

Village of Camillus  
Regular Meeting  
May 20, 2013

Present: Mayor Patricia J. Butler  
Deputy Mayor Eckert  
Trustee James Palumbo (absent)  
Trustee Tim Stapleton  
Trustee Helen Kiggins Walsh

Attorney: Robert J. Allan  
  
  
  
4 people in attendance

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

**Camillus Police Department**

Mayor Butler introduced Lt. Tim Macholl of the Camillus Police Department. Lt. Macholl gave the April report as follows:

Elm Street -	2 warning tickets, 1 domestic dispute, 1 missing person complaint
Mechanic Street -	1 parking complaint, 1 missing person complaint, 1 ambulance call
North Street -	1 fire call
LeRoy Street -	Suspicious vehicle, 1 speeding ticket
Green Street -	2 suspicious persons
First Street -	shots fired, drinking in park of senior center
MacLaughlin Street -	parking complaint
Timber Ridge Drive -	ambulance call

Lt. Macholl stated that the police are working on getting the road construction sign down for the Memorial Day Parade.

**Camillus Fire Department**

Chief Groesbeck stated that the damage paint on Truck 8 has been repaired. He stated things are back to normal operation after all the paperwork from the cutlery fire. The first new Chief’s car has arrived and the second is coming soon.

Chief Groesbeck stated in the past the Camillus Fire Department used to host pushball on the Memorial Day Weekend and he was thing of reinstating this tradition to draw people into the Village.

Trustee Walsh mentioned to Chief Groesbeck that the Onondaga County Purchasing Department has opened up its services to municipalities and fire departments for additional purchasing power. She said this process could save you money and also they can prepare the "Requests for Proposals" for no charge. They will advertise the bids. The Camillus Fire Department is not bound by these services. Mayor Butler stated she will send Chief Groesbeck the contact information for the Onondaga County Purchasing Department.

Chief Groesbeck stated that the contractor from the Main Street project wants to use the Camillus Fire Department to store their vehicles and in return they will pave the front of the firehouse for cost of materials.

### **Sweet Spot Development**

Mayor Butler introduced Mr. Tom Blair from Sweet Spot Development. Mr. Blair distributed a press release describing the activities that occurred today. He stated since the fire on February 11, 2013 his company has had to rebid and reassess several projects at Camillus Mills. He stated he has been working with insurance companies, but not one dollar has come in from insurance. He has attempted to adjust and settle the claims. He has also been working with a contractor to begin the project without insurance money. He had four different insurance companies in to adjust the claims. Today they announced that National Grid awarded a \$300,000 brownfield redevelopment grant to Sweet Spot Development. Sweet Spot awarded the cleanup and construction contract to Parsons & McKenna Construction out of Liverpool. Mr. Blair introduced Jake McKenna. They have entered into the brownfield cleanup program with the Department of Conservation. TDK, a local engineering firm is the Sweet Spot engineer. The whole site is in the brown field program and DEC will be monitoring the progress every step of the way. By the time they finish the cleanup there will be no more debris and then they will bore holes into the concrete and pull up the soil to be analyzed to finalize the work. Once they know what is in the soil they will remove the contaminated soil and replace it with clean soil.

Churchill Environmental will monitor the air quality. They will mist and water the debris to comply with asbestos abatement. In 1980 the Camillus Cutlery took the initiative to remove the asbestos in this building so there was not much asbestos there, but because there was a little the entire building is considered contaminated.

Mr. Blair stated that Restore New York has given this project an extension of time for completion. After he spends the money to get the work done then he gets the reimbursements. This will be a \$12.5M project.

Mayor Butler asked if DEC is monitoring the Nine Mile Creek. Mr. Blair stated absolutely, immediately after the fire he had people enter the creek & clean up any debris. DEC took water samples adjacent to the site and up the creek as far as one mile. They did not find any problems. When the water level lowers in the summer DEC will come back and take more samples. Mayor Butler asked if DEC has been back out since the fire. Mr. Blair does not know.

Mr. Blair stated that he had the electricity turned off in this building because there were kids getting into the building and he was afraid they would get hurt. He hired Tim Males to drain the boilers and all the fluids from the site.

Attorney Allan asked the definition of a brownfield designation. Mr. Blair stated brownfield is designated for vacant, blighted and an eyesore commercial/industrial building with environmental contamination of some sort.

The \$300,000 can be dedicated for anything having to do with cleanup or turning a blighted, vacant building into a vibrant thriving building. The banks give the developers a bridge loan as long as he has the signed contract for the grant.

Mr. Blair stated that TDK is the environmental engineer and Chris Manas is the DEC representative on site.

Trustee Stapleton asked if the whole site is designated as brownfield. Mr. Blair stated yes. Mr. Blair stated that when the work is done and DEC gives a Certificate of Completion then New York State will stand behind the work in the cleanup.

Mr. Schultz, 202 Timber Ridge Drive, stated they were two sewer manholes that needed to be rebuilt that the Village is responsible for in the parking lot.

Mr. Jake McKenna addressed the Board thanking Mr. Blair for selecting his company for this project. He stated that Parsons & McKenna is a local company that employs a local work force. They subcontract minority companies. They renovated the Gould Hotel in Seneca Falls and the Mercer Mill on Paper Mill Island in Baldwinsville which was converted into a hotel and conference center. Mr. McKenna stated that he enjoys repurposing these historic building instead of knocking them down and building new. They have been in constant contact with the Department of Labor Asbestos Abatement Division to follow the proper guidelines. Sweet Spot Development had performed an asbestos appraisal prior to the fire so they know exactly how they are going to remove the asbestos and they will have certified workers doing the removal. Assuming they get the variances from New York State they may start to remove debris next week. They will recycle as much as possible. Mr. McKenna stated the Camillus Cutlery was exceptionally clean. Mr. McKenna stated there will be supervision and air testing. This will be handled very carefully.

Code Enforcer Regan stated he should get the contractor's Certificate of Insurance.

Attorney Allan asked what to expect after the debris is removed. Mr. McKenna stated then there should be a lot of engineering. Mr. Blair will be pursuing tenants. They hope to see the start of construction by the end of summer or early fall. Mr. McKenna stated the slab where the building was will stay and the some of the areas will house the storm water retention. Other parts will be parking and that area will be filled and raised above the flood plain. Attorney Allan asked when the Village would be able to get to the sewer manholes to rebuild. Mr. Blair stated he cannot answer this question now. It really depends on what they find when they drill the holes. Attorney Allan stated we need to make sure we have the money at the time when you are ready to work.

### **County Legislature Michael Plochocki**

County Legislature Michael Plochocki addressed the Board to update the Village Board on what is happening. He stated that he represents five towns and three villages and he tries to attend at least one meeting a year. He represents Skaneateles, 20% of Camillus, Spafford, Otisco and Marcellus.

Legislator Plochocki stated he attempts to respond and address each call if you have an issue. Mr. Plochocki stated it is not a done deal, but your Community Development applications look good.

Legislator Plochocki stated that the 2% tax cap is good for the residents, but not good for the municipalities. He recommends the village raise the taxes 2%. The County redid its sales tax distribution. There was a lot of anger about this distribution which is why he recommended a 0% tax increase in Onondaga County. Because of the sales tax agreement the pain came over three years. There has been an enormous turn over in the county legislature. Nine legislators are brand new.

Legislator Plochocki stated he is head of the Environmental Protection Committee and oversees the cleanup of Onondaga Lake. \$500 million comes from Honeywell and \$500 million comes from Onondaga County. This is the largest lake cleanup project in the entire world. Honeywell is cleaning up the lake bed and they built a wall to divert the runoff water. Onondaga County is actually cleaning the water by running it through the metro sewage plant. Legislator Plochocki stated that New York State DEC was pushing Onondaga County to borrow another \$500 million to make Onondaga Lake as clean as Skaneateles Lake. Onondaga County pushed back and said no, the taxpayers cannot afford that much debt.

Legislator Plochocki stated that Onondaga County owns over 95% of Onondaga Lake shoreline. Now they need to figure out what to do with the lake. His hope is that it is turned into a wonderful park maybe even a trail to the Erie Canal.

Attorney Allan asked what the county's position on Golden Meadows. Legislator Plochocki stated the county has no position. The people from Golden Meadows would have to deal with DEC who holds the hammer over Honeywell.

### **Code Enforcement Officer**

Mr. William Reagan stated he has been busy hitting all the unmowed lawns. He has been working with Ken Palladino who purchased 68 Genesee Street.

Mr. Schultz stated the piece of land at the corner of Maple Drive and Timber Ridge Drive used to be mowed by the Village, but now it has been purchased. Mr. Reagan shall follow up to see who mows this lawn.

### **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

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

	<u>Abstract #09</u>
General Fund	\$47,205.67
Sewer Rent Fund	\$ 385.05

There was a question regarding where the money was coming from to pay for the Chief's Cars. Originally, the Camillus Fire Department was going to bond for these vehicles. The Clerk thought the

Chief changed his mind when he realized there was money in the New Equipment Reserve to pay for this chief's car. The Board requested that Voucher #187 to Hoselton Auto Mall for \$36,355.46 is tabled until they get clarification on where the money is coming from to pay for this car.

Upon motion of Trustee Stapleton, seconded by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved the Board moved to approve the payments of vouchers except for Voucher #187.

Mayor Butler stated that the next meeting will be June 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Butler reminded the people in attendance that if you get a solicitor at your house and they cannot produce a vendor's permit please give her a call or call the Camillus Police.

Mayor Butler stated Wheelock Rides are coming in this weekend starting Friday and fireworks on Saturday and the carnival will run through Monday evening. She asked anyone if they would like to sign up to volunteer to sell tickets.

Upon motion of Mayor Butler, seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously approved the Board allowed Trustee Eckert to purchase water, candy and trash bags for this event from the Celebration Fund.

Mayor Butler stated to date we have received \$730 so far plus \$500 from Wheelock which leaves us \$970 that we would pay from last year's Celebration Fund to pay for the fireworks. Upon motion of Trustee Kiggins, seconded by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved the Board moved not to exceed \$1,030 from the Celebration money.

Mayor Butler stated that Onondaga County is going to repave Genesee Street and they will extend their paving to the bridge. She presented a map from the county showing where the County would do this repair. Mayor Butler stated that there is enough money with the CHIPS money which amounts to \$37,354.12. This area of the travel lane coming into the Village needs to be milled all the way down and rebuild. Onondaga County would like to have a decision on this project. The total cost of the project would be approximately \$27,690.00.

Upon motion of Trustee Stapleton, seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously the Board approved the Village of Camillus to piggy back on the Onondaga County Genesee Street project to pave the portion (180 ft.) of Genesee Street coming into the Village before the railroad bridge at a cost not to exceed \$28,000.00 to be paid from CHIPS.

Trustee Walsh asked about the fund balance in the annual report. She felt that the Village should do more roads if there is a large fund balance. She is going to speak with Bob Antonacci to try to understand this line item and she will report back.

Trustee Stapleton stated tomorrow night he is meeting with Jesse Norcross and the Clerk to learn about the village website.

Trustee Eckert asked if it was possible to sweep Main Street before the parade. Mayor Butler stated she will ask Gary Martin. Trustee Eckert stated she may be able to sweep the road.

Trustee Eckert stated that after reviewing Mr. Kelly's request, Mark Pigula does not want to do any work on the Feederbank Road. Mr. Pigula stated that he does not think cleaning out this ditch will help Mr. Kelly. He did say that the Village should find the survey and make sure they know what they own.

Trustee Eckert asked if we would be changing the meeting time for the summer or only having one meeting each month. Mayor Butler stated she was going to bring this subject up at the next meeting.

Ms. Belle Brown asked Mayor Butler if she was going to send out letter asking for donations. Mayor Butler stated she sent out 115 letters. Ms. Brown asked about a newsletter. Trustee Eckert stated she was working on a newsletter.

Mr. Robert Schultz asked if Camillus Mills will get a tax break. Attorney Allan stated yes he will probably get something, but it is the Town is the agency that will give him this tax break.

Mr. Robert Schultz also asked about Krabby Kirk's sign. Attorney Allan stated the consensus from the Board was to let the sign stay the way it is now. Trustee Stapleton stated he could not find any information or discussions in the minutes regarding this sign. Attorney Allan stated he is putting up content that constitutes a billboard which is not allowed in the Village. He may not advertise items that are not available on that site, only the site where the sign is placed.

Upon motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Sharon Norcross  
Village Clerk/Treasurer