REGULAR MEETING –OCTOBER 12, 2026
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 Virginia Knarr at 6:03 p.m. Also, present, Peter Barczak, Jessie Laney, Michael Mays, Sheila Ondecko, Shirley Gormish, Donna Baker, and Mayor Lisa Mays.

Motion by Sheila Ondecko to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2026, regular meeting, 2nd by Peter Barczak.
Roll Call: Knarr-yes; Barczak-yes; Laney-yes; Mays-yes; Ondecko-yes; Gormish-yes; Baker-yes. Motion passed.

Residents Present: Solicitor Brian Litzinger, Chief Ronald Sharkey, Laura Palmisano, Michelle Nagle, Harry Younkin, John Jarvis, Barbara Jarvis, Diane McMullen, Public Works Superintendent Joseph Woods, Jerry Kelly, Paul Weaver, 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.

Michelle Nagle from 401 Joseph Street discussed the ongoing situation with her neighbor at 403 Joseph Street wherein the neighbor's vines have caused $11,000 damage to her home according to an estimate completed by Jerry Kelly. Solicitor Litzinger explained to Ms. Nagle that she would need to get an easement from the neighbor and if not able to do so, she would have to hire an attorney to get a necessity easement to obtain an immediate preliminary injunction.

Jerry Kelly questioned if Council decided anything on the Barr Avenue situation and President Barczak stated that PennDot put a pipe into the former railroad property and it became property of the new owner(s) of railroad property.

Diane McMullen questioned the Borough Solicitor if he has completed the language change in the only easement left on the flood levy DEP project. The Solicitor advised that he would look into this.

STREET

Motion by Virginia Knarr to approve the Super Swing Baseball 5K event route on November 26, 2026, as follows: Start at 2011 Crawford Avenue and run Crawford Avenue to 40th Street to 809 Maple Avenue (former VFW parking lot) and return same route with registration at 7:30 a.m. and event start time at 8:00 a.m. and completed at approximately 9-9:15 a.m., 2nd by Jessie Laney.
Question: Vice President Knarr questioned if Super Swing was advised as to having traffic control for this event. Borough Manager stated yes.
Roll Call: Barczak–yes; Laney–yes; Mays–yes; Ondecko–yes; Gormish–yes; Baker–yes; Knarr–yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Peter Barczak to approve the road closure request from the Spangler Legacy Committee Christmas parade for December 5, 2026, with lineup at 5 pm and parade from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 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, 2nd by Sheila Ondecko.
Roll Call: Laney–yes; Mays–yes; Ondecko–yes; Gormish–yes; Baker–yes; Knarr–yes; Barczak–yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Virginia Knarr to approve Stiffler McGraw to submit LSA grant applications for the following projects: Stormwater pump - $500.00, 10th Street Flooding and right-side levy project - $1,000.00 each, 2nd by Sheila Ondecko.
Roll Call: Mays–yes; Ondecko–yes; Gormish–yes; Baker–yes; Knarr–yes; Barczak–yes; Laney–yes. Motion passed.

POLICE

Motion by Jessie Laney to approve the purchase of four (4) badges (1 Chief and 3 Patrolman) for the Northern Cambria Borough Police Department from Badge & Wallet in the sum of $605.80, 2nd by Michael Mays.
Roll Call: Ondecko-yes; Gormish-yes; Baker-yes; Knarr-yes; Barczak-yes; Laney-yes; Mays-yes. Motion passed.

RECREATION

Motion by Virginia Knarr to approve the October 7, 2026, Memorandum as to the Northern Cambria Recreation Commission Projects and remaining Covid-19 Funds and to submit these projects to the NCRC, 2nd by Sheila Ondecko.
Comment: Vice President Knarr asked all Council members if they had a chance to review the memorandum and President Barczak wanted to confirm that everything in the memorandum stands and was informed by Vice President Knarr that he was correct.
Roll Call: Gormish-yes; Baker-yes; Knarr-yes; Barczak-yes; Laney-yes; Mays-yes; Ondecko-yes. Motion passed.

PERSONNEL

2027 Minimum Municipal Pension Obligation Per Public Notification:

Non-Uniformed Pension Plan	$ 76,679.00
Police Pension Plan	$ 36,451.00
TOTAL	$113,130.00

Motion by Peter Barczak, 2nd by Virginia Knarr to adopt Resolution No. 5 of 2026 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 2027 are eliminated.
Question: Council member Mays asked if this was negotiated or mandatory and Solicitor Litzinger stated that this is statutory requirement for any state funding pension plans and that we must take legislative action every year.
Roll Call: Baker-yes; Knarr-yes; Barczak-yes; Laney-yes; Mays-yes; Ondecko-yes; Gormish-yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Sheila Ondecko to approve the resignation of Daniel McCloskey as a full-time laborer effective October 2, 2026, 2nd by Peter Barczak.
Roll Call: Knarr-yes; Barczak-yes; Laney-yes; Mays-yes; Ondecko-yes; Gormish-yes; Baker-yes. Motion passed.

Council member Ondecko discussed her attendance at the CamTram local match formula funding studies and that the County Commissioners normally funded 85% to CamTram and will only be contributing 75% and the municipalities will have to pay. She stated that the Borough's share would be approximately $4,646 for the July 1 to June 30, 2027, billing.

REPORTS TO BE REVIEWED AT SECRETARIES DESK: FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer's Report	General Fund Balance – FNB	$198,683.55
Budget	General Fund Balance – CNB	$807.37
Northern Cambria Municipal Authority Minutes	General Fund Expenses - FNB	$222,121.59
West Branch Sewer Authority Minutes	General Fund Expenses – CNB	$583.66
Tax Collector's Report	General Fund Receipts – FNB	$168,460.92
	General Fund Receipts – CNB	$583.66
	Highway Aid Balance	$176,053.76
	Beautification Account	$116.78
	Police Car Capital Reserve	$37,981.76
	Flood Control Reserve	$22,091.52
	Truck Capital Reserve	$84,097.48
	Bridge Capital Reserve	$104,427.82
	Blight Capital Reserve	$20,860.67

BILLS – GENERAL FUND – FNB

ACH	MetLife - Group Benefits	-$375.65	17974	Shirley Gormish	-$50.00
ACH	Amtrust North America	-$3,702.00	17975	Virginia Knarr	-$50.00
ACH	Verizon Connect	-$94.75	17976	Centre Communications, Inc.	-$120.00
ACH	Comcast	-$247.61	17977	Laurel Municipal Inspection	-$96.17
ACH	NC Borough Payroll Fund	-$25,767.27	17978	Luther CDJR	-$354.25
17953	AFSCME Health & Welfare	-$532.15	17979	Penelec	-$130.40
17954	Bobik's Do It Best Home	-$814.33	17980	Pete Barczak	-$50.00
17955	Cintas	-$138.30	ACH	Terminix	-$162.18
17956	Doing Better Business, Inc.	-$234.96	17981	Hope Fire Co Relief Assn	-$8,005.53
17957	Fayette Parts Service	-$72.66	17982	Spangler Fire Co. Relief Assn	-$8,005.52
17958	Gittings Private Investigations	-$29.99	ACH	Employment Partners Benefits	-$16,817.82
17959	Hite Coal & Stone Supply LLC	-$435.20	ACH	United Datacom Networks, Inc.	-$95.00
17960	Hugill Sanitation, Inc.	-$20,968.00	ACH	United Datacom Networks, Inc.	-$1,238.94
17961	Kuharchik Construction, Inc.	-$609.00	ACH	NC Borough Payroll Fund	-$24,936.58
17962	Laurel Municipal Inspection	-$89.01	ACH	NC Borough Payroll Fund	-$1,427.44
17963	Mainline Newspapers	-$46.75	ACH	WEX Bank	-$2,394.87
17964	Nerdette Design, LLC	-$1,500.00	17983	Cambria Co. Recorder of Deeds	-$159.75
17965	Penelec	-$437.94	17984	First National Trust Company	$0.00
17966	Pennsylvania One Call System	-$6.08	17985	First National Trust Company	-$72,691.59
17967	Savayka, LLC	-$2,599.98	17986	First National Trust Company	-$12,054.00
17968	TH Port-A-John	-$190.55	ACH	Primo Brands	-$252.37
17969	Penelec	-$25.10	ACH	Primo Brands	-$178.14
ACH	Comcast	-$501.56	17987	CCBA	-$240.00
ACH	Business Card	-$4,690.18	17988	Derry Stone & Lime Company	-$807.83
17970	Jessie W. Laney	-$50.00	17989	F W F Insurance Agency, Inc.	-$5,717.20
17971	Lisa Mays	-$50.00	17990	L/B Water Service Inc.	-$1,174.77
17972	Michael P. Mays	-$50.00	17991	Laurel Municipal Inspection	-$357.54
17973	Sheila M. Ondecko	-$50.00	17992	PA Municipal, Inc.	-$244.68

Motion by Virginia Knarr to approve the payment of all expenditures as recommended by the Finance Committee, 2nd by Peter Barczak.
Roll Call: Barczak–yes; Laney–yes; Mays–yes; Ondecko–yes; Gormish–yes; Baker–yes; Knarr–yes. Motion passed.

President Barczak discussed the advertisement for appointments to the Appeals Board.

Motion by Peter Barczak to adjourn at 6:34 p.m., 2nd by Sheila Ondecko.
Roll Call: Laney–yes; Mays–yes; Ondecko–yes; Gormish–yes; Baker–yes; Knarr–yes; Barczak–yes. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Claudine M. Nagle
Borough Manager/Secretary