

**Village of Camillus
Regular Meeting
May 4, 2015**

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

Attorney: Robert J. Allan

4 people in attendance

Mayor Butler opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the “Pledge of Allegiance”. Mayor Butler stated that she will start with two Public Hearings. She opened the first Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m. regarding amending the Senior Citizen Exemption.

Upon motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved the Board moved to waive the reading of the “Proof of Publication” as follows:

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Camillus, Onondaga County, New York, will conduct a Public Hearing to consider amending Local Law No. 3 of 1994 regarding Senior Citizen Tax Exemptions, to increase the existing Income Limits for Senior Citizens to those used by the Town of Camillus and County of Onondaga.

This Public Hearing will be held at the Village Hall, 37 Main Street, in the Village of Camillus, on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 6:00 P.M., at which time all interested parties will be heard.

The above proposed Local Law amending Local Law No. 3 of 1994 is open to inspection at the Office of the Village Clerk and communications in writing in relation thereto may be filed with the Board of Trustees either before or at the Hearing.

April 13, 2015

PATRICIA J. BUTLER, Mayor
Village of Camillus

Attorney Allan stated that this amendment to the Village Code would change the exemption for Senior Citizens for Village taxes to match the Town of Camillus Senior Citizen’s exemption.

Mayor Butler asked if anyone from the public would like to comment regarding this proposed Local Law #1 – 2015. No one came forward to speak. Mayor Butler closed the public portion of the meeting at 7:06 p. m.

Mayor Butler asked if any member from the Board of Trustee has a comment regarding this Local Law #1 – 2015. There were no comments.

A motion was offered by Trustee Walsh, who moved for its adoption, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo to approve proposed Local Law #1–2015 as Local Law #1–2015 to amend the Senior Citizen’s exemption.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Patricia J. Butler, Mayor	<u>Yes</u>
Ann Eckert, Trustee	<u>Yes</u>
Helen Walsh, Trustee	<u>Yes</u>
Martin Rinaldo, Trustee	<u>Yes</u>
Dick Waterman Trustee	<u>Yes</u>

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

Mayor Butler closed the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Mayor Butler opened the seconded Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m. in regards to 69 Genesee Street.

Upon motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved the Board moved to waive the reading of the “Proof of Publication” as follows:

VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Camillus, Onondaga County, New York, will conduct a Public Hearing to consider a Resolution declaring that a portion of Mechanic Street is useless to the Village for highway or street purposes and that such land shall no longer be a part of Mechanic Street. The area in question is immediately to the rear of the real property known as 69 Main Street and is 10 feet deep and 20 feet wide (parallel with Main Street). The effect of the proposed resolution will be that Mechanic Street will be 20 feet wide from its intersection with Main Street for a distance southerly of 70 feet and from that point southerly to its end will be 40 feet wide.

This Public Hearing will be held at the Village Hall, 37 Main Street, in the Village of Camillus, on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 6:00 P.M., at which time all interested parties will be heard.

Information regarding the proposed resolution is open to inspection at the Office of the Village Clerk and communications in writing in relation thereto may be filed with the Board of Trustees either before or at the Hearing.

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Attorney Allan presented the Board with a proposed resolution that narrow Mechanic Street to 16 feet for an additional 10 foot section marked in red on a map. Mechanic Street is 16 feet wide for 60 feet and thereafter opens up to 36 feet. This resolution will make Mechanic Street 16 feet wide for 70 feet and thereafter open up to 36 feet. If the Board approves this resolution you will declare this extra 10 feet area surplus and no longer to be used for highway purposes. You can now sell this area in a reasonable manner.

Mayor Butler asked if there were any questions from the public. Fire Chief Jim McBride stated that this resolution really doesn't change anything but allow the property to change hands. The building encroaches onto the street and this will resolve the problem.

Mayor Butler closed the public portion of the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Mayor Butler asked if there were any question from the Board of Trustees. There were none.

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES May 4, 2015**

WHEREAS, Mechanic Street in the Village of Camillus is a public street used as such by the public and maintained by the Village for more than a century; and

WHEREAS, Mechanic Street is 16 feet wide at the point where Mechanic Street intersects with the southerly line of Main Street (also known as Genesee Street) and extends southerly 16 feet wide for 60 feet from the southerly line of Main Street and from that point Mechanic Street widens to 36 feet and extends, 36 feet wide, to the southerly end of Mechanic Street where it terminates; and

WHEREAS, The Trustees are desirous of narrowing a certain portion of Mechanic Street from 36 feet to 16 feet pursuant to Section 6-612 of the New York State Village Law; and

WHEREAS, Notice of a Public Hearing concerning this resolution was published and posted according to law and a Public Hearing was conducted by the Village Board at 6:00 pm May 4, 2015 and the Board has considered all comments made at the Hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED upon adoption of this Resolution, Mechanic Street in the Village of Camillus shall, henceforth, be only 16 feet wide for a distance of 70 feet southerly from the intersection of Mechanic Street with the southerly line of Main Street and from that point shall be 36 feet wide to the southerly terminus of Mechanic Street.

This is as UNLISTED Action under SEQRA but the action will have no impact on the environment.

Upon motion made by Trustee Martin Rinaldo, to adopt the foregoing Resolution, seconded by Trustee Waterman, a call of the roll resulted in the following votes:

Patricia J. Butler, Mayor	<u>Yes</u>
Ann Eckert, Trustee	<u>Yes</u>
Helen Kiggins Walsh, Trustee	<u>Yes</u>
Martin Rinaldo, Trustee	<u>Yes</u>
Richard Waterman, Trustee	<u>Yes</u>

The resolution was duly adopted.

Attorney Allan stated that he has an offer to purchase this abandoned property for a cost of \$500. The land is 10 feet x 20 feet for a total of 200 square feet.

Upon motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Waterman and unanimously approved the Board declared the 200 square feet of land surplus.

Upon motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved The Board accepted the price of \$500 for the 200 square feet of land adjacent to the southerly rear property line of 69 Genesee Street.

Mayor Butler closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Camillus Fire Department

Chief McBride addressed the Board stating that the department had a Recruit NY Open House on April 25 and 26, 2015. This event was very successful with four new applications for membership. Three previous members wish to return to the fire department. Gordy Kotars from the OCVFA stopped in to visit the open house and to commend the fire department on the recent recruitment effort. The public was able to visit the fire station and families were able to get child car seats checked and child ID's printed with the help from the Camillus Police Department that was on hand at the event. Mayor Butler stated she saw the Wilderness Search and Rescue at the event as well and wished to commend the members of the fire department for their hard work at the event. Chief McBride stated that this event was much more successful than previous open house events.

Trustee Waterman asked how many new members the fire department wishes to have apply. Chief McBride stated he wishes to have a total of 50 members at the end of the year. New applicants have applied each month and the number of EMTs has doubled. Three new applicants are in the Firefighter I class.

Chief McBride advised the Board that the kitchen at the fire station cannot be rented due to the status of repairs needed. The stove pilot lights no longer stay lit and parts are very hard to find for repairs. The dishwasher is broken and other new appliances are needed. Some residents have called to rent the banquet facility. They have had the option to rent the hall only without the kitchen.

Chief McBride presented a sale catalog from Central Restaurant Supply. The fire department would like to replace the existing stoves with a smaller stove and to add a flat top griddle, charbroil grill, dishwasher, mobile ice bin and pizza oven. The total replacement cost with freight charges will be \$12,349.08 to be taken out of the building reserve fund.

Attorney Allan asked if the Procurement Policy was satisfied with this purchase. He suggested getting quotes in order to comply with the procurement policy. Mayor Butler will contact County Purchasing for quotes.

President Hutchins stated the fire department has purchased some flowers for the grounds and members have agreed to donate time over this coming weekend to plant them.

Mayor Butler asked President Hutchins if she would like to give a report. President Hutchins stated that the LOSAP reports are completed. She is ready for the Service Award meeting with Mayor Butler, Solvay Bank and PKY Associates. The Clerk will set this meeting up with all parties.

Chief McBride stated that tonight's training is a live fire training at the Onondaga training tower. Mayor Butler asked if anyone had anything else for the Chief.

Resident Belle Brown asked the fire department why personnel went to a recent Pinsky Law Conference at the Turning Stone Conference Center. Chief McBride stated that this conference was a great deal of help in regards to fire and EMS legal issues. Previous issues between former fire department personnel and Mr. Pinsky are in the past. Mayor Butler advised that this conference was put on by numerous legal professionals in order to help fire department and EMS agencies.

Ms. Brown also asked why some department personnel stayed the night and why members stayed overnight for Chief convention shows in previous years. President Hutchins and Chief McBride advised that some members took more classes than others at the law convention and these members stayed the night in order to be on time for attendance at early morning classes.

Code Enforcement Officer

Code Enforcement Officer William Reagan stated there was one building permit applied for in the month of April with a fee of \$86.00 for an estimated amount of \$3,600.00. There were 5 building inspections, 3 complaint inspections, 1 fire inspection, 36 violation inspections, and 16 notices of violation letters sent along with miscellaneous actions.

Mr. Reagan stated that the previous litter issues at Leroy Street, 72 Elm Street, 11 Genesee Street and the Black Lantern Apartments have been cleaned. The issue at 24 Elm Street is no one knows who is littering off street parking area. This area is privately owned by another resident. Mr. Reagan asked the Board to consider purchasing "No Dumping" signs to avoid the trash issues. Trustee Rinaldo asked if NY State will okay placing the signs on state property. Mr. Reagan stated this will be allowed. He will also advise the private owner to place a sign there.

Upon the motion of Trustee Rinaldo and seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously approved, the Board agreed to purchase two signs that indicate “No Dumping, \$500 fine” to be placed on Elm Street.

Mr. Reagan reported there is a shed falling down at 20 Elm Street. The owners have been mailed notices. All letters have been returned and the owners cannot be located. The property manager has been cited with 22 violations and have been asked to help find the owners. Mr. Reagan advised that the notices sent to the address of record indicating that the Village Board will tear down the failing structure and place the cost on the owner’s taxes have all been returned. Mr. Reagan asked the Board to make this declared as a nuisance in order to remedy the situation.

Upon the motion of Trustee Walsh and seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved, the Board agreed to declare the shed at 20 Elm Street a public nuisance.

Mr. Reagan stated that if given the correct address, he will resend the violation notices to the owner(s) in order to give a deadline to have the work done. He does now have the property manager’s name and phone number for help. Attorney Allan stated to advise the property manager of what is required.

Attorney Allan asked about a zoning variance for an “L” shaped fence at 16 First Street. Mr. Reagan reported that the Methodist Church is asking for a variance to create a 6 foot wooden fence around the corner lot parsonage house on Leroy Street. Mr. Reagan clarified that fences are limited to 4 feet in front yards and that is why the church is asking for a variance for a 6 foot fence in order to keep children safe. This issue needs to go to the zoning board for approval. Attorney Allan advised that this is an area variance and that Betty Van Gelder is on the Board for the church as well as the Zoning Board and does need to recuse herself from this vote by the Zoning Board. A SEQR application also needs to be filled out. A survey also needs to be located.

Mayor Butler reported that the Village Office is getting complaints regarding the dumpster at the Sunoco gas station. The trash is reported as overflowing and is visible. The Board agreed that the gas station needs to keep the lid of the dumpster closed and/or empty it more often. Mr. Reagan stated he has mentioned this to the owner several times.

Mr. Reagan stated that the “no left turn” sign has finally been put in place but the air compressor and the vacuum were wired illegally. The gas station has been cited for this and also the illegal gas pump nozzle latches.

Mayor Butler stated there was a clause in the contract for the gas station to have a comprehensive review with the Board one year after opening. Mayor Butler advised the Board to prepare for this review that is coming up soon. Attorney Allan stated he will make a call to the gas station owner’s attorney. Attorney Allan asked if the air compressor and vacuum have been removed. Mr. Reagan stated they have not. He advised that these machines are not owned by the gas station and are rented.

Mr. Reagan stated many issues and violations have been referred to Mr. Jon Tal and have not seen much effort to rectify them. Mayor Butler agreed that a conversation needs to happen between the lawyers.

Mayor Butler stated there is a permit application to create a longer driveway at 8 Mechanic Street. Attorney Allan stated this is a special permit has been referred to the County. A SEQR form also needs to be filled out for this work.

Attorney Allan asked Mr. Reagan about the wheelchair ramp request on North Street. Mr. Reagan stated that he has called and asked for detailed plans in order for it to be discussed. The plans have not been submitted.

Ms. Belle Brown asked about a completion date for the Green Gate. Mr. Reagan stated the work will not be completed by Memorial Day. The architect has not submitting the required drawings and may have their building permit withdrawn. The current work is proceeding beyond the work of the drawings and he may need to stop all work on the site for not being compliant.

Mayor Butler thanked Mr. Reagan for his report.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Mayor Butler asked the Board if there were any questions regarding payment of the vouchers. None were asked.

Upon the motion of Trustee Walsh and seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract #9 was approved as follows:

General Fund	\$29,088.28
Sewer Rent Fund	\$ 565.95

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Upon the motion of Trustee Walsh and seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved, the Board approved the minutes of April 20, 2015.

Mayor's Announcements

Mayor Butler announced that May 18, 2015 is the next scheduled Regular Board meeting.

Mr. Daniel Rooney of Barton and Loguidice had contacted Mayor Butler regarding plans for the Save the Rain Grant. Once finalized, she will set up a meeting.

Mayor Buter stated the American flags were purchased through Congressman John Katko's office for a total price of \$343.05. This was the least expensive price.

Mayor Butler stated that she could hire a local DJ to play Saturday, May 23, 2015 from 6-10 p.m. for dancing and he would play patriotic music during the fireworks display. His cost will be \$300.00 for the event. The Fire Department could supply a generator for power and would try to get a large tent for the DJ. Mayor Butler asked the Board if they would like this.

Upon motion made by Trustee Eckert, seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously approved, the Board authorized Mayor Butler to hire a local DJ at the cost of #300 for Saturday, May 23, 2015.

Donation letters to help offset firework display costs have gone out to Village businesses recently. More have now been copied so the Board and Village employees may distribute to residents as well. Trustee Eckert stated she will complete the newsletter so it can be distributed at the same time.

Attorney Comments

Attorney Allan stated a landlord has come in to his office regarding the wording on the bill for the trash fees for rental units within the Village of Camillus. The landlord believed, per the language, he is to pay \$120.00 only for every two units within a rental property. Attorney Allan stated he believes the Board shall place in the form of a motion, a resolution amendment to Item D adopted November 19, 2012 to clarify the meaning of Item D.

Upon the motion of Trustee Walsh and seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved, the Board agreed to amend the words regarding the trash fees to state “all other units” in place of “every other unit”.

The Clerk stated Mary Popovich stopped in to the Village Hall regarding her properties at 45 and 47 Genesee Street. The County listings are different compared to the Village listings in concern to the number of units located at each property. The Clerk asked if anything has changed to account for the difference in numbers. The Village has her property listed as containing 6 units while the County has it listed as 1 sewer unit. Mr. Reagan stated he does not know of any changes. Mr. Reagan stated he can verify how many units she does have.

Attorney Allan stated Mary Popovich also stopped into his office. She wishes to opt out of the trash bill regarding her two parcels. The current code has the ability to opt out of the trash fee to owners of parcels with 6 or more units per parcel. She asked the Board to remind those who qualify for the ability to opt out of this option.

Trustee Comments

Trustee Eckert stated she is attending a pipeline safety course soon.

Trustee Walsh asked for a volunteer schedule for the Memorial Day Field Days. Trustee Eckert stated she has that schedule.

Trustee Rinaldo has no report.

Trustee Waterman stated that residents on Elm Street are in disagreement of whom owns what pieces of property in regards to areas where residents are parking. Attorney Allan stated there was a recent purchase and a survey should be available. This is located at 43 Elm Street.

Trustee Waterman stated there are potholes in Timber Ridge and if these will be repaired. Mayor Butler stated there is a list of potholes that the Village highway personnel will be repairing.

Trustee Waterman was given a list of delinquent properties that have not paid Village of Camillus property taxes. He stated he will list the addresses, names and amount of Village taxes and distribute to the Board.

Trustee Waterman suggested the Board ask Dr. Beebe to meet regarding a presentation of his plans near the Feederbank area.

Mayor Butler stated at 53 First Street is a water pipe that is too small. The Board needs to have a plan of action on what actions need to be taken. A 6 inch pipe is located there and it needs to be at least a 12 inch pipe. The Village does have an easement to remove trees if necessary. These tree roots are wrapped around the pipe and it is partially collapsed. The trees are located at 55 First Street. Mayor Butler stated she will ask Engineer Bill Morse to look at the issue.

Upon the motion of Trustee Rinaldo and seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously approved, the Board agreed to hire Engineer Bill Morse view 53-55 First Street for the water pipe issue and make any suggestions.

Public Comments

Mr. Reagan advised the Board to place the MS4 Annual Stormwater Report on the agenda for the next meeting. Mayor Butler stated she will.

Mayor Butler asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

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

By Tina Groesbeck
Sharon Norcross, Village Clerk/Treasurer

