

**Village of Camillus
Regular Meeting
March 16, 2015**

Present Mayor Patricia Butler Trustee Ann Eckert Trustee Helen Kiggins Walsh Trustee Martin Rinaldo Trustee Susan Hines (absent)	Attorney: Robert J. Allan (absent) 3 people in attendance
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Mayor Butler opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. by leading the “Pledge of Allegiance”. Mayor Butler stated Attorney Allan is on vacation and Trustee Sue Hines is ill and is in rehabilitation. Mayor Butler asked that all take a moment to reflect on her absence and wish her better health.

Chief McBride of the Camillus Fire Department asked if his report may be first in order to attend a training class at the fire station.

Camillus Fire Department

Chief James McBride stated a fire call occurred early this morning that could have resulted in something much worse. Upon arrival, the home was full of smoke due to a fire at the entertainment center in the living room. Ice build-up on the roof outside led to a leak on an inside wall which most likely shorted out a power strip with many electronics connected which led to a fire including the television. Chief McBride stated if it weren’t for smoke detectors, the homeowners may not be here today. Camillus worked with Howlett Hill and Fairmount fire departments in order to knock down the fire quickly, ventilate and clear the scene within about an hour. Mayor Butler thanked the fire department for the successful response.

Chief the training at the Turning Stone center is coming up soon. All receipts will be turned in after the training classes.

On March 30 and 31 the department will have OSHA training at 7 pm each day. If any members of the Board wish to, they may attend. These classes will be taught by Rick Wise again. Mayor Butler asked what topics are taught during those classes. Chief McBride stated workplace safety among others will be taught.

Recruit NY Open House is scheduled for April. A committee is working on the plans and more details are to come.

The fundraising committee is planning on holding a boot drive during the Village Wide Sale in May.

The Calendar Fund Drive is currently under way. Camillus members have delivered calendars and fund drive letters to homes and businesses. Funds from this drive have been earmarked for a “Gator” type vehicle with a skid for it. This will allow for emergency response along the Erie Canal, the Aqueducts, or hunting grounds, etc.

Mayor Butler advised the Village Wide Sale is planned for May 16, 2015.

Ongoing training will occur in March and April. These months are training months. Three of the new applicants are enrolled in the Firefighter I class. Just today, a young man, his brother and friend contacted the fire department because they were interested in joining after reading the recruitment letter attached to the calendar.

During the recent Legislative breakfast attended by the Camillus Fire Department, it was announced that NY State has ten million dollars' worth of funds to loan for very low rates. After doing some research, Chief McBride will take the next steps to apply in order to repair HVAC systems, the kitchen, parking lot, etc. Mayor Butler asked if the loan is decided by what percentage of work needs to be done. Chief McBride he is currently looking into what does need to be repaired. The Clerk asked what the percentage rate was for the loan. Chief McBride stated it is 2.5%. Mayor Butler asked the length of the loan. Chief McBride stated it can be a 20 or 30 year loan.

Mayor Butler advised the public that the mortgage on the Camillus Fire Department building has been satisfied. This building is over 20 years old and is in need of repair.

The banquet hall is not being rented out due to the inefficient state of the ovens. This turns out to be a loss of funds for the fire department which can be, in turn, used to repay the loan.

Mayor Butler asked if the insurance company was contacted regarding structural damage from the previous roof. Chief McBride stated no. Mayor Butler advised to have an insurance adjustor look at the damage.

Engine 5 had repair work done at Har Rob. The manufacturer of the aerial on the truck was asked to look at it. It will need to be taken apart in order to properly determine what needs repair. An insurance adjustor was called to look at the truck before it went out for repair.

Mayor Butler asked what exactly is being repaired. Chief McBride stated the waterway on the aerial. The aerial waterway froze during the Green Gate fire and caused damage. This repair is covered by insurance.

Mayor Butler asked if there were any questions for Chief McBride. None were asked. Mayor Butler thanked Chief McBride for his report.

Camillus Police Department

Lieutenant Macholl from the Camillus Police Department gave the following report for January and February, 2015:

Elm Street: 4 vehicle stops (1 ticket issued, 1 verbal warning and 2 written warnings) and 2 vehicle accidents.

North Street: 1 domestic call, 4 ambulance calls and 5 parking complaints (2 verbal warnings, 2 parking tickets, and 1 moved vehicle before police arrived), 1 loud noise complaint (music from apartment; music was turned down), 2 disputes (1 was National Grid entering home, 1 vehicle blocking a driveway; car was moved), 1 vehicle stop (written warning), 1 disabled vehicle

(vehicle in ditch; towed out), 2 assist calls (1 courtesy transport; person brought home and 1 assist to DPW for snow removal).

Green Street: 1 accident call (car vs bus; no injuries), 1 loose dog complaint (returned to owner), 1 parking complaint (vehicle blocking driveway; settled by police), 1 towed vehicle (illegally parked).

First Street: 2 ambulance calls, 2 parking complaints (2 tickets issued), 1 dispute call (police settled issue re: snow removal).

Elderkin Avenue: 2 traffic stops (2 written warnings issued).

Mechanic Street: 1 shots fired complaint (youths with no gun).

Maxwell Road: 1 mental illness complaint, 1 loose dog complaint (returned to owner).

Timber Ridge Drive: 1 hang up to 911 (phone line trouble), 2 ambulance calls.

Leroy Street: 2 vehicle stops (1 ticket issued, 1 written warning), 1 fire call (National Grid found gas leak; CFD forced entry into home).

South Street: 1 warrant attempt by Syracuse Police (subject not home).

Maple Drive: 2 ambulance calls, 2 vehicle stops (2 tickets issued), 3 informational complaints (1 phone scam, 1 harassment, 1 mental illness), 3 loud noise complaints (all from one address; parties advised to work with property owner to resolve), 1 CO alarm (deemed faulty by CFD), 1 dispute call (maintenance worker and tenant; settled by police), 1 status check (welfare of children; no issue found).

Rolling Hills Road: 3 ambulance calls.

Wallace Avenue: 1 ambulance call, 1 domestic call.

Genesee Street: 12 traffic stops (4 tickets issued, 2 verbal warnings, 6 written warnings), 5 vehicle accidents, 18 property checks, 1 fire call (Green Gate), 1 overdose call, 1 suspicious incident call (car door found open; no issue) 1 ambulance call, 1 parking complaint (vehicle moved), 1 false fire alarm, 1 natural gas odor call (Nat'l Grid called), 1 drug complaint (complaint of marijuana odor; no persons home when police arrived), 2 disturbance calls (1 youths, 1 civil dispute over money), 1 tractor trailer stuck at railroad bridge, 1 vehicle lock out.

Mayor Butler advised Lt. Macholl that if there any accidents involving the railroad bridge, she needs to be notified so she then can advise the Finger Lakes Railroad company to assess the damage.

Mayor Butler asked if there were any questions for Lt. Macholl. Mr. Leland Vogelsang stated that vehicles going east are not stopping at the blinking red light on Genesee and Milton Avenue. Mayor Butler stated this issue was referred to the Camillus Police Department previously. Lt. Macholl stated this issue was given to the traffic officer.

The Clerk advised Lt. Macholl that a resident has complained regarding the crosswalk from Genesee to Elm Street/174. NY State DOT was sent a letter. They, in turn, advised to turn the issue over to Camillus Police because a youth was tapped by a vehicle while walking across. Lt. Macholl stated he will have Officer Slate call the office regarding the traffic issues.

Mayor Butler thanked Lt. Macholl for his report.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Mayor Butler asked the Board if there were any questions regarding payment of the Abstract 6. None were asked.

Upon the motion of Trustee Eckert and seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract #6 was approved as follows:

General Fund	\$56,050.86
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Approval of Minutes

Mayor Butler advised the Board needs to approve minutes from January 5, 2015 and March 2, 2015. Upon the motion of Trustee Eckert and seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously approved, the Board approved the meeting minutes from January 5, 2015 and March 2, 2015 as well as the Public Hearing minutes from March 2, 2015.

Mayor's Announcements

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2015.

There was a blockage in a sewer pipe on Main Street today. Onondaga County did respond and repaired the issue. A tree that was removed years ago still had roots growing that caused the problem.

On Maple Drive, National Grid was installing a utility pole and broke a water lateral.

Rether Excavating was hired to help the Village remove large amounts of snow. A plow driver had been placing snow on Timber Ridge Drive that caused a road to become one lane road. Rether Excavating was called to remove the snow.

Attorney Comments

Attorney Allan is not in attendance.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk stated last year's accounting books have been closed and reviewed by the CPA. She completed the Annual Report and sent it by E-mail to the Comptroller. Mayor Butler thanked her for her work.

The 2015 trash bills are prepared and are ready to go out to rental property owners. These will be sent out April 1, 2015. The owner of the apartments on Rolling Hills Road indicated he

would be opting out of this service. He was sent the paperwork to opt out of the service but has not returned it to the Village.

Mayor Butler thanked the Clerk for her report.

Old Business

A request was made by Susan Schuler to construct a wheelchair ramp at 48 North Street. Mayor Butler asked all the Board members at the last board meeting to view the site for their input on the decision. Trustees Walsh and Eckert stated they did not. Trustee Rinaldo stated the site gets plowed in when snow falls and this ramp will be an insurance issue because it will be constructed on Village property. Mayor Butler advised the Trustees that did not view the site to visit it soon. The issue will be revisited next meeting.

New Business

Mayor Butler stated at 53 First Street is an issue with a storm drain pipe. This pipe is too small of a diameter. The inflow is not adequate. Tree roots are also impeding flow. The area is having a flooding issue. The Village has been advised to replace that pipe with a larger storm drain pipe. The trees that are causing root issues are on private property but will need to be removed by the Village.

As long as road work is planned for First Street, this pipe issue should be addressed before the work is started.

Mayor Butler will contact Daniel Rooney at Barton and Lojudice and will ask if this issue will be covered by the Stormwater Grant.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Eckert stated there is a Hard Hat equipment show planned at the State Fair on April 1 and 2. This opportunity may help with the purchase of new snow removal equipment by the Village DPW. Mayor Butler stated she will plan on sending all three DPW employees as a token of appreciation for their snow removal efforts this winter.

Trustee Eckert asked to go into Executive Session later in the meeting regarding personnel issues.

Trustee Walsh stated she has no report.

Trustee Rinaldo asked about the bids for the First Street road improvement project. The Clerk stated the engineer is working on the specifications. The application for next year's Community Development needs to be submitted by March 23, 2015 and takes priority due to the due date.

Public Comments

Mr. Richard Waterman asked that Mr. Reagan be advised of the dryer parked in the front lawn of 24 Elm Street. The homeowner also does not shovel snow at the sidewalk. Mayor Butler thanked him for his comment.

Mr. Vogelsang stated STOP should be painted on the lane for the blinking red light. Mayor Butler stated she will work with Officer Slate regarding the issue.

Mayor Butler thanked the public for their comments.

Upon the motion of Mayor Butler and seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously approved the Board moved into Executive Session 6:55 p.m.

The meeting moved out of Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. and upon the motion of Trustee Walsh and seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned.

Sharon Norcross
Clerk/Treasurer
Christina Groesbeck
Assistant to the Clerk