

Village of Camillus  
 Regular Meeting  
 June 17, 2013

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

Attorney: Robert J. Allan (absent)

1 person in attendance

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

**Camillus Police Department**

Sgt. Burlingame addressed the Board stating the following statistics for May:

North Street	- 2 domestic calls, 1 ambulance call
Mechanic Street	- 1 ambulance call
Elm Street	- 3 traffic calls, 1 ambulance call and 1 domestic call
Elderkin Avenue	- 1 domestic call
Joel Lane	- 1 ambulance call
Maple Drive	- 2 ambulance calls, 1 vehicle lock out call
Meadow Lane	- 1 harassment call
Timber Ridge Drive	- 2 ambulance calls
Maxwell Road	- 1 ambulance call
LeRoy Street	- 1 suspicious vehicle
MacLaughlin Street	- 1 missing person
First Street	- 1 harassment, 1 overdose, person stealing metal from Creek
Green Street	- 1 ambulance call

Sgt. Burlingame stated there will be officers visible on foot patrol in the Village. Mayor Butler stated she spoke with Chief Winn today because a woman from Maple Drive called and was very upset that the Village Board voted to discontinue the seasonal stop sign. Mayor Butler told her this stop sign was illegal and she would direct this complaint to Police Chief Thomas Winn.

Mayor Butler thanked the Camillus Police publically for their presence during the Memorial Day Weekend. There were no incidents.

**Code Enforcement Officer**

Mr. William Reagan addressed the Board stating there were 6 Building Permits applied for and issued. There was \$776 in fees and the value of the projects amounted to \$47,000. He performed 4 Building inspections, 1 fire inspection, 2 complaint inspection, 3 violation inspections, and 15 new notices of violations mostly for tall grass.

Mr. Reagan stated he did the fire inspection at MacNamara's Pub. The potential buyer allowed Mr. Reagan to go through the building. Mr. Reagan stated this building does not need a sprinkling system. A night club needs a sprinkler, but there are a couple of add ons. A night club has live music, performers or bands, but you have to have 20% of the floor space of the main room be concentrated occupant load, that is all seats or all standing. If they keep that to less than 20% of the room you don't need sprinklers.

Mr. Reagan stated 68-70 Genesee Street is being renovated by Ken Palladino and the little garage in the back is coming down.

Mr. Reagan stated he will be sending a letter of violation to John Tal to cut the lawn at 20 Genesee Street.

Mayor Butler thanked Mr. Reagan for all the progress he has made with 31 South Street, even though it will never be as immaculate as his neighbor's house.

Mr. Reagan stated he has been concentrating on Elderkin Avenue and 14 Elderkin is looking good and 15 Elderkin was recently painted. The owner of 17 Elderkin is working on the inside of the house. As soon as he gets good tenants he will work on the outside. He wants to get a cash flow.

Mayor Butler asked about the property that burned on North Street. The owner stated she has not received any money from the insurance company.

### **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

There was a discussion regarding two vouchers. One voucher #219 to Bob's Signs was unclear as to how many door magnets were purchased. The amount on the Purchase Order differed from the amount on the bill. The Board chose to wait until the Clerk could clarify this information. Mayor Butler requested that the Clerk keep aside an extra copy of voucher #226 which should be reimburse by the insurance company.

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

	<u>Abstract #11</u>
General Fund	\$77,746.09

except for Voucher #219.

Upon motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Stapleton and unanimously approved the Board accepted the minutes of May 6, 2013.

Trustee Walsh asked how much the cost of the paving on Genesee Street. Mayor Butler stated around \$27,000.

### **Mayor's Announcements**

Mayor Butler stated that the next meeting will be July 1, 2013. There will be two Public Hearings; one on 485A which addressed a tax break for Camillus Mills and one regarding creating a Planning Board. She explained that she met with Attorney Allan; Town Supervisor Mary Ann Coogan; Town Attorney Dirk Oudemool; Superintendent of West Genesee School, Dr. Brown and Councilman Eric Hammerle to discuss the tax exemption for Camillus Mills. A Pilot Program or a 485a Exemption was discussed. The Town Assessor will assess Camillus Mills at the present and Mr. Blair will pay taxes on that assessment for 7 years. Starting with the 8<sup>th</sup> year to the 12<sup>th</sup> year the assessment will gradually go up to full assessment. Mayor Butler stated that if the Village does not grant this exemption Camillus Mills will have a difficult time getting financing.

Upon motion of Mayor Butler, seconded by Trustee Walsh that the Village Board conduct a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 1, 2013 to consider a proposed Local Law to provide for real property tax exemptions pursuant to New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 485-a(2).

Upon a roll call the Trustees voted as follows:

Patricia J. Butler, Mayor	Voted – Yes
Helen Kiggins Walsh, Trustee	Voted – Yes
Timothy Stapleton, Trustee	Voted – Yes
James Palumbo, Trustee	Voted – Absent
Ann Eckert, Trustee	Voted – Yes

The Motion passed

Mayor Butler stated if the Village Board wanted to re constitute the Planning Board it would have to have a Public Hearing and pass a Local Law to do so. Trustee Stapleton stated the prior Village Board passed the Zoning Overlay map to replace the Planning Board because nothing was being accomplished. He felt there was no need to undo this procedure. He is not for reestablishing the Planning Board. Mayor Butler stated if the Village Board is going to act as the Planning Board they will need training and there will be a class by NYCOM on Friday, August 2, 2013 at the Best Western in East Syracuse. She has no knowledge of Zoning and Planning and she is planning to attend this class.

Trustee Eckert stated she would like to attend this class. Trustee Stapleton stated he could adjust his schedule to attend. Mayor Butler stated this is a four hour class and she has notified the members of the Board of Zoning Appeals as well because this class is required. The Board decided to go to the Zoning and Planning school and then decide if they are going to hold a Public Hearing to re constitute the Planning Board.

Trustee Eckert mentioned she attended the school for pipeline school and she feels next year some firefighters should attend. Much of the content of the class was regarding staging in an emergency.

Mayor Butler stated June 20, 2013 the Army Corp of Engineers is going to be inspecting the creek starting at the south end.

Mayor Butler announced that July is battery month.

### **Trustee Comments**

Trustee Stapleton stated the website is up and the address is [www.villageofcamillus-ny.gov](http://www.villageofcamillus-ny.gov). He asked the Board to send him anything they would like to put on or any corrections.

Trustee Stapleton stated he had spoken to Gary Martin regarding the erosion at the corner of Meadow Lane and MacLaughlin Street. While speaking to his neighbors, they all told him of their issues with water in their yards. Mayor Butler stated she E-mailed Shannon Harty regarding these areas for the “Save the Rain” grant.

Trustee Eckert stated Mr. Schulz asked for a “Child at Play” sign and she wondered if a Local Law was needed. Mayor Butler stated she did not think it was needed.

Trustee Eckert opened the discussion regarding the procedure of the Camillus Fire Department for active and inactive status. She stated the Board voted members in as inactive and then the department switched them to active without being notified. Mayor Butler stated she did not find anything in the By-laws against this practice. Trustee Eckert stated that Attorney Allan had said they may be doing this to keep the percentage of district or out of district members. Trustee Eckert stated the department is changing the roster and the Board does not know the percentages. Trustee Eckert stated she has been through the applications to make a determination of the percentages. Trustee Eckert stated she has not found Travis Lennon's application in the file. If he is an active member he cannot live at the fire station. Mayor Butler stated he is still going to school. If a bunk in is working in the summer and not in school then they should not be living at the fire station.

The Board requested the Camillus Fire Department present a roster with active, inactive and bunk-in members and the Board wants copies of the Camillus Fire Department minutes. Mayor Butler stated she will ask for the minutes and also a current roster of all members and bunk ins and ask the fire department to keep the Board of Trustees informed if there are changes in status of a member.

Mayor Butler stated that Travis Lennon was approved by the Village Board on October 14, 2010 as an active member.

Upon motion of Mayor Butler, seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously approved the meeting moved into Executive Session at 8:39 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Stapleton and unanimously approved the meeting moved out of Executive Session at 8:56 p.m.

Mayor Butler presented an application from Nicki Rinaldi who lives in the Lakeside Fire District. Upon motion of Trustee Stapleton, seconded by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved the Board will wait until they get the roster before they vote on Nicki Rinaldi's application to be sure the percentages are correct.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Sharon Norcross  
Village Clerk/Treasurer