

Village of Camillus  
Regular Meeting  
May 19, 2014

Present: Mayor Patricia J. Butler  
Trustee Ann Eckert  
Trustee Tim Stapleton (absent)  
Trustee Helen Walsh  
Trustee Martin Rinaldo

Attorney Robert Allan (absent)

8 number of people in attendance

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

Mayor Butler first addressed the Board and guests regarding the upcoming Memorial Day Celebration and she took a moment to recognize and thank past Mayor Edward Fletcher as well as to honor all veterans and current service members that keep our country free as the holiday nears.

**Camillus Police Report**

Mayor Butler introduced Lt. Macholl who reported on the calls for April as follows:

- Elm Street - six vehicle and traffic stops. Five of those were warnings and one was a verbal warning, one suspicious person/miscellaneous complaint, but it was just a fisherman
- Mechanic Street – officer has made contact with the resident on Mechanic Street that has had issues with a person jumping on a guardrail.
- North Street - one criminal mischief complaint regarding scratches to a parked vehicle, one harassment complaint regarding an intoxicated female, one vehicle accident where a dog was hit by a car and one injury/pain complaint.
- Leroy Street - A burglary complaint of an alleged person breaking into a home to steal prescription medications.
- Green Street - A carbon monoxide alarm due to battery problem or detector malfunction.
- South Street - An emergency call was placed for a possible stroke victim, a report of 4-7 shots being fired. Lt. Macholl reported that the police that responded found nothing (this occurred at the dead end part of the access road behind Stein’s which is more than 500 feet from a residence). Mayor Butler stated that some of that area is now owned by the Town of Camillus for the sake of the Erie Canal.
- First Street - Miscellaneous, some wrapped a car in saran wrap.

Elderkin Avenue –Phone scam for money, someone posing as a police officer asking for money, injury complaint, one ambulance call (life line alert).

Kastor Avenue - pedestrian incident.

Union Street - Ambulance call.

Genesee Street - ten traffic stops, with three tickets real tickets, one neighbor dispute, one status

check for a homeless man, one domestic complaint, one ambulance call, one false burglar alarm and one fire call

Lt. Macholl stated that the police are ready for Memorial Day Parade including two police officers on bicycles.

Mr. Leland Vogelsang asked Lt. Macholl to monitor the intersection of Milton and Genesee as cars that are supposed to stop do not stop at all. Mayor Butler stated cars coming east are flying down the hill. Lt. Macholl stated he has to move the “speed sign” tomorrow and he will put it on the west hill to slow cars down.

### **Code Enforcement Officer**

Mr. William Reagan stated that during April he issued three Building Permits at a cost of \$180 and \$8000 worth of upgrades on properties. He performed 12 building inspections 3 complaint inspections 14 violation inspections with 10 letters going out, 12 miscellaneous actions. He has been working on 40 properties with violations with things like exterior maintenance issues, installing a deck without a permit, un mowed grass that the property owners have not taken care of and also bank owned properties. He has been concentrating on North Street, but Maple Drive keeps pulling him away. He stated that the fire damaged house is being repaired on the inside, but the owner neglected the outside, 29 North Street – lawn, 44 North Street the front porch, 60 North Street had, a small fire but he discovered several violations.

Mr. Richard Waterman asked if our laws have the teeth to take care of the violations. If the owner is out of town the Village Board has to have a hearing and the Village can have the work completed and put the charges on the taxes. If the property is owner/occupied the Village can take the owner to court and under the New York State Maintenance code they could face penalties of \$1200 per day and spend up to one year in jail.

Mr. Reagan stated that if people store junk on their front porch he can deal with that. If the items on a front porch are the owner’s property he cannot do anything.

Mayor Butler asked about painting a house. Mr. Reagan stated you are probably thinking about 12 Maxwell Road. Trustee Walsh stated his lawn is not mowed also. Mr. Reagan stated ordinarily if they don’t paint they usually owe taxes also. This particular house has been cited on an unlicensed car and a follow up letter on the painting of the house which stated the owner has

to respond within 10 days and tell him when the painting will be done. If he doesn't do the painting he will be going to court.

Mr. Reagan stated he is attempting to get a motorcycle off the sidewalk.

Mr. Reagan brought up the discussion of the feather flags. He stated the Village code does not prohibit feather flags, but these signs should not obstruct a public sidewalk. Mayor Butler stated she would look at the sign ordinance of the Village of Camillus.

Trustee Eckert asked about the banners that businesses install on each telephone pole that advertise their business. Mr. Reagan suggested she contact John Curtin who headed up this project in Marcellus. Mayor Butler stated she will look into these banners.

A discussion was had regarding joining CNYRPDB. Mr. Reagan's concern is that if the Village does not join it may have to prove that it reduced the phosphorus level that is going into Nine Mile Creek. The Board decided not to join this year and see about it next year. Mr. Reagan will contact Shannon Harty to be sure she is on the same page as he is regarding CNYRPDB.

Mr. Reagan stated the Board should set a date for a Public Hearing for the MS4 Annual Report. Upon motion by Trustee Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board moved to hold a Public Hearing for the presentation of the MS4 Annual Storm Water Report at 7:00 p.m. at June 2, 2014. Mr. Reagan stated that the Village of Camillus will have to supply a GIS Map of the storm water system as required by law.

Mayor Butler opened the Hearing regarding 120 Maple Drive. Mr. Reagan stated he has cited the owner several times for litter and also high grass. This is a rental property and an out of town owner. The owner does not reply. It is time for the Village to clean up the property and charged their tax bill.

Upon motion of Mayor Butler, seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously approved the property of 120 Maple Drive is a public nuisance based up on the amount of trash and litter and the owner ignored the several notices that were sent, and it is a detriment and blight to the neighborhood. Mr. Reagan stated he would like to meet with the DPW or an outside company when they go to clean it up.

Upon motion of Mayor Butler, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board authorized Mr. Reagan to contact a contractor to do this work.

Mayor Butler opened up the Hearing regarding 23 Elderkin Avenue. Mr. Reagan stated there was an above ground swimming pool that is deteriorating. This home was abandoned by the owner who was in the military which makes it more difficult for the bank to foreclose on the property. There are special rules protecting members of the military for foreclosing on military homes. He does not feel the bank, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, has clear title. The pool and the deck has been an ongoing problem. The pool is an above ground swimming pool and deck which has become a public nuisance due to lack of maintenance. The pool liner has collapsed and there have been multiple torn pool covers. Water collects and mosquitos are a problem.

This is a problem for the neighbors on either side. Mr. Reagan stated he had communication with Wells Fargo Mortgage. The bank is taking responsibility for the residence. If the Village decides the pool should be removed because it is beyond repair.

Mr. Anthony Komuda, 25 Elderkin Avenue, addressed the Board stating he has taken pictures yesterday and the gate is now broken. Ms. Diane Castro, 21 Elderkin Avenue, was also in attendance. Mr. Reagan would recommend that the Village removes this pool and deck. The Village would have to put this cost on the property tax bill, but eventually the money would be reimbursed by Onondaga County. Mr. Reagan stated that if directed by the Board he would contact a contractor and get an estimate.

At this time Attorney Allan called in from home and was put on speaker phone. Mr. Reagan gave Attorney Allan the status of 23 Elderkin Avenue to date. He stated that if the Village Board declared this pool a public nuisance and requesting the bank to remove the pool within 10 day or the Village will have the pool removed. Attorney Allan stated that we have to notify the owner of the property. Mr. Reagan stated the owner of the property is long gone. He has been attempting to contact the owner to no avail. The bank told Mr. Reagan that if they receive a notice from the Village declaring the pool a nuisance that they may be able to get a contractor to go in and tear the pool removed. Mr. Reagan stated he will put the owners name on this order but send it on to the bank. Attorney Allan stated the Board should pass an order to have the owner rectify a dangerous situation. The Village Board can rectify a safety issue not an aesthetic issue. Mr. Reagan stated this is a safety hazard.

A resolution was offered by Trustee Rinaldo who moved for its adoption, seconded by Trustee Walsh, to wit:

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees conducted a hearing on May 19, 2014 and determined the real property located at 23 Elderkin Avenue, Camillus, New York has an above ground swimming pool in the rear of the property that has been deemed a public nuisance, potential drowning hazard and an attractive nuisance by the Code Enforcement Officer, William Reagan, and the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Camillus, due to unsafe non-code compliant fencing, a broken gate that cannot be secured, collapsed liner, stagnant water and being surrounded by a deck that has rotting railings and deck boards.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees order the property owner to remove this pool immediately. If the owner does not comply with the order the Village Board of Trustees may cause the violation to be corrected and the cost to be paid for out of the general Village funds appropriated by the Village Board of Trustees for such purpose. The Village shall be reimbursed for the cost of the work performed or services rendered by direction of the Village Board of Trustees, as herein provided and for any penalties assessed under §84-12 of the Village code by assessment and levy upon the lots or parcels of land wherein such work was performed or such services rendered, and the expenses so assessed shall constitute a lien and charge on the real property on which it is levied until paid or otherwise satisfied or discharged and shall be collected in the same manner and at the same time as other village charges.

The results of the voting of the foregoing resolution resulted as follows:

Patricia J. Butler, Mayor	Voted - Yes
Helen Walsh, Trustee	Voted - Yes
Timothy Stapleton, Trustee	Voted – (absent)
Martin Rinaldo, Trustee	Voted - Yes
Ann Eckert, Trustee	Voted - Yes

The resolution was duly adopted.

Mr. Reagan stated that he is concerned with 20-22 Elm Street. This house is a disaster on one side and perfect on the other side. His notices are still on the door and the apartment remains vacant. The landlord is not doing anything. He is afraid that the mold could spread to the perfect side of the house.

### **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract #09 was approved as follows:

General Fund	\$32,150.14
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### **Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion of Trustee Walsh seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board approved the minutes of May 5, 2014.

### **Mayor's Announcements**

Mayor Butler stated the next meeting will be June 2, 2014 and there will be a Public Hearing for the MS4 Annual Report.

The Clerk stated the Village of Camillus has a box of pods to put in standing water to kill the mosquitos. If anyone uses these pods please let the Clerk know as we have to keep track of the use for DEC.

### **Old Business**

Mayor Butler stated that everyone has a comparison of the Senior Citizen Exemption of the Town and Village of Camillus. The Board decided to wait until Attorney Allan returns to discuss this exemption.

Mayor Butler asked the Board if they looked at the land that the Town of Camillus wants the Village to gift to them. Mayor Butler asked the Board's opinion on this gift. Trustee Eckert

stated that it was the parks department who installed run-a-crush to create a parking area. Mayor Butler stated the parcel tax map number is 002.-02-18.2.

Mayor Butler stated she feels that the Board should have a Public Hearing to get comments on this issue. Mr. Waterman stated he thought the people of the Village may take exception to this gift.

Mayor Butler stated the relationship that has been redeveloped with the Town has grown stronger. The Town of Camillus helps our highway department and the money we save through shared services helps us tremendously.

### **New Business**

The Clerk stated that on May 14, 2014 she contacted every Board member and took a phone poll on hiring CNY Sweeping for a cost of \$1,200 to sweep the entire Village. The vote was unanimous to approved hiring this contractor.

Upon motion of Mayor Butler, seconded Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved the Board ratified the phone poll taken May 14, 2014 to hire CNY Sweeping (who is the Onondaga County Bid) at a cost of \$1,200.

Mayor Butler asked the Board what they want to do with the Village's broken sweeper as it will cost more than it is worth to repair. It costs a lot to purchase a new sweeper. The Village only sweeps once a year and she asked if the Board wants to purchase or continue hiring a contractor.

### **Trustee's Reports**

Trustee Eckert stated the Town of Camillus is working on putting the Village name on the new truck.

Trustee Eckert stated the Town of Camillus has a crew out doing pipe work, but she has not heard when they will replace the pipe at Union and Elm.

Trustee Rinaldo stated that both chief's vehicles are going to the auction. He is monitoring the bids. Trustee Walsh stated the Village has the right of refusal if the bids are too low.

Trustee Rinaldo stated that he went to a meeting regarding keeping our steams clean. It was a 2 hour class, but the next class is an 8 hour class.

Mr. Anthony Komuda, 25 Elderkin, stated the problem at 23 Elderkin Avenue has been an ongoing problem. He wanted to thank Mr. Reagan for moving forward with this action.

Trustee Eckert stated the newsletter is ready to be copies and Trustee Rinaldo, Trustee Walsh and Belle Brown have volunteered to distribute the newsletter.

Mayor Butler stated she has a list of pot holes to be filled.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Sharon Norcross  
Village Clerk/Treasurer