

SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS, COUNTY OF ONONDAGA, STATE OF NEW YORK, HELD AT THE CAMILLUS VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Mayor Kurt Brunger, Trustee Anne Clancy, Trustee Sharon Hannon, Trustee Mike Montero, Trustee James Palumbo

Staff Present: Attorney Steve Primo, Clerk/Treasurer Marie Stanczyk

Members of the Public: Approximately 5

Mayor Kurt Brunger called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Camillus Cutlery Vacant Parcels of Land

The special meeting was held to consider the upcoming auction for delinquent taxes of two parcels of vacant land within the village currently owned by the Camillus Cutlery Company. The first parcel, 4.81 acres of vacant commercial land, tax i.d. 004.-03-08.0, is located in the vicinity of Feeder Bank Road behind Village Hall along Nine Mile Creek. The second parcel, less than an acre of vacant commercial land, tax i.d. 002.-02-22.0, is located in the vicinity of Newport Road near McNamara's Pub. The year 2009 property taxes for both parcels have been paid. The properties are scheduled for auction on October 8, 2009 due to delinquency of tax payments for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008.

Attorney Primo presented members of the board and the public copies of costs he estimates the village would incur for obtaining the tax certificates and potential purchase of the deeds. He noted the highest priced items as listed would be the costs of obtaining the tax certificates and the Phase I environmental site assessment that would be done if the village obtains title to either of the properties.

A lengthy discussion followed amongst members of the board and Attorney Primo on the purpose of acquiring the land for the public, the condition of the vacant properties, the history of the land, flooding issues, FEMA funding, brownfield applications, the updated FEMA floodplain map, grants, zoning, and potential uses for the land. Attorney Primo suggested the village consider the possibility of obtaining engineering services to develop a plan for the use of the properties.

Trustee Clancy read aloud text [source(s) unknown] on the subject of public land: "Public land conserves land for people to enjoy parks, gardens and other natural places, ensuring livable communities for generations to come. Preservation of the land itself, so it will continue to be a resource for generations, to bring on memories of special places, wild and natural lands and [where] animals live, and also to avoid the type of conflicts of interests and preferential treatment of insider favorites such as major donors, we remove the land from the vulgarities of private ownership by placing it in the care of an institution that is not

dependent upon any one person”.

Trustee Clancy moved to purchase the tax certificates for the 4.81 acre property, tax i.d. 004.-03-08.0 for back taxes in the amount of \$1,909.74, and the 103’ front x 145’ deep property, tax i.d. 002.-02-22.0 for back taxes in the amount of \$1,308.91, and to take the steps needed to get a point to purchase for a total of \$4,217.53. Trustee Hannon seconded the motion. Mayor Brunger then asked for public comments on the matter.

Mr. Chris Garcia of 27 South Street, Camillus took issue with the portion of text read by Trustee Clancy regarding the vulgarities of private ownership of any land and the poor reflection the statement is on all private property owners.

Mr. Tom Grant questioned the justification for the village to purchase the vacant property located in the vicinity of Newport Road. Mayor Brunger noted artist renderings and the potential use for the property provided during the September 22, 2009 regular board meeting.

Attorney Primo reviewed for Mr. Grant the process of disposition of the property if the village opts to purchase the tax certificate for the parcel prior to the auction date, noting uncertainty of whether associated legal fees can be recovered by the village. Trustee Palumbo said the parcel could possibly be used for flood mitigation.

Resolution 09302009-1: Approval of Tax Certificate Purchases for Properties Tax I.D. No. 002.-02-22.0 and Tax I.D. No. 004.-03-08.0

Mayor Brunger polled the board on the motion made earlier by Trustee Clancy and seconded by Trustee Hannon. Polling of the board was recorded as follows:

Mayor Brunger	Aye
Trustee Clancy	Aye
Trustee Hannon	Aye
Trustee Montero	Aye
Trustee Palumbo	Nay

The motion was approved by majority vote of members present.

Resolution 09302009-2: Approval of Line Item Transfer

Trustee Montero moved to transfer \$4,217.53 from Line Item A1440.4 to a tax certificate acquisition line. Trustee Palumbo seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous vote of members present.

A discussion followed regarding the flooding classification of the vacant properties, dredging of the creek, investigation into possible grants for use of the land, and potential title issues. In response to question from Trustee Montero, Attorney Primo recommended Ms. Kristy LaManche may be available to assist as a grant writer in solicitation of funding for costs relating to the vacant properties.

Main Street Paving Project

Mayor Brunger asked Attorney Primo if he had looked at the bids. Attorney Primo responded he had, and that he wanted to go into executive session and discuss them.

Resolution 09302009-3: Approval of Vouchers

Trustee Clancy moved to approve payment of General Fund (A) vouchers 0136-0146, totaling \$11,641.15 as presented and signed during the meeting. Trustee Montero seconded the motion and it was approved by majority vote of members present.

Lease Agreement for Purchase of Fire Trucks

Attorney Primo reported we are waiting for a response from Republic First National on the agreement document. He noted time is of the essence regarding the lease agreement, the down-payment for pre-payment discount, the timing of receipt of funds from the bank, and a possible advantage for not taking the pre-payment discount. A brief discussion on the advantages of lease versus bonding followed.

Executive Session

Mayor Brunger made a motion for the board to move into executive session at 8:10 PM. Trustee Clancy seconded the motion and it was approved by majority vote of members present. The board came out of executive session at 8:20 PM and resumed the special meeting at that time.

Resolution 09302009-4: Approval of Bid for Main Street Paving Project

Trustee Clancy moved to approve the bid of Spano Paving & Excavating subject to verification that Items 1-7 of the specifications and plans are included in the bid, and that Davis Wallbridge, Inc. be approved as backup contractor if the Spano bid is found to be not inclusive. Trustee Montero seconded the motion and it was approved by majority vote of members present.

It was noted that Trustee Palumbo left the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Fire Department By-Laws

Attorney Primo reported he will not re-write the department by-laws, but by the next meeting will prepare a document to include a paragraph that will state the village adopted a local law of 2009 which governs the fire department operations including approval of the by-laws, and any conflict between the by-laws and the local law will be deemed to amend the by-laws to conform to the law.

Fire Department Water Bill

Mayor Brunger reported the most recent water bill is totally normal. He explained that the

fire department pays OCWA \$764 twice a year for the OCWA-owned fire hydrant system for hydrants within the Camillus Fire Department district, maintenance of those hydrants, and a flat-fee water usage charge. Trustee Clancy will pass this information on to the appropriate member(s) of the fire department.

Adjournment

Trustee Montero moved to adjourn the special meeting. Trustee Clancy seconded the motion and it was approved by majority vote of members present. The special meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan J. Clarke
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Clerk/Treasurer's Office

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