

**Village of Camillus**

**Regular Meeting**

**March 7, 2016**

Present: Mayor Patricia Butler-Rhoades  
Trustee Ann Eckert  
Trustee Helen Kiggins Walsh  
Trustee Martin Rinaldo  
Trustee Richard Waterman

Attorney: Robert J. Allan

4 people in attendance

Mayor Butler-Rhoades opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

**Camillus Fire Department**

Chief James McBride and Chief Samuel Maxsween handed out the Company Training Report. Chief McBride stated that the fire department has responded to 26 incidents in January with an average response time of 6:51 minutes from dispatch to arrival on scene taking into consideration weather and road conditions so response time is always a little higher during the winter months. The fire department responded to 30 incidents in February with an average response time of 6:27 minutes.

The Camillus Fire Department will be participating in the St. Patrick Day Parade this Saturday, March 12, 2016 which is the same day as their corn beef and cabbage dinner. Their last dinner was a chicken and biscuit dinner which yielded a profit and some good public relations with the community.

The fire department is preparing for Recruit N.Y. with a committee in hopes to make it bigger and better on April 23 and 24<sup>th</sup>. This recruitment weekend usually brings in a few applications.

Calendar Drive will be turned in next week and back usually the last week of March so they can get that distributed.

Chief McBride stated that when the weather breaks they will begin outside drills and training at Meyers Towing with plans to bring in Tony McIntyre, Extraction expert with Jerome Fire Equipment. The training will be on a Saturday and will be available for everybody. Chief McBride went on to explain that some of the new cars on the market cannot be cut due to airbags and their equipment is unable to cut through some metals such as the metal on the new Mercedes so the men need to be kept up to date on that information.

Chief McBride has organized a Training Committee Chief Maxsween will be the Training Captain and they will be training with Howlett Hill Fire Department because they have a training tower.

The EMT midterm is Tuesday night March 8, 2016.

Engine 5 needs new front tires probably won't pass inspection. Chief McBride has called around for pricing. Big 4 priced out at \$776.64 each plus \$20 for disposal fee for a total of \$796.64 ea.

Paul's Tire would be \$724.39 each and includes \$15 disposal fee and total for two tires would be \$1448.78.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Waterman and unanimously approved, the purchase of two tires for Engine 5 from Paul's Tires for \$1,448.78.

Annual service on the trucks has been done. The body work is complete and the bill has been forwarded to Jason Mallory who will submit it to the Fairmount Fire Department's insurance company. Mayor Butler-Rhoades requested that she be given a call if there were any problems.

The first of the semi-annual kitchen vent inspection is complete as well as the annual sprinkler inspection. Jerome Fire Equipment has inspected the wall fire extinguishers at the fire department.

Pinsky Law Group has their conference at the end of the month from March 31- April 2, 2016 at Turning Stone. Ten people from the department will attend. The cost is \$235 per person and there many different speakers and classes available for them to choose from. Chief McBride made a request for \$2350 of which \$470 would come from Chiefs training, \$470 from EMS training, the remaining \$1410 would come from the training budget. Mayor Butler-Rhoades stated the attendees have one week to turn in their receipts so as not to stretch out the reimbursement time.

Upon the motion of Trustee Kiggins Walsh, seconded by Trustee Waterman and unanimously approved the training.

FASNY dues are \$10 per person and Chief McBride would like to update the roster and pay this out of the fire departments "dues" line. The request is for 45 members for a total of \$450.

Upon the motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the \$450 to pay the FASNY dues for 45 members.

Mayor Butler-Rhoades asked if Chief Maxsween had anything. Chief Maxsween stated that they were training with Howlett as well as Mottville who will be having a couple FAST training classes at the end of the month; one for downed firefighter in a stairwell and firefighter out of the window.

Mayor Butler-Rhoades stated that Trustee Waterman and Trustee Rinaldo had recently attended a class on fires and trains and asked if the Chief McBride had done any training for locomotive emergencies. Chief McBride stated he had taken a railroad safety course at Mottville.

### **Code Enforcement**

Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan stated that in February there was 1 building permit application for \$40, 6 building inspections of previously issued permits, 3 fire safety inspections (3 out of 4 of Richard Kirk's buildings – one across the street), 3 complaint inspections and 10 violations inspections resulting in 9 notices and letters of violations. Mr. Reagan also stated that he had sent a certified towing notice to 3 LeRoy and the vehicle is now gone.

Mr. Reagan stated that he went to 3 LeRoy regarding a trash complaint which was ignored. He recommends the Village make a motion to ask a contractor to haul the trash out and Mr. Reagan will file the paperwork Tuesday morning and give the owner 10 days. The fence is collapsed, a mattress and trash are in the backyard. Mayor Butler-Rhoades stated Trustee Eckert will provide Mr. Reagan with a phone number for the owner and Mr. Reagan will call the owner of record. If there is no response by the March 21, 2016 meeting and then the Board would make a motion to move forward.

Mr. Reagan stated 2 Feederbank Rd has a complaint regarding a collapsed garage. He has spoken with the family but hasn't gotten them to do anything so he can either take the owner to court or make a motion to have a contractor remove the trash because the neighbors have been complaining. He states he has been trying to get this cleaned up for two years.

### **Attorney Comments**

Attorney Allan stated Dr. Robert Druger wants to purchase 71 Genesee St to have a Martial Arts & Yoga Studio. The change in use from a laundromat to a Martial Arts & Yoga Studio would require a Special Permit which in turn requires a SEQRA determination and a Public Hearing. The Board would also have to determine required parking spaces based on the potential use, neighborhood orientation, and some other issues that will be discussed at that time.

Upon the motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved, a Public Hearing for a Special Permit for 71 Genesee Street was scheduled for April 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Attorney Allan stated that John Tal's application, for the building next to the gas station, continues to want to convert most of the first floor to apartment use which would require a zone change unless they fit into a mixed use dwelling unit. In order to approve with just a special permit for a mixed dwelling unit defined as: "one or more dwelling units contained within a structure having an office, manufacturing, retail, or wholesale business as its principal use". The office he planned is about 70 or 80 square feet. He has hired an engineer instead of an architect. If they move forward he will have to market this for no more than 2 people. Mr. Reagan feels that this in no way qualifies for what the Village code requires but since we have a completed application we will need to hold a Public Hearing for change of use and request a Special Permit for mixed used dwelling within 500 feet of Nine Mile Creek. If you add an apartment to a commercial building you have to add a sprinkler system so Mr. Tal will need to be made aware of that additional expense. The property is currently a Commercial Building so Mr. Tal could apply for a variance and zone change but that probably wouldn't be approved. It will also need an area variance granted by the zoning board for parking since he needs 6 parking spaces but the drawing showed 5 spaces. There is a question regarding the 6<sup>th</sup> space.

Upon motion of Mayor Butler-Rhoades, seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously approved by the Board moved to hold a Public Hearing for 18 Genesee Street at 6:00 p.m. on April 4, 2016.

Attorney Allan stated that 48 North St would like to move forward with their plans for the lift. He spoke to Attorney Jeff Davis who said that the aid worker stated they would give the Village \$5000 to hold for the exit strategy which is what is needed in the event we need to take the lift down. Attorney Allan stated that the assistant, Dawn Davis, stands to inherit the property if and when Susan Schueler predeceases her. She may request that she be able to use the lift since she is also somewhat disabled and could benefit. Attorney Allan stated he could not agree to that at this point and it would have to come before the Board again since the agreement will say the lift is set to be removed once Susan Schueler no longer has need for it. If she wants to compensate for the future removal then that would have to be brought before a future board. He recommends that there be no assurance for anyone other than Susan Schueler at this time.

Mayor Butler-Rhoades thanked Attorney Allan and Mr. Reagan for their reports.

### **Mayor's Announcements**

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held March 21, 2016. Mayor Butler- Rhoades stated there will be two Public Hearings that night.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously approved by the Board to set a Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant for 2016 (CDBG) on March 21, 2016.

Upon motion of Mayor Butler-Rhoades, seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously approved by the Board to amend the previous motion and move the Public Hearing for Dr. Druger to March 21, 2016 and Attorney Allan will publish in the Syracuse Newspaper.

Mayor Butler-Rhoades stated the NYCOM training seminar is coming up on May 1-3, 2016 in Saratoga Springs. Mayor Butler-Rhoades, Trustee Rinaldo, and Trustee Waterman would like to attend, Trustee Eckert and Trustee Walsh have declined. The cost would be \$1695 for the three members to attend and would come out of fund A1210.403. This has been budgeted for so the money is available.

Upon motion of Trustee Eckert, seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously approved by the Board for Mayor Butler-Rhoades, Trustee Rinaldo, and Trustee Waterman to attend the NYCOM training seminar.

Mayor Butler-Rhoades noted that the Regular Meeting on May 2, 2016 would need to be cancelled due to the fact that Trustee Eckert was the only Board member in the Village.

Upon motion of Trustee Eckert, seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously approved by the Board Mayor Butler-Rhoades cancelled the Regular Meeting on May 2, 2016.

### **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Mayor Butler asked the Board if there were any questions regarding payment of the vouchers. There were none.

Upon the motion of Trustee Walsh and seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract # 5 was approved as follows:

General Fund	\$40,255.31
Sewer Rent Fund	\$ 606.14

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Butler-Rhoades asked the Board if they have any concerns regarding the minutes from December 11, 2015, December 21, 2015, January 4, 2016, January 20, 2016 and February 1, 2016 adding that she and Attorney Allan had already addressed the items that needed changing. There were no additional concerns.

Upon motion of Trustee Waterman, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board, the Board approved the minutes of December 11, 2015, December 21, 2015, January 4, 2016, January 20, 2016 and February 1, 2016.

### **Clerk/Treasurer Report**

Clerk Sharon Norcross stated the books were closed, the Annual Report is done, and the auditor has come and gone. We've reopened the books and are ready for 2016.

### **Old Business**

Mayor Butler-Rhoades stated progress is moving forward on the Camillus Mills project. This past Friday they met with Mike Plochoki, local Legislator and Assemblyman Gary Finch, trying to get money for the project and they are interested in helping us. Mayor Butler-Rhoades will be meeting with Senator John Defrancisco to see if he will be able to help acquire funding for the project also. They paid an extension for their project for the grant money one of which is a NYS grant. Their goal is to start the project between June 17 and July 17 and have apartments ready by July 4, 2017. We will continue to meet with them. Trustee Waterman and Trustee Rinaldo have been instrumental in working on this project, Attorney Allan has also sat in on a couple meetings.

The Flowers Down Under building, 69 Genesee St, has been sold and Dave Manzano and another person has invested in the building and there is a new business going in called Witty Wicks which is a candle shop. Dave Manzano would like to address the stairs in back after he gets the front complete.

### **New Business**

Mayor Butler-Rhoades asked about the carnival for Memorial Day stating that Mr. Wheelock will be in soon. Trustee Waterman stated that Mr. Wheelock came in to decline holding the carnival on Monday due to only making \$1200 on Monday last year. Trustee Waterman and Clerk Norcross told Mr. Wheelock that the Alumni Band would be performing that weekend and might provide more business for him. At this time no decision has been made for having or

cancelling Monday's carnival. Mayor Butler-Rhoades put a tentative "save the date" for Fireworks on Saturday, May 28, 2016.

### **Trustee Reports**

Trustee Waterman showed the three "Trail" signs made by Rick Smardon from Save the County. Mayor Butler-Rhoades stated that Mr. Smardon had asked the Village to put the signs up. He is going to have his ESF students build the bridge over Nine Mile Creek.

Trustee Waterman discussed the need to demolish the two buildings out back stating that we would first need an asbestos survey done on the two buildings which would cost approximately \$1500-\$2000. He would suggest building a 4 or 5 stall pole barn to replace it. Trustee Waterman will discuss it with Bill Morse.

Trustee Waterman stated he had spoken with Legislator Mike Plochocki about getting a grant through Onondaga County to prepare the sidewalks. The Village needs to get Senator Defranco involved because we need to get "both sides of the aisle in Albany involved" meaning the Senate and the Assembly.

Trustee Eckert stated the Town had taken out a couple trees and will hopefully return for more before the DEC goes down the creek in April.

Trustee Eckert held a discussion regarding the need for liability insurance for the Memorial Day Ceremony being held in front of Kitts Kayak. Clerk Norcross will call Tom Kitt to get more information. Trustee Eckert will have Don Laxton give Clerk Norcross a call who will then call Tim O'Hara. This is not a Village event but a VFW event.

### **Public Comments**

Dawn Davis entered the meeting at 7:00 pm and began a discussion regarding the potential lift at 48 North St. Ms. Davis stated when Susan Schueler passes Ms. Davis will inherit the house and she would have the lift removed and stored in the garage in the event she might one day need it. She would have metal stairs put in place of the stairs. Attorney Allan stated this Board cannot dictate what other Boards can do and cannot bind future Boards to do anything. Attorney Allan stated that the agreement he is preparing states this "only a revocable license" that gives Ms. Schueler permission to have Community Development come in and build this on Village property. This Board can decide to come in and remove it even though Ms. Schueler still needs it. There will be a structure on Village property that will have to be removed. Attorney Allan will finish the proposed agreement and distribute it to the Board and have it ready prior to the next Board meeting. The ramp will run parallel along the sidewalk off her property. The lift would have to be covered by Ms. Schueler's homeowners insurance and Attorney Allan stated that Ms. Schueler's insurance has to provide coverage to the Village for liability. Ms. Davis will call the insurance company and get a name for Attorney Allan. Ms. Davis' address is 1 Cedar Lane Weedsport, NY 13166.

Leland Vogelsang stated that three or four times the dumpsters at Sunoco are overflowing, occasionally the lid is left open. Trash be lessened now that Subway has pulled out, possibility of an additional trash pick-up.

Upon the motion of Trustee Waterman and seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board the meeting moved into Executive Session at 7:42 p.m.

The meeting moved out of Executive Session at 8:02 p.m.

A motion was offered by Trustee Walsh who moved for its adoption, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board approved the application of Kyle Lovell as an active member of the Camillus Fire Department.

A motion was offered by Trustee Rinaldo who moved for its adoption, seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously approved by the Board approved the application of Morgan Moon as support for the Camillus Fire Department.

A motion was offered by Trustee Walsh who moved for its adoption, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo to accept the application of James Hartford as an inactive, out of district member of the Camillus Fire Department.

Upon roll call the voting was as follows:

Mayor Butler-Rhoades	Mayor	Voted – Yes
Ann Eckert	Trustee	Voted – No
Helen Walsh	Trustee	Voted – Yes
Martin Rinaldo	Trustee	Voted – Yes
Richard Waterman	Trustee	Voted – Yes

The motion was duly adopted.

A motion was offered by Trustee Waterman who moved for its adoption, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo to accept the application of Austin Mersfelder as an inactive member of the Camillus Fire Department.

Upon roll call the voting was as follows:

Mayor Butler-Rhoades	Mayor	Voted – Yes
Ann Eckert	Trustee	Voted – No
Helen Walsh	Trustee	Voted – Yes
Martin Rinaldo	Trustee	Voted – Yes
Richard Waterman	Trustee	Voted – Yes

The motion was duly adopted.

A motion was offered by Trustee Rinaldo who moved for its adoption, seconded by Trustee Waterman and unanimously approved by the Board approved the application of Martin Hesselton as an active member of the Camillus Fire Department.

A motion was offered by Trustee Rinaldo who moved for its adoption, seconded by Trustee Waterman to accept the application of Robert Carrier as an active, out of district member of the Camillus Fire Department.

Upon roll call the voting was as follows:

Mayor Butler-Rhoades	Mayor	Voted – Yes
Ann Eckert	Trustee	Voted – No
Helen Walsh	Trustee	Voted – Yes
Martin Rinaldo	Trustee	Voted – Yes
Richard Waterman	Trustee	Voted – Yes

The motion was duly adopted subject to Mr. Carrier signing the application.

Upon the motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

By Carrie Grooms  
Sharon Norcross, Clerk/Treasurer