

**Village of Camillus
Regular Meeting
May 18, 2015**

Present: Mayor Patricia Butler

Attorney: Robert J. Allan

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Helen Kiggins Walsh

Trustee Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Richard Waterman

5 people in attendance

Mayor Butler opened the meeting at 6:00 pm with the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

Camillus Police Department

Sergeant Afarian gave the following report:

Elm Street: 5 vehicle stops (2 tickets issued, 3 verbal warnings), 1 animal complaint (loose dog, owner found) 1 vehicle accident.

North Street: 1 ambulance call, 1 neighbor dispute (settled by police), 1 criminal mischief call (graffiti in road, suspects unknown), 1 parking complaint (ticket issued).

Leroy Street: 1 suspicious vehicle call (van owned by person fishing).

Green Street: 1 child complaint (children loose, settled by police). Sergeant Afarian stated that the recent burglary on Green Street was not included in this report. This is still being investigated.

Mayor Butler stated a dog also gets loose from the same address as the child complaint. The Camillus Dog Warden has recently been advised of this issue. Sergeant Afarian stated she will look into the issue.

First Street: 1 property call (purse found and owner found), 2 suspicious person calls (pizza delivery person with wrong address), 1 assist citizen call (fall out of bed, handled by CFD)

Union Street: 1 harassment call (phone scam).

Maple Drive: 1 traffic stop (verbal warning), 1 status check, 1 domestic call.

Kastor Avenue: 1 ambulance call.

Timber Ridge Drive: 1 burglar alarm call (false alarm).

Mechanic Street: 1 traffic stop (unlicensed driver avoided interlock device and was arrested).

Genesee Street: 10 traffic stops (2 tickets issued, 4 verbal warnings, 4 written warnings) 2 minor car accidents, 2 fire alarm calls (false alarms), 1 fight call (false alarm, personnel entering Town Shop), 1 disturbance call (intoxicated person, settled by police), 1 burglary alarm (false alarm).

Trustee Waterman advised Sergeant Afarian of speeding cars on Elm Street that often occurs during 7-11 PM.

Mayor Butler stated the State Highway Department was scheduled to place a pedestrian crossing sign at the intersection at Genesee Street and Elm Street to help alleviate pedestrian vs car complaints. This sign has not been erected yet.

Mayor Butler gave the planned Memorial Day weekend field days hours and thanked Sergeant Afarian for her report.

Camillus Fire Department

Chief James McBride stated the fire department held a successful boot drive Saturday, May 16th during the Village wide sale.

The tent will arrive on Wednesday at Munro Park for the field days. Fire department personnel are signing up for shifts to sell food. Stand by crews are also being planned throughout the weekend.

President Cheryl Hutchins stated that the health department permit has been received in order for Camillus Fire Department to sell food at the event.

Chief McBride stated that a chart containing three quotes for replacement kitchen appliances has been turned in for consideration.

The Board considered that the fire department purchase each appliance from the different companies in order to purchase at the least cost. Chief McBride stated he wishes to purchase all appliances from one company. The delivery charges from Central Supply can be reduced, per a phone call with the company. Trustee Waterman asked Chief McBride what the best price can be for all the appliances. Chief McBride stated he will choose Central Supply if they can waive the freight charges

Mayor Butler stated County Purchasing was notified of this proposed purchase and submitted a quote.

Upon the motion by Mayor Butler and seconded by Trustee Waterman and unanimously approved, the Board agreed to purchase all appliances noted from one vendor at the total cost not to exceed \$11,500.00.

Trustee Waterman asked Chief McBride about a recent purchase of flowers for the fire department. This receipt shows no name of the vendor. Chief McBride they needed many flowers because of the vast grounds at the firehouse and he will get an updated receipt that stated the company name.

Trustee Waterman asked about a recent purchase of light pens. Chief McBride stated this was a purchase made for pens that have a mini light attached to give out to the public during fire prevention events.

Mayor Butler reminded President Hutchins of the service award meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

Trustee Rinaldo stated that the fire department is planning on growing flowers for planting next year to reduce costs.

Chief McBride stated that many members have donated more time recently to help with many grounds projects.

At this time the fire department was activated for an emergency call. Mayor Butler stated the Board does have a few more questions regarding fire department bills. Chief McBride stated they will be back.

Camillus Mills

Mayor Butler announced that Mr. Thomas Blair was in attendance as tonight's guest speaker as requested by the Board for an update on developments for Camillus Mills.

Mr. Blair stated that his company closed on the former Camillus Cutlery property in June of 2012, the fire occurred in February of 2013 and the clean-up effort came after the fire.

The various grants for the property have been visited again for changes. Camillus Mills lost about 80,000 square feet of manufacturing buildings, which was included in the original grants and budgets, all budgets needed to be amended. This was a period of 6 months with all agencies involved. The fire at the location cost 6-9 months of development activity.

Money was then spent for more environmental and infrastructure testing. Some of these samples did find some environmental issues. A course of negotiations then resulted with DEC. A New York State voluntary clean-up program for all 4.3 acres was finalized in late 2013. Agreements were then signed in early 2014.

Then money was invested in televising the sewer lines. In late 2014, Governor Andrew Cuomo pushed for changes in the NY State historic grants. Mr. Blair then decided more outside agencies may be interested in investing funds and started pursuing historical approvals.

Architects were then hired to prosecute the historical applications with the state historical preservation and the national parks offices. This approval process is in three steps.

Part I included representatives from Albany visiting the physical site and making detailed reports to qualify the site. This occurred in early 2013 until mid 2014. The preliminary approval was received from both Albany and Washington D.C. This determines this site is eligible to be placed on the State and Federal historical registries.

Part II included a very detailed process of materials to be used including HVAC units and placement, windows, etc. This ensures that the building is historically consistent as possible. All materials are considered, especially landscaping. With the help of architects, this application was submitted to Albany and was sent then to Washington D.C. This step still needs to be approved.

When Washington D.C. approves part II of this process, the tax credits become saleable. This can then be brought to the market with a letter of intent for negotiations with large companies. These tax credits are then available for sale.

Part III includes an inspection of the finished project and if the planned construction was built as required.

Mr. Blair stated he has not broken ground yet because Part II has not yet been approved. The hurdles have now been overcome on the developmental side. Grant expiration dates have been extended and more will be applied if necessary.

Over the past three months, Mr. Blair has met with multiple developers to seek tenants. The Affordable Care Act has impacted many physicians and practices and caused a group to merge instead with a hospital and backed out of Camillus Mills.

During a December ownership meeting, Mr. Blair and medical partners met. Mr. Blair asked for a loosening of the project guidelines in hope of adding different components. His plan was to include mixed commercial use on the ground floor as well as additional residential units on the second story. This plan has been well received by the banks and brokerage firms.

Mr. Blair explained that the recent medical development in Camillus such as SOS and the Spine and Wellness Centers were already approached to join Camillus Mills but declined because they are larger, freestanding centers that do not have an interest in mixed use plans. They have the ability and capital to build to their own specifications and to own buildings versus leasing.

Mr. Blair stated he believes there will be a medical component in Camillus Mills, but less now compared to what was originally proposed. The Restore NY grant will not be impacted if the project moves to a majority of residential and minority of commercial space. The bottom floor will be planned commercial use and he will welcome other tenants beside medical use.

Trustee Waterman expressed concerns of Camillus Mills being a current eyesore and asked what can be done immediately to help.

Mr. Blair stated all focus has been environmental testing, on site clean-up and sewer research instead of immediate construction. Also, the marketing of the property has changed in order to get new tenants interested. Pyramid will no longer be the listing agent for the property.

Mayor Butler stated short term plans should include mowing and trimming before the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25, 2015.

Mayor Butler opened the floor for any questions from the public.

Resident Belle Brown asked Mr. Blair about a Supreme Court decision on the Affordable Care Act. The Board reminded Mrs. Brown that that issue does not apply to the issue of Camillus Mills.

Mayor Butler thanked Mr. Thomas Blair for his update.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mayor Butler asked if there were any concerns about the meeting minutes of May 4, 2015. There were none.

Upon the motion of Trustee Walsh and seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved, the Board approved the meeting minutes from the May 4, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Mayor's Announcements

The Village office has received a total of \$1,200.00 in donations raise Memorial Day Weekend fireworks and music.

A dinner is planned for May 28, 2015 at the Camillus Country Club. The guest speaker will be U.S Congressman John Katko. A social hour begins at 5:30 P.M. with dinner planned for 6:30 P.M. The cost for attendance is \$25.00 per person. If any Board members are interested, Mayor Butler stated she will RSVP.

On June 4, 2015 a reception is scheduled for Assemblyman Gary Finch at the Town of Camillus from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

On June 10, 2015, an after hours open house will be offered at Preventative Medicine on at 5415 West Genesee St., Suite #301, Camillus, NY 13031.

NY State DEC/Army Corp of Engineers will be visiting the Village of Camillus on May 20, 10:15 a.m. They will be doing their annual inspection of Nine Mile Creek and the flood protection project upstream of South Street. Gary Martin and Trustee Rinaldo will be present.

Mayor Butler stated that the Mayor's meeting on May 20, 2015 is canceled due to a death in the family of Mayor Tackman.

A sign up sheet was handed to the Board to sell amusement ride tickets. Help is requested by each Trustee.

Attorney Comments

Attorney Robert Allan stated the County will make no decision on the application for the Methodist Church fence application. They responded stating this application was exempt. The Zoning Board of Appeals now may schedule its Public Hearing.

Mayor Butler asked if this fence will obstruct the view at the corner of the stop sign on First Street. Trustee Rinaldo stated it will not.

Attorney Allan advised that Mr. William Morse visited First Street regarding the issue with the storm drain pipe. Mayor Butler stated Gary Martin has a report and some trees will need to be removed. Attorney Allan was concerned that the pipe does not sit in the Easement and he requested a written report from Mr. Morse.

Attorney Allan has spoken with the Mayor regarding policies previously set by the Board and asked if all policies are printed and in one place. He will be reviewing and updating all policies soon.

Attorney Allan advised that the smoking police needs to be changed. The Village of Camillus policy is not consistent with State Law. Mayor Butler stated this policy has been discussed but not placed in writing.

Mayor Butler thanked Attorney Allan for his report.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Mayor Butler asked the Board if there were any questions regarding payment of the vouchers.

Trustee Eckert asked about a bill from Inline Drain service. Mayor Butler stated a sewer was plugged near Krabby Kirk's Saloon and needed immediate cleaning over the weekend. In Line Service was hired to clear the drain.

Trustee Eckert stated the bills for Pies Guys are unclear and need more explanation from the fire department. Trustee Rinaldo stated he will give the clerk a clearer breakdown.

Trustee Eckert asked about increased fees for the cell phone service. Chief McBride stated previously that an increase covers two case purchased for Chief Groesbeck and President Hutchins and a new phone for President Hutchins. The Board asked about insurance coverage for these cell phones. Mayor Butler advised that the cost for insurance for the cell phones will surpass the actual replacement cost of buying a new phone. Trustee Rinaldo stated he will research the cell phone purchases.

Trustee Eckert asked about the higher fuel use fees by the Camillus Fire Chiefs and two other vouchers. Chief McBride stated he will research the fuel purchases.

Trustee Waterman asked how much fuel is given each month. Mayor Butler stated 80 gallons per month is given per Chief vehicle.

Upon the motion of Trustee and seconded by Trustee and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract #, except for the bills for Pies Guys and Verizon, was approved as follows:

General Fund	\$
Sewer Rent Fund	\$

Clerk/Treasurer Report

The Clerk stated General Code Publisher is nearing finishing their work and the Mayor will be receiving a preview soon.

Old Business

Mayor Butler advised there are four older trees on Kastor Avenue that were discussed previously and are in need of being removed. Three quotes have been requested for the work. The County was contacted but no longer bids on tree work. Budget Tree Service stated a quote would be sent to the office by the time of the Board Meeting, but it was not received. Treelanders' quote was in the amount of \$1,900.00 while Timber Tree Service quoted \$2,000.00.

Mayor Butler warned that these trees are shedding very large limbs and need to be removed quickly.

Upon the motion of Trustee Walsh and seconded by Trustee Waterman, the Board moved to hire Treelanders in the amount of \$1,900.00 for tree removal on Kastor Avenue.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Eckert asked if another stump at 14 Green Street can be removed by Treelanders as well.

Mayor Butler stated she will like to amend the previous motion to include removal of the stump at 14 Green Street.

Upon the motion of Trustee Walsh and seconded by Trustee Waterman, the Board moved to hire Treelanders in the amount of \$1,900.00 for tree removal on Kastor Avenue as well as the stump at 14 Green Street.

Trustee Eckert asked if any residents were missed while newsletters were handed out. No residents stated they were missed.

Trustee Eckert stated Al Vetter complained to her that water was coming running from his driveway in the back of his house at 46 North Street. This water was not there before the sewer system was installed. Mayor Butler advised that there are many natural springs in that area. Mayor Butler stated this sewer project was installed six years ago and was never before brought to the Board. Mayor Butler stated she will ask Bill Morse to view the area. Attorney Allan stated this issue may not be the responsibility of the Village of Camillus and agreed to have an engineer determine the reason for the water run-off.

Trustee Eckert stated the carnival will be coming soon for Memorial Day Weekend and asked if she shall contact Taylor Rental for lighting for the parking areas. Mayor Butler advised that the Camillus Fire Department will have a food stand and may be illuminating the areas.

Trustee Eckert asked the Board for volunteers to sell tickets at the carnival.

Trustee Eckert created a hand out bring to the schools for the kids.

Trustee Eckert stated at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, May 23, 2015 a dedication ceremony will be held at Gillie Lake. This is a re-dedication ceremony with new canons to be installed with the memorial. Mark Eckert will be receiving a special reward for his work on the canon.

Trustee Walsh stated she has handed in petitions and a calendar of due dates for any positions for the Village Board to be held in November. Multiple positions can be combined on one petition as part of an independent party, if everyone agreed.

Trustee Waterman stated he proposes a plan for snow blowing the sidewalks in the Village. The cost for a new snowblower is estimated to be \$2,500.00. Trustee Waterman stated he will pay this fee if there is a guarantee that all Village sidewalks will be cleared of snow when it has accumulated. He also proposed funds to be added to the 2016 budget to fix all sidewalks.

Trustee Walsh proposed enforcing the responsibility of clearing the sidewalks on the homeowners and fining them if they do not clear the snow. Trustee Waterman advised that this is difficult for many homeowners.

Trustee Waterman stated if purchased, this snow blower will be owned and maintained by the Village of Camillus. Mayor Butler advised that the plowing during winter is a full time task. This snow clearing task of the sidewalks might become a full time task as well.

Trustee Waterman wishes to contact County Purchasing for their assistance in getting the best purchase price.

Mayor Butler advised that this decision needs to be reviewed by Attorney Allan.

Attorney Allan advised that according Village Law, Section 94-3, Chapter: Streets and sidewalks, sidewalk repair shall be paid fully by the Village of Camillus. Attorney Allan advised that normal upheaval from snow and ice damage shall be the responsibility of the Village. Any damage by a homeowner shall be the responsibility of the homeowner.

Attorney Allan advised this same chapter also lists that the sidewalks shall be clear of obstructions and snow by the homeowner whether the home is vacant or not. Owners are responsible to create a safe pedestrian path.

Attorney Allan advised that if purchased through Onondaga County Purchasing, this snow blower will need to be purchased by the Village of Camillus and cannot be purchased by Trustee Waterman individually. If he chooses, this purchase price can be reimbursed by Trustee Waterman to the Village by making a tax deductible donation.

Trustee Waterman stated he does not feel positive about the previous report given by Mr. Tom Blair regarding the Camillus Mills property. He has concerns that the present eyesore is not being addressed. Attorney Allan advised that Mr. Blair has invested too many funds to not finalize plans for this property. He believes that Mr. Blair will be motivated enough to finalize plans for the property to avoid financial ruin.

Trustee Rinaldo stated that volunteers will agree to clean the cemetery off Wallace Avenue if the Village will remove the brush that is cleaned from it. Mayor Butler agreed that the brush will be removed if cleaned.

Mayor Butler advised that the Board shall go into Executive Session soon and opened the meeting for public comments.

Public Comments

Camillus resident Belle Brown asked about a scheduled hearing on May 22, 2015. Mayor Butler stated this hearing is planned upstairs at Village Hall, is in the hands of attorneys and is not a public hearing. If a party wishes to attend, an attorney needs to be contacted first.

No other comments were brought forth by the public.

Mayor Butler advised the Board shall now go into Executive Session for personnel discussions.

Upon the motion of Trustee Walsh and seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved, the Board agreed to go into Executive Session at 8:29 PM.

The Board exited Executive Session at 8:43 PM.

Mr. Paul Lignetto entered the meeting to advise the Board that the Maplewood Cemetery grounds will be cleaned before Memorial Day.

Mayor Butler advised Mr. Lignetto about an issue of natural springs on North Street. Mr. Lignetto stated there were natural springs on Al Vetter's property before the North Street sewer system was installed. But, he feels this issue can be fixed.

Upon the motion of Trustee Rinaldo and seconded by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

By Tina Groesbeck
Sharon Norcross, Village Clerk/Treasurer