

**Village of Camillus  
Regular Board Meeting  
June 1, 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 p.m. with the "Pledge of Allegiance".

**Camillus Fire Department**

Chief James McBride stated the call volume this past month was average compared to last year. There are two members in the department that will soon be finishing Firefighter I class and four more members just started the class.

The Camillus Fire Department held a successful food stand at the Memorial Day Weekend Field Days. The amount earned is expected to break even with the costs of the stand. This first time was a learning experience which will make next year's event better. Mayor Butler stated she heard positive comments about the stand and was happy to see the good exposure for the department. Chief McBride stated that President Hutchins was very persistent with following health department guidelines. The department food stand passed an Onondaga County Health Department health inspection with an A1 rating.

Chief McBride stated the department is still working on the recruitment drive.

Chief McBride stated that tonight's training will be rescheduled to allow personnel to clean the kitchen for the new appliances which will be coming soon. He notified many sources regarding the old appliances with no feedback. Chief McBride decided to try to scrap the appliances.

Chief McBride stated he was alerted of a concern of second activations by the Camillus Fire Department. He replied that every volunteer fire department has some rate of second activations, especially during daytime hours. He stated the department is moving in a forward direction with the continued addition of new members.

**Code Enforcement**

Code Enforcement Officer William Reagan stated there were 5 building permit applications (4 permits approved), which generated \$1,083.00 in fees. The total project value sum is around \$108,000.

There were 4 building inspections, 5 fire inspections, 2 complaint inspections, 74 violation inspections, 26 notices and letters sent, 2 meetings attended and 16 other miscellaneous actions, 15 properties were cited for tall grass violations and 5 Leroy Street is in foreclosure and will be maintained by bank. The dilapidated shed has been removed on Elm Street by the owner. The tenants at 62 North Street store their trash and recycling at the front of the house. The owner has

been advised to clear the trash that seems to be getting worse. The resident at 41 Elderkin Avenue has built without a valid permit and is being searched.

Trustee Waterman asked about a vacant home on First Street that has a side exposed. Mr. Reagan stated the homeowner does have a building permit to remodel the home.

Attorney Allan asked about the ramp application on North Street. Mr. Reagan stated there has been no new communication from the applicant.

Mayor Butler stated she has spoken to Congressman John Katko at a recent dinner. The contact information for the director for Tom Blair's property at the former Camillus Cutlery was given to Congressman Katko at that time.

Attorney Allan advised that the Zoning Board Public Hearing meeting is planned for June 3, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the fence installation by the Camillus First United Methodist Church. The Clerk stated SOCPA called and said this project was exempt from a SOCPA decision. Attorney Allan stated there may be an agreement made between the County and the Village of Camillus that projects like this are to be decided upon by the Village Zoning Board only. Code Enforcement Officer stated he has no issue with the placement of the fence. Mayor Butler advised that the family that resides at this property should be notified of this public hearing.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Butler asked if there were any issues with the May 18, 2015 meeting minutes. None were voiced. Upon the motion of Trustee Walsh and seconded by Trustee Waterman and unanimously approved, the Board agreed to accept the meeting minutes from May 18, 2015.

### **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Mayor Butler asked if there were any questions regarding the vouchers. None were asked. Upon the motion of Trustee Rinaldo and seconded by Trustee Walsh, abstract #11 was approved as follows:

General Fund	\$108,445.36
Sewer Rent Fund	\$ 25.58

### **Mayor's Announcements**

Mayor Butler announced the next scheduled Board Meeting will be June 15, 2015 at 6 PM.

Mayor Butler wished to thank all Board members and Camillus Fire Department members that assisted by volunteering to work at the Memorial Weekend Carnival.

Trustee Waterman commented that the wrist band special becomes confusing when it is broken into two different time frames and suggests one price for all day use of the wrist bands. He also suggested the advertising posters be sent to different fire departments as well.

The Union Free School Apartments was very gracious and agreed to supply the water during the carnival. Mayor Butler stated she will make sure to get a thank you card out to them.

The total amount of earnings from the carnival was \$1,890.00 for the Village of Camillus which included the \$500.00 donation for the fireworks.

A resident asked why the fireworks are not set off behind the Union Free School Apartments like in the past. Mayor Butler stated they are set off in the baseball fields near the Town of Camillus dog pound because of safety reasons.

Mayor Butler advised that this year may have been a bit tough for the Wheelock family due to an injury Friday night and several Onondaga County Health Department health inspection violations.

### **Old Business**

Mayor Butler stated that a Public Hearing needs to be scheduled for the proposed driveway at 8 Mechanic Street. Upon the motion of Trustee Eckert and seconded by Trustee Waterman and unanimously approved, the Board agreed to schedule the hearing on June 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Butler announced a recommendation and submitted report regarding 53 First Street and the blocked drainage pipe from engineer William Morse. The best solution seems to be to dig up and replace a section of the pipe with a solid pipe which may result in the removal of some trees.

Attorney Allan stated this corrected pipe cannot be placed in the easement because it would then be located too close to the home on 53 First Street. The next step would be to use the option with some tree removal. Mayor Butler stated there is no quote yet for this option. Attorney Allan stated the homeowner's involved need to offer an easement to take down some trees for the repair.

Mr. Ray Jackson of 22 First Street suggested using #2 stone in a trench instead of a pipe for drainage. Attorney Allan asked if this option also would include the removal of the trees. Mr. Jackson believes the trees may be saved with this option.

There is also a blockage in a pipe north of the ball field behind MacLaughlin Street that needs to be addressed. Gary Martin will be contacting the Town of Camillus Highway Department for that issue.

Mayor Butler announced a planned Save the Rain Grant meeting with Barton and Loguidice on Thursday, June 4 at 10:30 a.m. Trustee Rinaldo stated he will also attend. Mayor Butler invited any Trustees to attend if they have the opportunity.

### **New Business**

Trustee Waterman asked about the drainage issue at Al Vetter's house at 46 North Street. Trustee Rinaldo stated he and Gary Martin visited the site and Gary Martin stated he will meet with William Morse.

### **Trustee Reports**

Trustee Eckert stated she has no report.

Trustee Walsh stated she has no report.

Trustee Waterman asked about the historic signs that were recently exposed with the construction work on Genesee Street. Mayor Butler stated the plans are unknown at this time.

Trustee Rinaldo stated he has no report.

**Public Comments**

Mayor Butler asked the public if they have any comments.

No comments were voiced.

Upon the motion of Trustee Walsh and seconded by Trustee Eckert, the Board entered Executive Session at 6:50 PM.

Upon the motion of Trustee Rinaldo and seconded by Trustee Waterman, the Board exited Executive Session at 7:03 PM.

Upon the motion of Trustee Walsh and seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

By Tina Groesbeck  
Sharon Norcross, Village Clerk/Treasurer