

Village of Camillus  
Regular Meeting  
June 16, 2014

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

Attorney: Robert J. Allan (absent)

4 people in attendance

Mayor Butler opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. by leading the “Pledge of Allegiance”. Mayor Butler greeted the public and stated there are no members present from the Camillus Police Department and the Camillus Fire Department.

**Code Enforcement Officer William Reagan**

Mr. Reagan stated May was busy. Two building permits were applied for and two were issued. He reported a total of \$149.00 in fees collected with a \$4,900.00 project value. He listed 4 building inspections, 1 fire inspection, 7 complaint inspections and 71 violation inspections with 35 notices and/or letters, 4 meetings and 17 miscellaneous actions recorded. Many of the complaints were due to high grass/unmowed lawns. Mr. Reagan stated he also found a porch that was built without the benefit of a Building Permit and he has three Notices of Violation to present to the Board tonight.

Mayor Butler acknowledged the three violation notices. Three properties that have not been mowed this year due to the fact they are vacant and abandoned. The three addresses 56 Elm Street, 25 and 53 North Street. Mr. Reagan however did not receive complaints regarding these address but stated the length of grass is an issue. Mr. Reagan asked for a motion in order to proceed with these three violations. Mr. Reagan stated 56 Elm Street is unhealthful and/or hazardous condition. The premises is not being maintained with tall weeds and grass in excess of ten inches. This is a violation of Code Section 84-4B and NY State Property Maintenance Code Section 302.4.

Upon motion of Mayor Butler, seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously approved the Board moved to hire a service to mow the property regarding 56 Elm Street.

Upon motion of Mayor Butler, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board moved to hire a service to mow the property at 25 North Street. This violation is stated in Code Section 84-4B and NY State Property Maintenance Code Section 302.4.

Upon motion of Mayor Butler, seconded by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved the Board moved to hire a service to mow the property at 53 North Street. This violation is stated in Code Section 84-4B and NY State Property Maintenance Code Section 302.4.

Mr. Reagan stated a few weeks back he made the request to reduce his workload in reference to fire inspections and requested hiring another inspector to perform them. He asked that a part time inspector be hired and paid an amount that would be a reduction in his own pay. He

suggested the Board hire Mark Taylor. Mr. Reagan introduced Mr. Taylor, stating he has known him over twenty years and that he is a very knowledgeable person. Mayor Butler welcomed Mr. Taylor aboard. Mr. Reagan then stated the fire inspection at Stein's will be performed tomorrow. He believed that is a good inspection for Mr. Taylor to start. Mr. Taylor stated he is self-employed and thus has the availability to perform fire inspections and will provide his mobile number to the Board so they may reach him. Mayor Butler asked if the new gas station has been inspected yet. Mr. Reagan stated it has been inspected and is scheduled to open tomorrow. Mayor Butler also asked about the plan for propane storage at that business. Mr. Reagan stated that the propane installer has worked with him regarding proper storage, avoidance of collision by vehicles and theft. The Board was satisfied with the plan. The Clerk asked Mr. Reagan about the purchase by the owner of the gas station of a plug to the sewer system. Mr. Reagan stated this purchase was planned before he was employed and he does not know the status of it but he will call the general manager.

The Clerk also asked Mr. Reagan about the wiring issues found after a fire at 60 North Street. Mr. Reagan stated it is still an open case. The owner is aware of what needs to be addressed but has not gotten back to him. Trustee Rinaldo stated the porch at 24 North Street has been removed in order to have a driveway. Mr. Reagan stated the homeowner put in a driveway without a permit but has since applied for one. Mayor Butler stated Attorney Allan has advised to forward the driveway permit at 24 North Street as well as the special permit for Mr. Zappala to the Planning Board. Attorney Allan believes code 110.46B may require a variance first and then a special request for either of these permits. Attorney Allan also believes the planned parking spot is not the same as a driveway. Mr. Reagan stated he does agree a special permit is required but will look into if the plan at 28 North Street needs to go to the Zoning Board. Mr. Reagan requested Attorney Allan meet with him regarding concerns at these two properties.

Mayor Butler stated a Public Hearing needs to be scheduled regarding the driveway plans at 24 North Street. Mr. Reagan agreed and the special permit has been forwarded. Upon motion of Mayor Butler, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board set a Public Hearing for July 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Butler asked Mr. Reagan when he has vacation planned. He stated it is planned July 6 through July 12.

Trustee Eckert advised she found the plan for the purchase of the rain dishes by the new gas station in the amount of \$200.00.

Mayor Butler reminded Mr. Reagan of the meeting with the DEC on June 24. She stated she will attend as well. They wish to visit the area and view the flood maps.

Mayor Butler stated Bill Morse, our engineer, has been working on the bid packages for the North Street Project. She stated there is a significant price difference between the plans from Bill Morse and Barton and Loguidice.

Mr. William Morse stated he now has the plans for North Street and has since adjusted his cost estimate to the amount around \$114,000. The original estimate without contingency was

\$78,800.00. This cost does not include engineers' fees. Mayor Butler then asked about the spot repair estimate and if that price can be adjusted. Mr. Morse stated spot repairs are needed and the prices are not set in stone. Mayor Butler stated the costs are high and asked Mr. Morse for suggestions. Mr. Morse stated the project can be decreased and be done in phases. Mayor Butler then asked the Board to decide on the complete project or to fragment it to save costs. Trustee Walsh stated she believes that North Street needs repair and the project should be sent out to bid as a complete project. Mayor Butler agreed.

### **Approval of Vouchers**

Mayor Butler asked for approval of the vouchers. Trustee Eckert asked about the cost increase by Chief Groesbeck on the Verizon cellular bill. Mayor Butler stated that is from a purchase of a new phone to replace a broken phone. Trustee Eckert also asked about a bill for Engine 94 that should be classified as a standby. Clerk/Treasurer Norcross stated she will change that classification. Mayor Butler also mentioned that the gas bill will have a slight increase this month because of Chief Groesbeck and Deputy Chief McBride attending the Chiefs' Show in Verona.

Upon motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract #11 was approved as follows:

General Fund	\$44,280.97
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### **Approval of June 2, 2014 Minutes**

Trustee Eckert advised when she printed her minutes there was an omission. The Clerk stated she will make the necessary corrections. Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously approved the Board approved the minutes of June 2, 2014.

### **Mayor's Announcements**

The Village office will be closed to observe the Fourth of July holiday starting July 3<sup>rd</sup>. She advised to take care of business before that date. The next scheduled Board Meeting is July 7, 2014 and a Public Hearing is scheduled that day as well in order to discuss 24 North Street.

At this time Trustee Eckert revisited the minutes to discuss wording regarding the Camillus Fire Department. Mayor Butler advised to word that section as what is advised by Attorney Allan.

Mayor Butler announced that the fire department wishes to use the company Alpha Omega in order to complete more thorough background checks for new applicants for Camillus Fire Department. The cost to the fire department is at a reduced rate of \$125.00. The Board stated this fee should be paid from the fire department budget and a line item will be created. Upon motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved the Board moved to contract with Alpha Omega for background checks for new applicants for the Camillus Fire Department. Mayor Butler will contact the fire department to update the president.

Mayor Butler announced the cost to dispose of televisions is higher than the original estimate. Trustee Rinaldo suggested charging residents in order to cover the cost. The older tube type

televisions are creating this higher charge. Mayor Butler reiterated the Village of Camillus will dispose of newer, flat screen televisions and not the older, tube televisions.

Mayor Butler stated the cost of 15 shirts for the highway department personnel \$144.25 and they have been ordered. The Town of Camillus has been forwarded the fire department logo and notified of the order of signage for the Chief's cars. The refinancing closing of the two Camillus Fire Department apparatus is scheduled on June 19.

Regarding the termination of water service at 120 Maple Drive, the final decision is still undecided. The outcome will be decided by Attorney Allan. Codes Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan also reminded the Board that due to nonpayment the water authority may decide to terminate water service. Mayor Butler stated the Board will not be making a decision. Mr. Reagan stated he believes there are no current health concerns at this moment he knows of at that address if the water does get shut off.

### **New Business**

Mr. Reagan stated is having trouble receiving estimates on the removal of the pool at 23 Elderkin Avenue. He stated he has one estimate but has not been able to receive others. The Village of Camillus will need to incur the cost of the removal and will be reimbursed by the County. He has concerns that the project is delayed in order to receive more estimates for the work. Upon motion of Mayor Butler, seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously approved the Board authorized Mr. Reagan to hire the one company that responded to remove the pool at 23 Elderkin Avenue in a timely manner.

### **Trustee Reports**

Trustee Walsh stated the Engine 94 meals for the Camillus Fire Department appear to be paid by both the fire department and the Village of Camillus in the Comptroller's report. Trustee Rinaldo stated there are new practices in place that no longer include debit and/or credit cards and will ensure proper payments of Engine 94 meals. A copy of this report is available on line at the New York State Comptroller's website for the public's convenience.

Trustee Rinaldo asked Trustee Eckert when the pipe on Union Street will be addressed. She stated it will be addressed in the fall.

### **Public Comment**

Resident Belle Brown questioned past Camillus Fire Department bank accounts and purchases. Mayor Butler stated these accounts and purchases occurred in the past and are not relevant to the current members of the Camillus Fire Department.

Upon the Motion of Trustee Walsh, second by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved, the meeting moved into Executive Session at 8:32 p.m. to discussion personnel matters.

The meeting moved out of Executive Session at 8:38 pm.

Upon motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board accepted Blair Everson as a new active member of Camillus Fire Department.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously approved the Board accepted Kathryn Anderson as an inactive member of Camillus Fire Department.

Upon motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board moved to approve a letter of discipline addressed to Chief Douglas Groesbeck. Mayor Butler will also prepare letters to the two complainants that the issue was addressed.

Upon motion of Mayor Butler, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

By Tina Groesbeck  
Sharon Norcross  
Village Clerk/Treasurer