

**Village of Camillus
Work Session
June 17, 2016**

Present: Mayor Patricia J. Butler-Rhoades
Trustee Ann Eckert (absent)
Trustee Helen Kiggins Walsh (absent)
Trustee Martin Rinaldo
Trustee Richard Waterman

Attorney: Robert J. Allan

3 Persons in attendance

Tom Blair began by requesting a Public Hearing in two weeks so that the ground under the Camillus Mills building can be transferred from the Village of Camillus to Camillus Mills. There was a discussion regarding the history of abandonment, deeds, etc. According to Doug Sutherland, Attorney Allan told Attorney Doreen Simmons that the Village owns and can transfer the piece of ground under the building. Attorney Allan will have the Board of Trustees set a Public Hearing at its Regular Meeting on Monday, June 20, 2016. The Public Hearing would be good to have for a discussion regarding the Brownfield. Bill Morse will be unable to attend. Mayor Butler-Rhoades stated there would only be one meeting in July which would be July 18, 2016 due to the 4th of July holiday.

Mayor Butler-Rhoades provided information that the Clerk had obtained regarding Genesee Street. Doug Reith, Surveyor, has been unable to come up with a deed for the road under the Camillus Mills property. Tom Blair states there is not much of a legal description, no metes and bounds, the Village may need to piece together information to come up with the best legal description. He would like the Village to avoid the expense of a hiring surveyor but the way to get this done is to get the whatever legal descriptions that can be found and have them plotted on their system which Tom doesn't have in his office. Mr. Blair estimated spending \$500 on a surveyor to modernize it. What we currently have will not be suitable for Senator DeFrancisco's office in the form that it is now. He suggested that Attorney Allan could write an opinion letter to Senator DeFrancisco stating clearly the Village owns the Village Hall property, the sidewalks in front, and the street in front and Tom will add some background information to the package.

A discussion was had regarding where the Village property ends and if there were any markers. Mr. Blair stated it probably wouldn't be a \$500 survey and then suggested Doug Reith as a resource for getting a survey since that is who Mr. Blair has been using and he would have information on the Village already. Doug Reith is with CNY Landscaping, phone number is 315-635-4614.

Mr. Blair reiterated what the opinion letter would need to include stating clearly the Village owns the Village Hall property, the sidewalks in front, and if Attorney Allan could even include the road and the sidewalks in front of the Cutlery then the application could be sent to Senator DeFrancisco's office next week. Mayor Butler-Rhoades stated Attorney Allan would be out of the office for a few days next week. Mr. Blair stated he had called Attorney Allan on Tuesday and Wednesday telling him it was critical for him to attend today's meeting. He was unaware that Attorney Allan had other business for today. Mr. Blair continued to discuss the letter and

his hopes that it would be enough for Senator DeFrancisco's assistant, Dottie Pohlid, to mail the DASNY application. The Cutlery's deed clearly shows that they don't own the sidewalk. The Village even owns land under the building which is why he needs to get a new deed to that piece from the Village so they will own under the building for the Brownfield purposes. The front stairs are encroaching onto Village property and Mr. Blair knew that when he bought the property.

Bill Morse said Jamie had asked about wage rate on work that was being done and not being reimbursed by the county. Mr. Morse asked about Empire State and bids since that work was going to count toward infrastructure work. Mr. Blair stated he didn't think it would need to be bid because the developers could do the work and then dedicate it to the Village.

Mr. Blair asked if Barton and Loguidice might have engineering records from the past and Mayor Butler-Rhoades asked Mr. Morse if he might be able to talk to anyone at B&L.

Attorney Allan joined the meeting and was asked by Mr. Blair to write the opinion letter to Senator DeFrancisco's office. To get the DASNY application out of the Senator's office we need to prove the Village owns the Village parcel, the sidewalks out front, and own the sidewalks in front of Camillus Mills. Mr. Blair asked Attorney Allan to write the letter on his letterhead, Attorney Allan requested Mr. Blair write the letter, email it to him and if he can stand behind it he will mail the letter. Mr. Blair will be out of town and Attorney Allan will be unavailable for a few days. Mr. Blair said he could get some ideas on paper but Attorney Allan will need to review. Camillus Cutlery never owned the sidewalks or the road. A discussion was had regarding the timeline to get a letter drafted and submitted to Dottie with a couple weeks lag time making August the best case scenario.

Attorney Allan stated that the narrowing of the streets can't be done yet because it would not allow them to get the money to do the improvements on the municipal property. They can't get the money to do the improvements because their building encroaches on municipal land and an easement won't work, they need a title. The Public Hearing will be an abandonment then authorizing the Mayor deed it. A discussion was had about the amount of consideration.

A discussion was had regarding setting the next meeting date. Mayor Butler-Rhoades stated the next Public Hearing would be Friday, July 1, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Attorney Allan asked when he could expect an email in particular the address that he would need to send the letter to with an outline of what Mr. Blair wants it to say. Mr. Blair stated the address was already available in the Village office and that he would have the information to Attorney Allan by Monday morning. Attorney Allan gave Mr. Blair his new email address: Robert@AllanLawOffice.com.

Bill Morse suggested the spelling for Allan be corrected under the Business section on the website. Mayor Butler-Rhoades asked Carrie Grooms, assistant to the Clerk, to email Trustee Ann Eckert to make the correction. Attorney Allan suggested we schedule a weekly meeting for Fridays at 10:00 a.m. at the next regular meeting on June 20, 2016 since it's easier to cancel than schedule.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Carrie Grooms