

**Village of Camillus
Regular Meeting
April 20, 2015**

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

Attorney: Robert J. Allan

3 people in attendance

Mayor Butler opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the “Pledge of Allegiance”. Mayor Butler stated the first report will be from the Camillus Fire Department so the Chief may attend the fire department’s monthly meeting.

Camillus Fire Department

Chief James McBride stated the members responded to a rather large outdoor fire yesterday behind Reed Webster Park. Howlett Hill and Fairmount Fire Departments as well as Air One assisted in the fight. The Air One helicopter filled several times from a nearby pond and was a tremendous help. The fire was minor upon arrival but spread quickly when the wind picked up.

Trustee Waterman asked how the fire started. Chief McBride stated the warm and dry conditions most likely contributed to the fire and the report indicated nothing suspicious.

The Recruit NY Open House Event is planned for this weekend. This event is held at numerous fire departments across the New York State. Camillus Fire Department has the Wilderness Search and Rescue team as well as the Camillus Police Department attending the open house. Camillus Police will offer child car seat checks on Saturday and child ID’s on Sunday.

The Spring cleaning has already started at the firehouse. Some plow damage has been repaired, grounds have been raked and grass seed laid down. A lot of maintenance projects are occurring inside and outside of the station.

Trustee Rinaldo stated that he has spoken with Gary Martin and the patch for the parking lot pothole is planned. Chief McBride stated he is grateful for the repair that will happen before the Open House.

Mayor Butler asked the time of the fire department meeting. Chief McBride advised it is planned for 7 pm. Mayor Butler advised the Board may or may not still be at Village Hall when the fire department meeting is finished. Chief McBride asked if these members can be phoned in for approval at tonight’s Board meeting pending fire department membership approval. Chief McBride stated he will make the approval of the members the first order of business and will relay the results to the Board immediately so they may proceed with their approval process. Mayor Butler stated the Board will then go into executive session after they receive the results.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Mayor Butler asked the Board if there were any questions regarding payment of the vouchers. Trustee Eckert stated she has a warranty question regarding recent repair on the Village’s truck.

Mayor Butler stated she will place this bill to the side and will look further into the charge. Trustee Rinaldo agreed that this charge should be under warranty.

Upon the motion of Trustee Eckert and seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract #7 was approved as follows:

General Fund	\$27,991.24
Sewer Rent Fund	\$ 438.49

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Butler asked for approval of the April 6, 2015 Board meeting minutes.

Mayor Butler asked the Board for approval of the meeting minutes from the March Board meeting. Trustee Eckert asked if a house number can be added to the minutes regarding the home on Elm Street that has been deemed a one family home that was listed incorrectly as a two family home. The Clerk stated she will add the house number.

Upon the motion of Trustee Walsh and seconded by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved, the Board approved the minutes from the April 6, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.

Mayor's Announcements

Mayor Butler formally introduced Mr. Richard Waterman as the new Trustee for the Village Board. Mayor Butler thanked him for agreeing to step in as Trustee.

Mayor Butler asked Thomas Brown if he has a report regarding the Village Highway Department. He stated he does no. Trustee Rinaldo advised that he has met with Gary Martin and Robert Klein recently and that all projects are going fine. Thomas Brown stated he would like a new vacuum cleaner. Mayor Butler stated if it is in need of replacement, a new one will be purchased.

Mayor Butler stated the next Board Meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2015. Two Public Hearing are planned for this date.

Mayor Butler announced that Earth Day clean up in the Village of Camillus will be sponsor by the Town Shop is scheduled for April 25, 2015 between 9:00 and noon. The Camillus Fire Department will be donating large trash bags, disposable gloves and bottled water to the Town Shop for the cleanup.

Trustee Rinaldo asked if some items cannot be disposed of at the Town Highway Department facility during this clean up. Mayor Butler advised that no appliances, televisions, electronic waste or paint can be brought there.

Mayor Butler brought the issue of the mural on the Kayak Shop to the Board. She met recently with Clyde Ohl, Gary Tyler and Tom Kehoskie regarding the mural. It will be named the "Camillus Salute to Military Veterans" and prepared by David Lizzi. It will be a 10x8 foot red, white and blue mural attached to the side of the building can be removed. The building owners of the Kayak Shop have given permission for the mural to be placed on the building.

Attorney Allan asked if these three gentlemen are seeking permission from the Board for the mural. Mayor Butler stated they are not but are meeting with her as a courtesy regarding the process. Attorney Allan stated he has researched sign code. The code states that any sign cannot be placed on a building that advertises any product that is not available in the business it is placed on. The Board agreed that this mural is not an advertisement.

Trustee Rinaldo asked if the Deep Stop Scuba Shop asked permission to add a mural to their building. The Clerk stated they did not. Attorney Allan stated this mural advertises their business/products.

Mayor Butler asked the Board if they have any issues with the mural. Trustee Eckert suggested looking further into the laws if one can come back and prevent the mural. Attorney Allan suggested moving on from this discussion since permission is not needed by the Board. The Board members agreed it is a very nice mural.

Camillus Police Department

Sargeant Afarian stated the Camillus Police Department has been busy trying to catch the burglar that is breaking into homes during the night hours. The evidence department has a fingerprint and a match and are actively seeking the perpetrator.

The following is a report for the police activity within the Village of Camillus during the last month:

Elm Street: 5 vehicle stops (1 ticket, 2 verbal warnings, 2 written warnings).

1 Ambulance call, 1 criminal mischief call (car window broken by beer bottle; unknown suspect), 1 assist citizen (Project Lifesaver).

North Street: 1 ambulance call, 1 assist citizen call, 1 animal call (loose dog).

Leroy Street: 1 vehicle stop (ticket issued).

Green Street: 2 ambulance calls.

First Street: 1 property call (no problem; people moving).

McLaughlin Street: 1 traffic call (person on mini bike; settled by police), 1 animal call (dog in car; settled by police).

Union Street: 1 property call (found property turned in by resident returned to owner).

Elderkin Avenue: 1 traffic stop (verbal warning), 1 larceny call (person used debit card to steal money; felony arrest made), 1 CO alarm (settled by Camillus FD).

Meadow Lane: 1 fire call (possible electrical fire settled by Camillus FD).

Maple Drive: 2 ambulance calls.

Joel Lane: 1 vehicle accident (school bus hit car in driveway).

Genesee Street: 11 traffic stops (4 tickets issued, 4 verbal warnings, 3 written warnings,) 2 suspicious vehicles (owner on North Street; no concern) 1 property call (damage on car at Sunoco gas station, no police report made).

Mayor Butler thanked Sgt. Afarian for her report. Sgt. Afarian stated she is eager to catch the person responsible for the Camillus area burglaries. She also stated it is the 50th Year Anniversary for the Camillus Police Department.

Attorney Allan stated he has found there is an exemption for governmental signs. The sign that is used by Krabby Kirk's, however, is in direct violation of sign code but was given permission by the previous Board.

Mayor's Announcements, cont'd

Mayor Butler stated she has received a call to reserve the baseball fields for Tee-Ball purposes. Attorney Allan stated the same issues regarding the previous request to reserve the tennis courts applies to this request. Mayor Butler stated the previous decision on groups using the tennis courts was a "first come, first served" response. This request is for a short time for a small Tee-Ball team. The Board agreed to place a sign up at the small baseball field to reserve it for the small team of children that will be supervised by parents.

Upon the motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved, the Board agreed to place sign to reserve the small baseball field for a Tee-Ball team from May-June, two days per week.

Attorney Allan asked which baseball field this is specifically. This field is nearer the Nine Mile Creek and is not one of the two fields behind the basketball court/playground areas.

A problem with a sewer on Elm Street is still being resolved by Mr. Rooter and will be paid by the Village of Camillus.

Mayor Butler stated she and Trustee Rinaldo attended the OSHA training on March 30 and 31. This class was beneficial and was held at Camillus Fire Department. Trustee Rinaldo stated the sexual harassment training at the firehouse is planned for Fall.

Mayor Butler announced that she, Trustees Rinaldo and Waterman attended the Mayor's Association meeting in Minoa. Mayor Stephanie Miner was guest speaker and this meeting was very informative and covered many infrastructure issues.

Trustee Waterman stated during this meeting, the East Syracuse mayor stated that despite eliminating their police department, the costs are still high. The move they made resulted in little to no difference for costs for East Syracuse.

Attorney Comments

Attorney Allan stated he will be handing out a Notice of Public Hearing regarding 69 Genesee Street for the Boards' review.

An application has come in to the Board for a curb cut at 8 Mechanic Street in order for the residents to allow for a drive-around for their recreational camper. The Board will need to vote

to become the lead agency for this application, get the SEQR short form completed and get this matter referred to County Planning in order to decide on it at the next meeting.

Upon the motion of Trustee Eckert and seconded of Trustee Walsh and unanimously approved, the Board agreed to become the lead agency regarding the special application at 8 Mechanic Street.

Attorney Allan stated he wishes to discuss the parking lot near the Senior Center. A simple survey has been put together. This area discussed is to be gifted to the Town of Camillus. Attorney Allan stated the wooden pillars at the end of the parking lot may need to be removed as well as the large tree in order to allow for placement of large snow piles. Attorney Allan asked if this was necessary. He stated there is more room near the tennis courts for the snow. Mayor Butler stated a large quantity of snow placed near the creek can lead to an environmental issue. The DEC does not want the snow placed too close to the creek.

Attorney Allan stated will advise the Town of Camillus they will be given this area from the Village of Camillus as long as the Village has the right to place the snow where it has been placed before whether or not the wooden pillars are removed.

Old Business

Mayor Butler asked the Trustees if they have visited the area at 48 North Street regarding the application for the wheelchair ramp. This is a planned U-shape for a ramp between the sidewalk and the street which is Village Property. Mayor Butler stated she has not seen an official plan for the ramp or any plans. This issue has been tabled until Codes Enforcement Officer William Regan can bring in an official plan for the wheelchair ramp.

Mayor Butler announced the paving project at First Street will be an estimated cost of \$82,547.49 by the engineer Bill Morse. His hourly rate is \$90.00 per hour. His rate will most likely be around \$9,000.00 for 100 hours.

Upon the motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved, the Board approved the payment of \$90.00 per hour for Engineer William Morse regarding the improvement project on First Street.

Mayor Butler stated she has found replacement American flags at the cost of \$9.00 per flag through Congressman John Katko's office. The flags above Village Hall and flag poles will also need to be replaced soon.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Rinaldo reported that Barton and Loguidice came to Camillus Fire Department for the final inspection for the new roof. There were three issues found that are being addressed.

The Land Bank is working on the three properties regarding the three abandoned houses and the fourth (74 Elm Street) that is near the Village of Camillus limit is being investigated.

Trustee Waterman stated that he and Trustee Rinaldo walked throughout the Village to inspect sidewalks that are in need of repair. There are some critical situations that need to be addressed

soon. At 10 North Street there is a missing sidewalk block that was not addressed after a new gas line was put in. He presented his report of locations in need repair to the Board.

Trustee Waterman stated he has surveyed the area at Genesee and Union Streets that has severe water run-off during heavy rain. He has spoken with the homeowner of the home on Elm Street that received flooding when this happens. This water comes from the highway during a storm. The asphalt dams that were previously placed around drains on Genesee Street have been hit by snow plows and have become detached from the drains. The Clerk stated NYS DOT previously was contacted about this issue and was the agency that placed the asphalt around the drains. She advised letting them know that they are in need of repair.

Trustee Waterman stated he walked the new Erie Canal tow path that Dr. Beebe is pushing and spoke with Mr. Kelly. Mr. Kelly is concerned about dirt bikes and others and have blocked the path. He stated he is aware that the area is owned by the Village. He is also concerned that trash will be left on his vast property if a path is created. He requested a fence be put up to protect his property. Mayor Butler stated she has relayed this request to Dr. Beebe.

Mr. Waterman stated there is also a large amount of steel and metal in that area that may be recycled and may be worth some money if brought to a metal processor. Attorney Allan asked if this area is all Village owned land. Mayor Butler answered that some of it is State owned land. Trustee Rinaldo stated the Village owns the land straight down the path. Mr. Waterman stated Mr. Kelly is being very helpful during this process.

Code Enforcement Officer William Reagan entered the meeting at this time. Mayor Butler asked Mr. Reagan asked if he has a report. Mr. Reagan stated he does not have a report but is stopping in just to be updated about 48 North Street. The Board advised that the issue of the wheelchair ramp at 48 North Street has been tabled for now in order to receive a proposed plan or drawing of the project.

Mr. Reagan stated that May 20th will be his last day as a part time code enforcement officer in the Village of Marcellus in order to focus on his duties for Camillus and Liverpool. Mayor Butler thanked him for staying on as a part time officer in the Village of Camillus.

Trustee Walsh stated the home that was in need of paint on Maxwell Road is finally being painted.

Trustee Eckert reported that she has pictures of suggested crosswalk signs for the pedestrian crossings that the Town Highway Department is making.

Trustee Eckert stated there is no code against residents putting loose brush to the curb. She stated the Village Highway personnel should be picking up loose brush and yard refuse. Attorney Allan stated the yard waste is covered in Solid Waste law. Mr. Allan stated Chapter 61 reads that receptacles are required for the residential yard waste to be picked up.

Trustee Walsh exited the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Trustee Waterman stated there are more televisions behind Village Hall. Mayor Butler advised that the residents may still drop off televisions for proper disposal as long as they are not the old, tube style televisions.

Mr. Waterman stated a shed at 20-22 Elm Street has a roof that is caving in. Mr. Reagan stated this item is on his open violation list. The homeowner has been cited regarding this shed and has been advised that it needs to be brought before the Board to tear the shed down and to charge the owner that lives in California.

Mayor Butler asked if there were any other discussions to cover before the Board goes into Executive Session. Trustee Rinaldo asked about the portable restrooms to be used for the Memorial Day weekend carnival.

Mayor Butler stated these will be rented from Mathis and have been ordered. The order will include three extra days for the restrooms for the carnival personnel. The cost will be \$390.00 this year. Mayor Butler has signed the contract for the rental.

Trustee Eckert asked if the same prices are in place for the carnival. Mayor Butler advised the same wrist band offer will be in place for the carnival that was offered last year.

Mayor Butler announced that Young Explosives has also been contacted for another fireworks show on Saturday, May 23, 2015. They have agreed and sent in the necessary insurance documents.

The Clerk stated that the Village Wide Sale sign has been used many years and is deteriorating. A new sign needs to be purchased. Mayor Butler advised the Clerk to research prices for a replacement.

Trustee Eckert stated there should be a new banner in storage. The Clerk advised she will research what the Village has and will email the Board.

The meeting moved into Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. for personnel matters.

The meeting moved out of Executive Session at ion at 7:50 p.m.

A motion was offered by Mayor Butler, who moved for its adoption, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo to accept Salvatore McCarty as a member of the Camillus Fire Department. The voting was as follows:

Patricia Butler	Mayor	Voted - Yes
Martin Rinaldo	Trustee	Voted – Yes
Ann Eckert	Trustee	Voted - No
Helen Walsh	Trustee	Voted – (absent)
Richard Waterman	Trustee	Voted – Yes

The motion was approved.

A motion was offered by Mayor Butler, who moved for its adoption, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo to accept Andrew Murphy as a member of the Camillus Fire Department. The voting was as follows:

Patricia Butler	Mayor	Voted - Yes
Martin Rinaldo	Trustee	Voted – Yes
Ann Eckert	Trustee	Voted - No
Helen Walsh	Trustee	Voted – (absent)
Richard Waterman	Trustee	Voted – Yes

The motion was approved.

A motion was offered by Mayor Butler, who moved for its adoption, seconded by Trustee Waterman to accept Paul Pototsky as a member of the Camillus Fire Department. The voting was as follows:

Patricia Butler	Mayor	Voted - Yes
Martin Rinaldo	Trustee	Voted – Yes
Ann Eckert	Trustee	Voted - Yes
Helen Walsh	Trustee	Voted – (absent)
Richard Waterman	Trustee	Voted – Yes

The motion was approved.

A motion was offered by Mayor Butler, who moved for its adoption, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo to accept Anthony Pototsky as a member of the Camillus Fire Department. The voting was as follows:

Patricia Butler	Mayor	Voted - Yes
Martin Rinaldo	Trustee	Voted – Yes
Ann Eckert	Trustee	Voted - Yes
Helen Walsh	Trustee	Voted – (absent)
Richard Waterman	Trustee	Voted – Yes

The motion was approved.

A motion was offered by Mayor Butler, who moved for its adoption, seconded by Trustee Waterman to accept Jonathon Columbo as a member of the Camillus Fire Department. The voting was as follows:

Patricia Butler	Mayor	Voted - Yes
Martin Rinaldo	Trustee	Voted – Yes
Ann Eckert	Trustee	Voted - Yes
Helen Walsh	Trustee	Voted – (absent)
Richard Waterman	Trustee	Voted – Yes

The motion was approved.

Upon the motion of Trustee Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

By Tina Groesbeck
Sharon Norcross, Village Clerk/Treasurer