

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS
PUBLIC HEARING
July 28, 2009**

Present: Deputy Mayor Anne Clancy
Trustee Sharon Hannon
Trustee Michael Montero

Absent: Mayor Kurt Brunger
Trustee James Palumbo

Also Present: Courtney Hills, Esq.*

Deputy Mayor Clancy called the Public Hearing to order at 6:55 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Clancy read notice of public hearing.

Local Law No. 3 of 2009.

Attorney Hills provided a brief summary of proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2009 which pursuant to the provisions of §485-b of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York provides for a partial real property tax exemption for certain commercial, business and industrial improvements in the Village.

Attorney Hills explained that the local law would allow real property constructed, altered, installed or improved for the purpose of commercial, business or industrial activity to be exempt from taxation, special ad valorem levies and services charges to the extent of 50% of the increase in assessed value thereof attributable to such construction, alteration, installation, or improvement and for an additional period of nine years; provided, however, that the extent of such exemption shall be decreased by 5% each year during such additional period of nine years.

Attorney Hills further explained the qualifications and to which properties the exemption would apply, as well as the application process.

Deputy Mayor Clancy stated that the Board had discussed the proposed local law in great detail at the prior meeting, but again inquired as to whether the Board had any further questions, comments and/or concerns relative to the proposed local law. There were no additional comments or questions from the Board.

Deputy Mayor Clancy then opened up the discussion to the public. There were no questions or comments from the public.

Trustee Montero motioned to adopt the proposed local law no. 3 of 2009 as is, the motion was seconded by Trustee Hannon, and all were in favor.

Deputy Clancy motioned to close the public hearing, Trustee Hannon seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The public hearing was closed at 6:59 p.m.

(* In the absence of the Village of Camillus, Attorney Hills served as secretary/clerk of the public hearing for the purpose of taking minutes)

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 28, 2009**

Present: Deputy Mayor Anne Clancy
Trustee Sharon Hannon
Trustee Michael Montero

Absent: Mayor Kurt Brunger
Trustee James Palumbo

Also Present: Courtney Hills, Esq.*

Deputy Mayor Clancy called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Village Police Department.

Deputy Mayor Clancy reported that there were no activities to report and no representative from the Department was present.

Village Fire Department.

Deputy Mayor Clancy reported that the Department was coming up on its 100th year anniversary and that arrangements had been made by Village Clerk-Treasurer Marie Stanczyk to order the plaque previously approved by the Village Board.

Deputy Mayor Clancy also advised the Board that the emergency light on Chief Scott Binns' emergency vehicle needed to be replaced and that he was in the process of obtaining three quotes for same.

Deputy Mayor Clancy began a discussion relative to a new proposed financing plan for what the new Fire Department apparatus purchases whereby the Village would agree to assume an additional \$1,800.00 per year for 15 years if the Town were to also agree to

assume an additional proportionate sum (based on the number of tax paying residents). Deputy Mayor Clancy motioned for the Board to accept the additional \$1,800.00 conditioned upon the participation of the Town, the motion was seconded by Trustee Montero, and all were in favor.

Trustee Montero began a discussion relative to the bid package for new emergency vehicles. He advised that the bid package should go out as soon as possible even though the new proposed financing plan was not in place yet, however with the condition that the Board could reject all bids if a satisfactory financing plan was not finalized and approved.

Canal Society.

Deputy Mayor Clancy began a discussion relative to the recent activities of the Canal Society in the Village of Camillus. In appreciation of their time and consideration she suggested the Board consider making a donation in support of their efforts to bring awareness to the Village.

Trustee Hannon motioned to donate \$200.00 to the Canal Society, the motion was seconded by Trustee Montero, all were in favor.

Main Street Paving Project.

Deputy Mayor Clancy began a discussion relative to the Main Street paving project and the need to get a bid package out as soon as possible for the work to commence before cold weather sets in. However, she advised the Board that it was brought to her attention by Joe Durand, P.E. of TDK Engineering that the existing handicapped accessible ramps located at various sections of Main Street may have to be updated or modified during the repaving of Main Street. Since funds were limited for the project she suggested to the Board that the existing ramps should be left as is if possible.

Attorney Hills advised of the relevant federal regulations (Americans With Disabilities Act) with respect to same and that the Village would have to look into whether or not by law the modification or alteration of Main Street would require that the existing ramps be brought up to federal standards. She further advised that if the regulations did require the existing ramps to be modified and the Village did not do so, the Village could not only be exposing itself to potential lawsuits (which can include awards of attorneys fees) but also could be exposing itself to penalties imposed by the federal government.

It was the consensus of the Board to permit Attorney Hills to further research the issue before making a decision on whether or not to include the ramps in the bid package.

North Street Speed Issue.

Deputy Mayor Clancy began a discussion relative to the Board's desire to address the issue with speeders on North Street. She advised that the Board was considering whether to install speed bumps.

Attorney Hills advised that she had done some research on the issue and advised that the installation of speed bumps as "traffic control devices" would be in violation of New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law, but that it might be permissible for the Village to install speed bumps pursuant to New York State Highway Law and that further research needed to be conducted.

It was then suggested that the speed limit on North Street be lowered rather than installing speed bumps. Attorney Hills advised the Village Code provided that the Village speed limit is 30 m.p.h. throughout the Village and that she needs to research whether 30 m.p.h. was the minimum speed limit that could be set pursuant to New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law for a Village and whether or not the speed limit of a specific street could be lowered and, if so, what could it be lowered to.

Deputy Mayor Clancy then inquired as to whether the Board could install "slow down" signs without having to draft a local law and revise the Village Code. Attorney Hills advised that she would have to review the statute to determine whether or not such signs were considered "traffic control devices".

Village Maps.

Deputy Mayor Clancy advised the Board that Syracuse Blue Print has offered to take all of the old and current Village Maps and turn them into PDF files so that they can be stored on a CD and/or uploaded to the Village's website for the public. She advised that a lot of the older maps were beginning to deteriorate and that this process would allow them to preserve the maps. She further advised that Syracuse Blue Print quoted them \$2.00 per map and that there were 501 existing Village maps.

Deputy Mayor Clancy advised that Mayor Brunger had advised that the money from his Mayor's discretionary fund could be utilized for this project.

Deputy Mayor Clancy motioned to have the Board approve the project up to \$1,000.00 to be funded via the Mayor's discretionary fund, the motion was seconded by Trustee Hannon, and all were in favor.

Public Comments.

Deputy Mayor Clancy opened the Regular Meeting up to the public for any discussion, questions or concerns.

Mr. Ben Davis, 2 Greet Street, inquired as to whether the sidewalk near the corner of Leroy and Green Street was going to be replaced by the Village any time soon because it had deteriorated quite a bit.

Trustee Montero pointed out that the Village Code does provide for the repair and/or replacement of sidewalks in certain situations (where such deterioration was not caused by the adjacent land owners). The Board advised Mr. Davis that the Code would be further reviewed and that the site would be visited to determine whether any immediate action would be required.

There were no other comments from the public.

Deputy Mayor Clancy motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation matters, Trustee Hannon seconded the motion, all were in favor. Executive Session commenced at 8:01 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.

Deputy Mayor Clancy motioned to close Executive Session, the motion was seconded by Trustee Hannon, and all were in favor. Executive Session was closed at 9:27 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Clancy motioned to close the Regular Meeting, Trustee Montero seconded the Motion, and all were in favor. The Regular Meeting closed at 9:28 p.m.

(* In the absence of the Village of Camillus, Attorney Hills served as secretary/clerk of the public hearing for the purpose of taking minutes)

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