

Village of Camillus  
Regular Meeting  
March 18, 2013

Present: Mayor Patricia J. Butler  
Trustee James Palumbo  
Trustee Ann Eckert  
Trustee Tim Stapleton  
Trustee Helen Kiggins Walsh

Attorney: Robert J. Allan  
  
  
  
6 people in attendance

Mayor Butler opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. by leading the “Pledge of Allegiance.”

**Camillus Police Department**

Mayor Butler introduced Lt. Tim Macholl for a report of the February police calls. He stated he is changing his reporting by street. Genesee Street has 15 vehicle stops, 2 ambulance calls, 2 fire calls, 1 status check, 1 harassment complaint, 1 burglary complaint and 1 disturbance at a motor vehicle accident. First Street had 5 ambulance calls, 1 domestic call, 1 missing person and 1 property check. Elm Street had 2 vehicle stops (one with ticket), 1 ambulance call. Elderkin Avenue had 1 vehicle accident and 1 ambulance call. Maple Drive had a suspicious vehicle and 1 traffic regarding a stop sign. Green Street had one dispute between neighbors. Leroy Street had a complaint regarding ayouth and a vehicle repossession. North Street had 1 ambulance call and a residential fire and 1 vehicle lock out. South Street had a suspicion person and an ambulance call.

Mayor Butler stated she called in a report of kids partying at the Wheeler Cemetery.

Trustee Stapleton stated there were vendors going around without a “Vendor’s Permit” from the Village although they did have one from the Town of Camillus. Mayor Butler stated that there is a not for profit Citizen’s Group going around who did notify the Village but they don’t need a permit. The energy salesmen who are coming around need a permit and when she called the phone number on the card no one answers. She is very wary about this company. Lt. Macholl Requested that if you see someone walking around and you think something is funny call the police right away. Do not wait until the next day. The police want to catch these people in the act.

**Barton & Loguidice**

Ms. Shannon Harty addressed the Board regarding the “Save the Rain”. She stated that she did not prepare a proposal because her firm has been having internal discussion regarding the

approach to this grant. Onondaga County has expanded their scope for this grant including innovated sewer repairs like slip linings and manhole grouting. She stated she could identify problem areas in the Village from past studies. Onondaga County is encouraging municipalities to team up on their applications. You would get more bang for your buck because of the large and volume the price will be better. If the Town does not want to team up with the Village she will bring a proposal just for the Village. Ms. Harty stated Barton & Loguidice knows that there are areas such as Orchard Village that needs slip lining. Mayor Butler asked how you would determine the Village share if the Board decides to consolidate. Ms. Harty stated that you would prorate the amount based on the construction costs. The savings would be in the mobilization. Ms. Harty stated that the application is due at the end of April and should be awarded by June. Trustee Walsh, Trustee Eckert and Trustee Stapleton are all in agreement of working with the Town of Camillus on the "Save the Rain" grant.

Ms. Harty stated she does not know if the Town of Camillus is agreeable to this shared application because Supervisor Coogan is out of town.

Mayor Butler introduced Jesse Norcross. Mr. Norcross stated that he wanted to give you an update on the website. This website has a basic framework is a web base content management system which means you do not need soft wear to update the web site. When you log in as an editor you would have additional links to edit the pages. The website is [www.villageofcamillus-ny.gov](http://www.villageofcamillus-ny.gov). If you go there now the page is blank, it is not public yet. There are things on the web site now, but the most current minutes may not be there. He will provide training for who ever wants to contribute to the website. You can have more than one person edit the website, for example, the clerk can add minutes only, the code enforcement officer can edit only the codes section, the mayor can add current events. The website is set up so you will not have to worry about format and design. As you contribute content and you want to add an event the most recent article will show up at the top. The article could have a header line and a few lines of type and the "read more" link which would open up the entire article. You can make a determination that you only want six articles, then when you put a new article up the sixth article would move into "archives". This will make it easier for nontechnical individuals to use. It is also meant to be for an organization that is in flux when several editors come and go. He stated this site is not open to the public but he can give the Board the tools to get into the website now. He can give you the credentials to get into the site to edit. Mayor Butler asked Mr. Reagan if he needs training. He asked to let him know when you hold training. Attorney Allan asked if the Board wants to have the ability to add content and edit. Trustee Stapleton stated he would like to add particular items. Trustee Palumbo stated nothing should go on the website unless Mayor Butler approves the article. All articles need to go through a central facilitator and Mayor Butler should be that person. Mayor Butler stated that she needs someone with a different skill set than she has to work with Jesse Norcross and she would like Trustees Palumbo and Stapleton to so. Mr. Norcross stated he will send everyone a set a credentials to log into the website. Trustee Stapleton asked if you could put the time and temperature on the website. Mr. Norcross stated

he could and that is what he would like, input from the Board as to what they want on the website. Mr. Norcross stated that Syracuse Technologies hosts your website and are familiar with this web base management system and if you choose, you could once a month have them update the website. They also host the fire department website and you may be able to have Syracuse Technologies update both at one sitting to reduce costs. Trustee Stapleton asked if there was a size restriction. Mr. Norcross stated that you have a generous size and should be able to put whatever you want. Mayor Butler asked when you will do your training session. Mr. Norcross stated it is up to the trustees. Trustee Stapleton stated send us your contact information and we will send you notice when we can meet for training.

### **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Upon motion of Trustee Eckert, seconded by Trustee Kiggins Walsh and unanimously approved the Board approved Abstract #05 as follows:

	<u>Abstract #05</u>
General Fund	\$45,388.72
Sewer Rent Fund	\$ 505.45

Upon motion of Trustee Kiggins Walsh, seconded by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved the Board approved the minutes of February 25, 2013 with minor changes.

Mayor Butler presented Andrew Peterson who owns the house at 58 North Street and wants to install a driveway. Mr. Peterson has filed an application for a Special Permit and needs Board approval. Trustee Stapleton asked Mr. Reagan if he had any issues with this driveway and Mr. Reagan stated that he leaves this up to the head of the DPW. Mr. Petersen stated that he will be installing this new driveway himself and he has experience with this type of work. Trustee Palumbo and Trustee Stapleton reviewed the plans with Mr. Petersen regarding the replacement of the sidewalk, the material for the driveway and the placement of the driveway. Trustee Palumbo stated that Gary Martin would have to notify Mayor Butler of his approval. Mr. Reagan stated that he and Gary Martin will be inspecting the concrete forms, the grading and stone underneath before any concrete is poured. Mr. Petersen confirmed that he would put the sidewalk back with the proper gradient.

Attorney Allan stated that this application has to be referred to Onondaga County Planning as the property location is more than 500 feet from the Village boundary. The Village Board will have to review the short SEQR form and make a SEQR determination that this application will not have a negative impact on the neighborhood. Also, the Board will have to declare itself the lead agent and send it to Onondaga County Planning.

Trustee Kiggins stated she feels that the impact on the neighborhood will be positive because it will get more cars off North Street.

Mr. Reagan stated that a concern of installing a driveway is that the water from the road does not flow toward a neighbor's property. Mr. Petersen stated the ground is sloped to create an angle so the water does not flow onto anyone's property.

Attorney Allan recommended that the Board make a SEQR determination tonight and declare itself the lead agency. Send the application to Onondaga County and by the time they reply you will have heard from Gary Martin and this will give each member of the Board to take a look at the property.

Attorney Allan read each question on the SEQR form and each answer was no.

Upon motion of Trustee Stapleton, seconded by Trustee Palumbo and unanimously approved the Board declared itself the lead agency, determine there was not negative impact on the neighborhood and requested Attorney Allan to send the application to Onondaga County Planning Board.

Mr. Reagan asked if anyone has any news on the cleanup of the Cutlery property. Mayor Butler stated that she e-mailed Tom Blair and she has not heard anything other than he is dealing with three insurance companies. Trustee Palumbo stated that this causes confusion because originally it was stated that the building had no insurance and now Mr. Blair is stating he is dealing with insurance companies. Mr. Reagan stated that Mr. Blair is dealing with the contractor's insurance companies. Trustee Palumbo stated until he puts that out to the public, people may think the Board is not truthful.

Attorney Allan stated that once Mr. Blair puts the person who caused the fire on notice and they do their inspection he has a duty to clean the property. Mr. Reagan stated he will send Mr. Blair a Notice of Violation that he can give to the insurance company and that will make the insurance move more quickly.

Trustee Walsh and Trustee Palumbo both agreed the Board should push Mr. Blair. Trustee Walsh asked if there were any toxins flowing into the Nine Mile Creek. Mr. Reagan stated the flow is fine. An asbestos survey was done and asbestos was found on the front and back side of the building. Because it was not abated the entire debris has to be treated as it has asbestos.

Mr. Reagan stated that the contractor did not have a permit to do any work at the cutlery. New York State law stated that you have to get a permit for hot work and the Village could press charges against the contractor for doing hot work without a permit. Attorney Allan stated if the

contractor did not have a permit there is a lot more reason for them to settle with Mr. Blair and avoid criminal charges.

Trustee Palumbo asked “Who is responsible for having the permit, the guy cutting with the torch or the company he worked for?” Mr. Reagan stated in his opinion, whoever’s idea to light the torch. If Tom Blair said I want you to go and cut out metal, then it is Tom Blair’s responsibility. If Tom Blair said I want you to go and remove the lockers and the metal desks and the contractor took it upon himself to light the torch then it is the contractor’s responsibility. Tom Blair said he had no knowledge they were lighting a torch, they were just going to be taking out the metal sitting on the floor.

Mayor Butler stated that Fred Miller from the environmental group has been very interested and worried about pieces of glass that fell into Nine Mile Creek.

Mr. Reagan asked about the development on Elm Street. He stated that he had several questions for the architect that would have to be answered before any work was done. He did not feel the building would fit on the lot where he placed it. Half the building would be hanging over a cliff. He had a parking area over a NYS right-of-way. He was trying to put a 7000 sq. ft. building on a 2,500 sq. ft. lot.

Trustee Eckert asked if the Board was going to address A & R Auto. Mayor Butler stated that she counted 31 cars on Sunday.

Attorney Allan stated that A & R Auto is not living up to their Special Permit. He stated that the procedure is (1) the Board should schedule a Public Hearing, (2) make a SEQR determination after the hearing, (3) refer this application to Onondaga County Planning and (4) vote to approve, deny or modify. Attorney Allan stated the County recommended disapproval on both past applications. Mr. Reagan stated that the Board could have Mr. Bakal modify the application before it is sent to Onondaga County Planning.

Mayor Butler stated that the cars that are left there (for parts) are in disarray and unsightly. Mr. Reagan stated the Village could require a fenced in area or have A & R put them in a building. Attorney Allan stated that in 2005 the Village Board accepted the recommendations of the Village Planning Board to issue a Special Use Permit. At that time A & R wanted to extend the building. The permit specifications stated there could be 10 cars for sale and 12 cars for repair. Mr. Bakal agreed to a total of 20 cars on the lot. Now Mr. Bakal is asking to 16 cars for sale and 10 cars for repair. All the other spaces he showed on his plan were for customers and employees. The total he showed was 42 spaces. Mayor Butler stated this is a situation where the Village could use a Planning Board as now the Village Board will have to make a determination. She recommended the Board take a good look at the parking at A & R. Mr. Reagan stated that

Onondaga County Planning had a problem with the visibility of cars approaching Genesee Street from Milton Avenue. This concern was before the intersection was reconstructed. Trustee Walsh stated there is no problem with visibility now.

Attorney Allan stated he will look for this file for a 2005 resolution from the Planning Board. Trustee Stapleton asked if A & R has to come in under brand new concept. Attorney Allan stated A & R will have to follow the new code that was passed such as the setback requirements. Mr. Bakal is not in compliance and that is why he was told by Mr. Reagan to come to the Village.

### **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Butler stated that she has applications for "Buy a Star, Be a Star" program which help to fund the Memorial Day Parade Committee's efforts to purchase over 5,500 American flags for the veteran's graves and also distribution at the parade. When you pay \$10 for a Star your name is put onto it and it is posted in front of the Town of Camillus Municipal Building.

Mayor Butler asked the Board if they wanted to hold the field days over Memorial Day Weekend. She has to confirm with Wheelock Amusements and also the fireworks company. The field days will run from May 24 to 27 and the fireworks will be on Saturday, May 25, 2013 at 9:30 p.m. Last year the fireworks were done with donations. Wheelock Amusements contributed \$500. This money went in a separate bank account where the bills for fireworks, publicity and porta-potties were paid. Trustee Stapleton feels the Village should duplicate what was done last year. Mayor Butler stated that she could use more volunteers this year with the exception of Trustee Eckert, who again went above and beyond the call of duty.

Mayor Butler brought up the discussion of E-waste which the Village can disposal of at no charge to the residents. She has made arrangements with a company to remove the E-waste if the Village provides a spot for storage. The company will take most electrical items as long as they are intact and do not contain Freon or any liquids.

Mayor Butler state the Village is again participating in Earth Day by supplying a truck and driver for the trash. Upon motion of Trustee Stapleton, seconded by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved the Board moved to allow one worker from our DPW to work overtime on Earth Day, April 20, 2013 to drive the Village truck to dispose of the trash.

Mayor Butler stated that Fire Chief Groesbeck has again reduced the cost of the 30 air packs to \$120,100. The Camillus Fire Department will pay \$20,100 from its current year's budget and bond with a five year installment not for the remaining \$100,000. Attorney Allan stated the initial paperwork will be in this week from Hancock Law Office.

Mayor Butler stated she arranged for the Annual Meeting for the Camillus Fire Department Service Awards on March 21, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. A representative from Solvay Bank, Phil Yanulis, Brian Raichlin and she will attend.

Mayor Buter stated Verizon is not ready to move forward to bring FIOS into the Village. She still has been in contact with the Verizon.

Mayor Butler stated she has spoke to Mr. John Tal and he is planning on starting construction on the Sunoco gas station at the end of April or beginning of May.

Mayor Butler stated she would like approval to attend the NYCOM Training Conference on May 5, 6 and 7 in Saratoga Springs. Upon motion of Trustee Palumbo, seconded by Trustee Stapleton and unanimously approved the Board authorized Mayor Butler to attend the NYOM Training Conference on May 5, 6 and 7 in Saratoga Springs at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.

Mayor Butler requested that Deputy Mayor Eckert run the April 1 and May 6, 2013 meetings as she will be out of town and having a medical procedure.

### **ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

Attorney Allan stated that General Code Publisher's Code book needs to be updated. The past Board did not spend the money to get the code book updated. The Clerk contacted General Code Publisher and sent them the laws that the prior attorney had sent her. They then contacted the Secretary of State to see exactly what law were filed. Attorney Allan stated that Local Law #1 – 2010 is was actually filed as Local Law #1 – 2011. They held a public hearing and it was adopted and filed at the Secretary of State.

Attorney Allan stated that Local Law#4 – 2009 the Property Maintenance Law looks like it was never filed at the Secretary of State. He just wanted to the Board to be aware of this problem.

### **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Deputy Mayor Eckert stated there was a parade last Saturday at the Green Gate. Apparently it was a fund raiser for rescue animal. She asked if Natalia Meyers should have notified the Village so the Village could notify the police of a large gathering. The Clerk stated that Natalia Meyers did fill out an application for a temporary tent.

Trustee Walsh stated there are over 20 fire departments have that are working with Onondaga County Department of Purchasing. The Director Sean Carroll, would be willing to attend our

meeting and explain how it could benefit the Camillus Fire Department. The department would not be bound by anything but they can assist in putting a bid packet together. They now do the city purchasing and a lot of purchasing for other entities. The more people in the group the more purchasing power you would have.

Trustee Stapleton stated he would like to have County Legislature Michael Plochocki attend the Village meeting to bring the Board up to date as to what is happening in the County. He will give Legislature Plochocki a call.

Mayor Butler stated that the Village will have to hold a Public Hearing on the MS-4 Annual Report. Mr. Reagan thinks this MS-4 Annual Report is due June 1 so the Public Hearing should be held before that time. Mr. Reagan stated that New York State is going to start to audit municipalities to be sure of compliance. He stated a Public Hearing on May 6 for the MS-4 Annual Report would be good and give him ample time to finish the report. Mr. Reagan stated that the Village outfalls should be inspected every year.

Upon motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Sharon Norcross  
Village Clerk/Treasurer