lisa Mays (via telephone).

Motion by Peter Barczak to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2026, regular meeting, 2nd by Sheila Ondecko.

Roll Call: Knarr – yes; Barczak – yes; Laney – yes; Mays – yes; Ondecko – yes; Gormish – yes. Motion passed.

Residents Present: Solicitor Brian Litzinger, Chief Ronald Sharkey, Charlene Barczak, John Jarvis, Diane McMullen, Michelle Stiles, Public Works Superintendent Joseph Woods, Laura Palmisano, Candace Maree, Jerry Kelly, Ted Knarr, 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.

Jerry Kelly stated that his property at 124 Barr Avenue has a WBSA line that goes right through it and the lines must have collapsed and sink holes have appeared and are getting larger. The problem is also undermining roadway over to the Polish Legion and worried as school starts August 26th and concerned with buses.

Michelle Stiles stated that the faces on the parking meters need cleaned as they cannot be read.

Diane McMullen stated that the Flood Committee needs a meeting to review updated Emergency Action Plan and that we should have a flood exercise training scheduled.

Candace Maree gave update on the escrow money with Bobik's and Mr. Burskey spoke with them and they would release any Covid escrow monies to Rec as needed. Solicitor stated that Council will not be taken any action on this matter tonight as they need more information.

FINANCE

Motion by Virginia Knarr to approve that any future real estate sales by Borough, said funds will be deposited as follows: 40 percent to General Fund and 60 percent to Blight Capital Reserve Fund, 2nd by Peter Barczak.

Comment: Vice President Knarr commented as the Borough sold a piece of property and would like to see some of the monies going into the blight fund to take care of more properties.

Roll Call: Barczak – yes; Laney – yes; Mays – yes; Ondecko – yes; Gormish – yes; Knarr – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Jessie Laney to approve to open a checking account at First National Bank for the Northern Cambria Police fundraising and said account to require two (2) signatures to include the Chief of Police and Mayor, 2nd by Virginia Knarr.

Roll Call: Laney – yes; Mays – yes; Ondecko – yes; Gormish – yes; Knarr – yes; Barczak – yes. Motion passed.

STREET

Motion by Jessie Laney to approve the rental of a mini excavator at the rate of \$1,320.00/week for up to two (2) weeks, 2nd by Peter Barczak.

Comment: Vice President Knarr questioned Public Works Superintendent if it would take longer than a week and he said yes with all the projects that need to be completed.

Roll Call: Mays – yes; Ondecko – yes; Gormish – yes; Knarr – yes; Barczak – yes; Laney – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Peter Barczak to approve the following pipe replacement proposals:

1. Hanson Alley between Lincoln Street and dead-end in the amount of \$4,425.00; and
2. 33rd Street and St. Patrick's Avenue in the amount of \$2,543.00, 2nd by Sheila Ondecko.

Roll Call: Ondecko – yes; Gormish – yes; Knarr – yes; Barczak – yes; Laney – yes; Mays – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Virginia Knarr to approve the property access, release, and hold harmless agreement by and between the Borough of Northern Cambria and property owner situate at 205 Susquehanna Street to complete repair work approximately ten (10) feet into the owner's property along the embankment located off Highland Street with an estimated repair cost of \$3,248.00, 2nd by Sheila Ondecko.

Roll Call: Gormish – yes; Knarr – yes; Barczak – yes; Laney – yes; Mays – yes; Ondecko – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Virginia Knarr to approve the following in accordance with the Barnesboro American Legion Post 508 Battle of the Bands event that was held on August 9, 2026:

1. Close the following street: Nixon Avenue from St. Mary’s to St. Stans from 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
2. Possession of an open container of alcoholic beverage to be permitted from 2:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., 2nd by Peter Barczak.

Comment: Vice President Knarr stated that in the future, they need to get this in before their events.
Roll Call: Knarr – yes; Barczak – yes; Laney – yes; Mays – abstain; Ondecko – yes; Gormish – yes. Motion passed.
Conflict of Interest Abstention Memorandum filed by Michael Mays.

Motion by Virginia Knarr to approve the commencement of the condemnation process for the First Baptist Church located at 1119 Philadelphia Avenue (Map No. 56-093. -100.000) and vacant lot in rear (Map No. 56-093. -100.001), 2nd by Sheila Ondecko.
Roll Call: Barczak – yes; Laney – yes; Mays – yes; Ondecko – yes; Gormish – yes; Knarr – yes. Motion passed.

RECREATION

Motion by Virginia Knarr to approve the possession of an open container of alcoholic beverage to be permitted at the Northern Cambria Recreation Commission’s Farewell to Summer Event scheduled for August 29, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the South Complex, 2450 Betts Avenue, 2nd by Jessie Laney.
Roll Call: Laney – yes; Mays – no; Ondecko – yes; Gormish – no; Knarr – yes; Barczak – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Peter Barczak to table to approve/disapprove the proposal submitted by Stiffler McGraw in the sum of \$50,000.00 for the Northern Cambria Recreation Commission North Complex Park Improvements, 2nd by Sheila Ondecko.
Roll Call: Mays – yes; Ondecko – yes; Gormish – yes; Knarr – yes; Barczak – yes; Laney – yes. Motion passed.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Jessie Laney to accept Ronald Nagle’s letter of resignation (effective July 29, 2026) as Council member and to advertise to accept applications for the open Council positions available for the remainder of term ending 12-31-27, 2nd by Peter Barczak.
Roll Call: Ondecko – yes; Gormish – yes; Knarr – yes; Barczak – yes; Laney – yes; Mays – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Sheila Ondecko to approve the resignation of Brian Selnekovic as a full-time patrol officer effective August 16, 2026, 2nd by Peter Barczak.
Roll Call: Gormish – yes; Knarr – yes; Barczak – yes; Laney – yes; Mays – yes; Ondecko – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Sheila Ondecko to disapprove the transfer of Brian Selnekovic to a part-time patrol officer at the 2026 contract rate of \$25.71 per hour, 2nd by Michael Mays.
Roll Call: Gormish – yes; Knarr – yes; Barczak – yes; Laney – yes; Mays – yes; Ondecko – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Virginia Knarr to approve the re-hire of Edward Venslosky as a part-time street department laborer at the 2026 contract rate of \$17.00 per hour, per hour, 2nd by Sheila Ondecko.
Roll Call: Knarr – yes; Barczak – yes; Laney – yes; Mays – yes; Ondecko – yes; Gormish – yes. Motion passed.

REPORTS TO BE REVIEWED AT SECRETARIES DESK: FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer’s Report	General Fund Balance – FNB	\$297,054.70
Budget	General Fund Balance – CNB	\$807.37
Northern Cambria Municipal Authority Minutes	General Fund Expenses - FNB	\$182,264.25
West Branch Sewer Authority Minutes	General Fund Expenses – CNB	\$0.00
Tax Collector’s Report	General Fund Receipts – FNB	\$102,244.08
	General Fund Receipts – CNB	\$1,856.11
	Highway Aid Balance	\$175,538.16
	Beautification Account	\$116.76
	Police Car Capital Reserve	\$35,115.10
	Flood Control Reserve	\$22,026.82
	Truck Capital Reserve	\$106,710.90
	Bridge Capital Reserve	\$104,121.99
	Blight Capital Reserve	\$20,799.58

BILLS – GENERAL FUND – FNB

ACH	MetLife - Group Benefits	-\$409.80	17888	Safe Life Defense	-\$122.00
ACH	Terminix	-\$162.18	17889	Stiffler, McGraw & Associates	-\$10,895.90
ACH	Verizon Connect	-\$92.30	17890	Teamsters Legal Defense Fund	-\$21.72
ACH	Amtrust North America	-\$3,702.00	17891	TH Port-A-John	-\$337.15
ACH	Business Card	-\$1,062.08	17892	UniFirst Corporation	-\$157.88
17863	Jessie W. Laney	-\$50.00	17893	AFSCME Council 13	\$0.00
17864	Lisa Mays	-\$50.00	17894	Core & Main LP	-\$1,085.00
17865	Michael P. Mays	-\$50.00	17895	L/B Water Service Inc.	-\$1,361.80
17866	Pete Barczak	-\$100.00	ACH	Comcast	-\$232.08
17867	Ronald J. Nagle	-\$50.00	ACH	Comcast	-\$501.41
17868	Sheila M. Ondecko	-\$50.00	ACH	NC Borough Payroll Fund	-\$31,518.41
17869	Shirley Gormish	-\$50.00	ACH	Primo Brands	-\$282.54
17870	Virginia Knarr	-\$50.00	ACH	Primo Brands	-\$298.28
17871	Bobik's Do It Best Home Center	-\$886.45	ACH	United Datacom Networks, Inc.	-\$982.20
17872	Centre Communications, Inc.	-\$120.00	ACH	WEX Bank	-\$3,202.54
17873	Cintas	-\$164.07	ACH	United Datacom Networks, Inc.	-\$1,238.50
17874	Doing Better Business, Inc.	-\$185.81	ACH	NC Borough Payroll Fund	-\$30,612.32
17875	F W F Insurance Agency, Inc.	-\$5,717.20	17896	Bobik's Do It Best Home Center	-\$281.44
17876	Fayette Parts Service	-\$721.22	17897	Doing Better Business, Inc.	-\$843.05
17877	Galls, LLC	-\$1,298.98	17898	F W F Insurance Agency, Inc.	-\$5,717.20
17878	Gittings Private Investigations	-\$29.99	17899	Keith's Truck Service	-\$2,155.32
17879	Hugill Sanitation, Inc.	-\$20,689.00	17900	Kirsch Heating Corp.	-\$300.00
17880	Kuharchik Construction, Inc.	-\$5,417.44	17901	L/B Water Service Inc.	-\$2,127.67
17881	Laurel Municipal Inspection	-\$142.76	17902	Laurel Municipal Inspection	-\$139.76
17882	Leventry, Haschak & Rodkey	-\$3,032.25	17903	Modern Marketing	-\$453.33
17883	NC Municipal Authority	-\$4,228.32	17904	Moonlighters' Mechanic Shop	-\$22,867.00
17884	PA Municipal, Inc.	-\$324.60	17905	Penelec	-\$7,247.88
17885	Pa. State Assoc. of Boroughs	-\$95.00	17906	Pitney Bowes, Inc.	-\$82.44
17886	Penelec	-\$7,726.90	17907	Teamsters Legal Defense Fund	-\$43.44
17887	Pennsylvania One Call System	-\$4.80	17908	Yoder Equipment LLC	-\$23.05

Motion by Peter Barczak to approve the payment of all expenditures as recommended by the Finance Committee, 2nd by Jessie Laney.

Roll Call: Barczak – yes; Laney – yes; Mays – yes; Ondecko – yes; Gormish – yes; Knarr – yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Mays thanked everyone that attended the National Night Out event held August 4, 2026.

President Barczak stated that he will have our Solicitor send letter to West Branch Sewer Authority on sink holes.

Motion by Jessie Laney to adjourn at 6:46 p.m., 2nd by Peter Barczak.

Roll Call: Laney – yes; Mays – yes; Ondecko – yes; Gormish – yes; Knarr – yes; Barczak – yes. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudine M. Nagle
Borough Manager/Secretary