

Village of Camillus
Regular Meeting
April 16, 2012

Present: Mayor Patricia J. Butler
Trustee James Palumbo (absent)
Trustee Ann Eckert
Trustee Timothy Stapleton
Trustee Bridget Yule

Attorney: Robert J. Allan

11 people in attendance

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

Camillus Fire Department

Lt. Tim Macholl stated that in March the Camillus Police responded to three medical calls, two personal injuries, one deceased person, three domestic disputes which resulted in one arrest from violating a court ordered order of protection, one missing person complaint, one arrest from unlawful possession of marijuana and one car accident that resulted in personal injury.

Mayor Butler asked about the security for the Memorial Day weekend. Lt. Macholl stated he will contact you either by phone or E-mail.

Code Enforcement Officer

Mayor Butler introduced our new Code Enforcement Officer William Reagan, who comes to us from the Town and Village of Marcellus and the Village of Liverpool. Mr. Reagan stated he has met and talked with a lot of very nice people over the last few weeks. He stated if anyone has any question please give him a call. Mayor Butler stated if you have any concern for the Code Enforcement Officer you may call the Village Office and we will contact Mr. Reagan and have him call you back.

Mayor Butler stated that we have a guest attending our meeting, Mr. Michael Plochocki, the Onondaga County Legislator from the 6th District. Legislator Plochocki stated the 6th District covers the Towns of Otisco, Stafford, Skaneateles and one third of the Town of Camillus. Even though it only covers one third of Camillus it has over 40% of the population of the Town. Prior to being a County Legislator he worked under the first President Bush and also for Governor Pataki. Recently he was the Mayor of Marcellus. Last year he ran for County Legislator. He was a childhood friend of Lt. Tim Macholl and also a friend of Trustee Stapleton. He knows Code Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan and he hired him for the Village of Marcellus. Legislator Plochocki stated that he sits on the Planning and Economic Development and the Environmental Protection Committees at the county. This Legislature is very unusual because, of the 17 members, 8 are brand new. A lot of new people have been given assignments that ordinarily they would not have been given and he is the Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee. Mr. Plochocki stated that he is an environmental attorney. He has also been appointed as the Legislature’s representative to the New York State Department of Conservation Board, the Central New York Regional & Planning Board and on the City and County Youth

Board.

Trustee Stapleton asked if Legislator Plochocki knew of any other Towns or Villages that are planning to get around this change of regarding the FEMA Flood Map. Legislator Plochocki stated no, he does not know of any other municipalities and he is actually surprised about this. He will talk with Trustee Stapleton and give him the names of people he should speak with.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Upon motion of Trustee Stapleton, seconded by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved the Board approved Abstract #07 as follows:

	<u>Abstract #07</u>
General Fund	\$ 13,258.47
Sewer	\$ 4.00

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Butler stated Comptroller Robert Antonacci and Heather DiBlasi are going to meet with the Clerk on Tuesday. They will begin the process of the review of the books and prepare a five year projection of the Village's financial condition.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Butler stated that she would like to go into Executive Session regarding a discussion with council regarding the Sunoco Gas Station.

Mayor Butler stated she is meeting with Mr. Blair and his team, Shannon Walters and Attorney Allan on Wednesday morning and they plan on discussing the property and easements and where Sweet Spot Development stands at this time. Mr. Blair is planning on closing on the property as soon as the sewer line issue is resolved.

Mayor Butler stated that last month the Board had discussed a CFD application for a new member, Gregory Zacholl. It was determined that the percentage of out of district members exceed the 40% limit as stated in the CFD By-laws. The acceptance of this application was pending the removal of two active members to inactive status. That has been done. She circulated the application to the Board. Trustee Eckert stated that the CFD can not put these members into inactive status until they change their By-laws. They have to change their inactive By-law that states "you have to live in the Camillus Fire District prior to your application as inactive". These members that want to go inactive are both out of the district. The Camillus Fire Department will have to change their By-laws by taking out the last sentence that states they don't have to live in the district or add to the By-law to say if you were an active member prior to going inactive and possibly keep the By-law for living in the district prior or add that you have a relative in the fire district.

Trustee Eckert stated she gave the CFD two By-laws that need to be changed Article 2 –

Membership - Section 8. This By-law has 40% of non resident members and should be changed to 45%. They could change Article 2 – Membership – Section 7 – the last sentence “Inactive members – “They must have resided in the Camillus Fire District immediately prior to application.” They can take out the last sentence or add “or have been an active member prior to going inactive.” Trustee Eckert stated that she gave these suggestions to her brother Tom Brown so he could bring them up at the Camillus Fire Department meeting.

Attorney Allan stated that we should make sure the applicant is made aware of this and the secretary for the Camillus Fire Department should send the applicant a letter explaining why his application has been put on hold.

Trustee Eckert stated that the last two applicants that were brought to the Board were Kevin Brooker and Christopher Jacques. Both of these applicants are out of district also. These applicants were brought up in February and are on a waiting list as well Gregory Zacholl’s application was passed by the membership of the fire department on March 12, 2012. Trustee Eckert stated she thought the Board had told him that it was going to put him on a waiting list because there was no room for him.

Trustee Eckert stated per Article 13 – Election of Members – Section 4 - “the membership of any person so elected to the fire company shall become effective as a member of the fire department only upon approval appointment by duly adopted resolution of the Board of Trustees. Membership shall however be deemed to have been approved pursuant to the section in the event that no action has been taken by the Board of Trustees either approving or disapproving of such appointment. Within 40 days after the service of written notice of election to the membership shall have been made by the Secretary of the fire department upon the Village Mayor and the Village Clerk either personally or by mail.” So the Secretary of the fire department should have been sending these applicants a letter telling them their applications are on hold.

Mayor Butler tabled the discussion of this applicant and stated she will address this issue with Chief Groesbeck and President Raichlin and request that a letter be sent.

Mayor Butler stated that the Public Hearing for the Sunoco Gas Station is now being continued. Attorney Allan stated the Board received a letter signed by Ralph Fall dated April 6, 2012. Mr. Fall’s major concerns were with traffic and the fact that there is already a problem with this intersection so a convenience store will add to the congestion, especially with delivery trucks. Attorney Allan stated this letter will be included in the public record.

Mayor Butler asked if any one from the public wanted to speak. There was no one. Mayor Butler asked if there were any additional comments from the Committee. There were none.

Upon motion of Mayor Butler, seconded by Trustee Yule and unanimously approved the Board moved into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss legal issues involving the Sunoco proposal.

The meeting moved out of Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Eckert stated that she attended the Memorial Day Committee meeting and everything is moving on schedule. There is nothing new to report. She stated the parade is organized by the American Legion and the VFW and they have been doing this parade for over 66 years. They shall raise the money for the parade through "Buy a Star, Be Star", selling the flags, donations and now a participation fee. They have to pay for several of bands and other expenses. They are looking at a stage that they use to get for free and now it will cost \$800 for the ceremony.

Mr. Schultz asked about the fireworks. Mayor Butler stated she has received verbal confirmation, but no money so we may not have fireworks.

Trustee Eckert presented the Board with pictures of some a pipe that the Village own behind McLaughlin Street. There is 300 from the end of this pipe to the next basin near the end of the fence near the ball field. The water is coming out of that basin and going into the field. There was another basin with water to the top. There is one spot where the pipe is actually missing. All the pictures are of the same system, but you can see that there is blockage.

Trustee Eckert would like to see if Gary Martin can call Onondaga County televise this line to determine where the blockage is located. Maybe the Town can jet rod the pipe or if the Village can find out what is blocking it they can take remove the blockage and then fix the broken pipe and hopefully eliminate the water on McLaughlin Street. Trustee Eckert stated that the water is not moving now. She stated Onondaga County has a remote control machine that can crawl along the pipe and video the pipe. Trustee Eckert stated that the ground is wet back there, but if we have dry weather a large truck may be able to get in there.

Trustee Eckert stated that the Green Gate wants to block off the parking lot at the east entrance. Cars go into the parking lot and go through to First Street like it is a road. Trustee Eckert asked if anyone remembered what happened at this parking lot. The Clerk stated she thought that cars can enter the east driveway but cars were not supposed to use it as a through road to First Street. The Green Gate did give the Memorial Day Parade Committee permission for the parade use this parking lot for through traffic one day only. Trustee Eckert stated that she had been looking at cement dividers that would stop the traffic. They could be moved with a loader. She looked at blocks that are 2 x 2 concrete blocks that are about 5 feet long made by Saunders that may be \$50 each. The second is a Jersey Barrier which is 2 x 2 and is about 15 feet long. They look better. She said she will get prices on these barriers. Mayor Butler stated this property is owned by the Green Gate and they should paid for these barriers. Attorney Allan stated he would like to look at the original plans. Trustee Eckert stated she will check the prices.

Trustee Stapleton brought up the discussion of FEMA and the new flood maps. He thought there was another year but the latest articles over the last month state that FEMA is going to be coming in 30 days and Governor Cuomo does not appear that New York State is going to step up to fight this issue. The City of Syracuse has put together an engineering report and they have excluded 109 properties out of their map. Trustee Stapleton feels that FEMA is just trying to make money from this map change to pay for Hurricane Katrina. He would like to see FEMA's data to determine where all this water is coming from as nothing has changed in the Village of Camillus. He is trying to determine who to address with this question. Trustee Stapleton stated that Trustee

Palumbo has information on these flood maps also. He is trying to gather all the information and make a cogent argument and see who else he can get involved with this argument. Trustee Eckert stated that one issue that was on the map was that the Village of Camillus was getting water onto South Street from Munro Drive and Pioneer Farms and unless the 4 foot pipe is plugged, the water does not go onto South Street. She stated that she had elevation studies prepared to get out of the flood zone.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Robert Schultz, 202 Timber Ridge stated that at the last meeting you stated you were going to look into the Trash Collection Fee. Have you found anything out? The Clerk stated that the Trash Collection Fee did not have to be a Local Law according to Attorney Steve Primo. There was never a consensus on how to calculate the businesses so the bill for this fee never was sent. Trustee Stapleton stated the resolution was passed, but never implemented so the answer to Mr. Schultz's question is the Village has not collected the money. The Clerk stated if the Board agrees on how they want to charge the commercial properties she will send out the bills. The Clerk stated Attorney Primo had mentioned many things were put on hold as a result of the dissolution initiative. The Clerk will send everyone the copies of the resolution. Attorney Allan stated he will spend some time review the resolution himself. Trustee Stapleton stated that every property is charged trash collection in the Village Tax. If you have a multiple dwelling house and live in that house you would get one exemption for the unit you live in. If you own another dwelling that you don't live in you do not get an exemption. Trustee Yule stated no there is no exemption if you don't live in the house. Trustee Stapleton stated that Leland Vogelsang felt each house he owns should get an exemption even if he doesn't live in it. Mayor Butler stated the Board will all get a copy of the resolution and try to determine the exemptions.

She stated the Rental Registration Fee bill was sent out October 1, 2010 for the year 2011. It was not sent out in 2011 for the year 2012.

Mr. Schultz asked how we are doing with the "Slum & Blight Area". Mayor Butler stated we did everything we had to do and sent it to the County. We have not heard if we will receive any grants.

Mr. Bernardi, 204 Timber Ridge Drive, addressed the Board asking are we getting the \$39,000 or not. Mayor Butler stated we are going to try. This was not acted on prior to January 1, 2012, but we are trying to figure this out.

Mr. Schultz asked about the roof. Mayor Butler stated John Williams did not give her an updated report so she is calling roofers.

Ms. Judy Lincoln, 301 Timber Ridge Drive, asked if Solvay Bank is collecting small electronic e-waste. Mayor Butler stated yes, there is a box in the bank for the month of April.

Mayor Butler stated that the Village is supplying the Town Shop with black bags and drinking water for Earth Day on April 21, 2012 from 8:00 am. to 11:00 a.m. they will be cleaning Newport Road. The Village has cleaned up the vest pocket park.

Mayor Butler stated that there is a resident in our Village who picks up litter and also she is collecting the 5¢ deposit fee for returnable bottles and giving the money to the SPCA.

Mayor Butler reminded everyone that July is battery month.

Mayor Butler stated that Chief Groesbeck requested \$1,000 for each fire chief for expenses to go to the New York State Fire Chief's Convention which will be held at the Turning Stone Convention Center starting June 13, 2012 to June 16, 2012.

Trustee Yule stated that before the Chief's go she would like to send each one a letter explaining exactly what is reimbursable expenditures. The Village will pay for lodging (for the chiefs only), food (no alcohol), classes and travel expenditures. The receipts should be turned in two weeks after the event.

Upon motion of Trustee Yule, seconded by Trustee Stapleton and unanimously approved the Board authorized the Clerk to prepare a check for expenses for the New York State Fire Chief's Convention at the Turning Stone Convention Center starting June 13, 2012 to June 16, 2012.

Upon motion of Trustee Butler, seconded by Trustee Stapleton and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Sharon Norcross
Village Clerk/Treasurer