

Village of Camillus  
Regular Meeting  
August 18, 2014

Present: Mayor Patricia J. Butler  
Trustee Ann Eckert  
Trustee Helen Walsh  
Trustee Martin Rinaldo  
Trustee Susan Hines

Attorney: Robert J. Allan

7 People in attendance

Mayor Butler opened the meeting at 6:50 p.m. by leading the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

**Camillus Fire Department**

Chief Douglas Groesbeck reported it has been a busy month with multiple calls including responding to two barn fires within one day. The bunk-in candidates have moved in, cleaned the building and have a training scheduled. Chief Groesbeck stated Captain Harmon has done very well to manage the bunk-in students.

Mayor Butler reminded Chief Groesbeck the Board was previously asked for permission to have Camillus Fire Department members attend two different training opportunities. The first class on September 6<sup>th</sup> includes two officers to receive specialized training regarding rescue/stabilization tools the fire department often uses. Chief Groesbeck stated it is ideal for the two officers to receive this training in order to train the rest of the members. He also stated he believes training for Camillus Fire Department members should be a Board decision and not opened for public comment. Mayor Butler stated this training opportunity was not required to be approved by the Board because the amount to pay for the class is under procurement policy. Mayor Butler thanked Chief Groesbeck for his explanation of the need for this class. Mayor Butler stated a previous motion was made by the Board but she will now turn the decision over to Chief Groesbeck if two officers should be sent to this class. Mayor Butler then asked for a motion to revoke the motion on this stabilization training. Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously approved the Board agreed to revoke the previous motion regarding the September 6, 2014 training class and will leave the decision up to the Chief of Camillus Fire Department.

Mayor Butler stated the second training class will be held at the Firefighters’ Drill School on Sept. 11, 2014 in Old Forge, New York. This training cost will be over procurement policy by the amount of \$250.00 and does need approval from the Board. Chief Groesbeck planned to send up to 10 members for various training classes. Mayor Butler asked the Board to voice their questions regarding these classes. Chief Groesbeck reminded the Board that each class has a description of what will be taught. There were no questions.

A motion was offered by Trustee Rinaldo who moved for its adoption, seconded by Trustee Walsh, that the Board approve up to 10 Camillus Fire Department members to attend the classes on September 11, 2014 with a total cost not to exceed \$1,250.00. The money to be taken out of the budget line item for training.

Upon roll call the voting was as follows:

Mayor Butler	Mayor	Voted – Abstained
Ann Eckert	Trustee	Voted – No
Helen Walsh	Trustee	Voted – Yes
Martin Rinaldo	Trustee	Voted - Yes
Susan J. Hines	Trustee	Voted - Yes

The motion was duly adopted.

Trustee Hines stated she is in favor of training of Camillus Fire Department members and advised to attend an out of town training opportunity for fire department secretaries and treasurers on October 30 and November 1. Chief Groesbeck stated the fire department has already hired an agency to properly advise the treasurer. Chief Groesbeck thanked Trustee Hines for finding the opportunity and will consider it. Trustee Rinaldo reminded the Board that this agency just hired will be coming to Camillus to train the member(s).

Chief Groesbeck reminded the Board that as village fire commissioners they are required to attend several classes. Chief Groesbeck stated he will provide the Board with information regarding the mandated classes.

Mayor Butler asked the Board if they have any questions regarding Chief Groesbeck's report.

Trustee Eckert asked if the department has looked into harassment classes yet. Chief Groesbeck stated that all fire department members are required to take violence, harassment and management classes every year as part of OSHA training. Mayor Butler advised per PESH rules the Board will also be required to attend these classes. Chiefs Groesbeck and Maxsween advised these classes may need to be offered in house. Chief Groesbeck stated Trustees may offer copies to document these class requirements were already taken, however, a question and answer session will need to be offered in house to the Village Board members regarding the classes required.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Upon motion of Trustee Walsh and seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board approves the minutes from the August 4, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.

Upon motion of Trustee Walsh and second by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved, the Board approved the minutes from the Special Meeting on August 4, 2014.

### **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Mayor Butler asked the Board if they had any questions regarding the vouchers. Trustee Eckert asked about the gas usage regarding two Camillus Fire Department Chief's vehicles. These two vehicles exceeded the allotted amount of 80 gallons. Chief Groesbeck advised usage of one

vehicle was under allotment and one over allotment due to a misplaced fuel key and stated he will look into the matter and will report back.

Upon motion of Trustee Walsh and second by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved, the Board approved Abstract #15 for payment as follows:

General Fund	\$13,289.08
Sewer Rent Fund	\$ 4.00

### **Mayor's Announcements**

Mayor Butler announced the scheduled board meeting on September 1, 2014 will be canceled due to the Labor Day holiday. Upon motion of Trustee Walsh and second by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved, the Board agreed there will be no board meeting on September 1, 2014 due to the holiday. The next scheduled board meeting will be on September 15, 2014.

Mayor Butler stated she will work on scheduling the PESH class. She will also be assigning a new risk manager from the highway personnel. She asked if anyone on the Board would also like to work with this risk manager. Trustee Eckert stated she would like to do it.

Mayor Butler announced the street sweeper is no longer usable. She would like to send it and the silver pickup truck to auction. Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo and second by Trustee Eckert and unanimously declared the silver truck and the street sweeper as surplus vehicles and approved both to be brought to RTI Auctions on October 25, 2015 at the NY State fairgrounds.

### **Camillus Police Report**

Officer Dan Burlingham arrived to offer the Board a quick report. He stated the Camillus Police have been very busy lately. There were 19 calls with reports taken in July. The Camillus Police will be monitoring Munro Park more frequently due to the number of fights at the park. There was also a break in at the former Stein's Pub and Grub where items were stolen in the amount of several thousands of dollars just before they permanently closed the business. There have been a number of domestic violence calls as well.

### **Attorney Comments**

Attorney Allan stated he has not been able to create a Special District in order to collect sewer rents for three homes adjacent to the Village line that are hooked up to our sewer system. The Clerk advised the payments are still being made. Attorney Allan stated if the payments are not made then the Village could pursue suing the homeowners for the payments. Mayor Butler asked for more information to be brought to the September 15<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Attorney Allan stated he has samples laws from other municipalities to prevent semi tractor trucks cabs off local streets. He will draft a proposed law for the Board. Mayor Butler advised she would like to see that in place soon because a truck on Leroy is causing more erosion within the past couple of weeks and has now caused a large rut.

Attorney Allan stated that Dirk Oudemool will be pursuing a survey of Munro Park for the transfer of the parcel of the park from the Village of Camillus to the Town of Camillus.

Attorney Allan asked the Board their opinions regarding the summer hour change for the board meetings. The Board collectively agreed they like the earlier start to the board meetings. The Board agreed they wish to start the meetings at 6:00 p.m. permanently. Mayor Butler asked the public if they have any concerns. Belle Brown stated it may be difficult for some to attend if they have children in school. Mayor Butler agreed, however the usual number of residents attending has been very low even at the 7:00 p.m. start time. Chief Groesbeck agreed the time change works better for the fire department officers and members so they may attend the board meeting before their 7:00 p.m. drill on Mondays.

A motion was offered by Trustee Rinaldo who moved for its adoption, seconded by Trustee Walsh to permanently change the time of regular board meetings to 6:00 p.m.

Upon roll call the voting was as follows:

Mayor Butler	Mayor	Voted – Yes
Ann Eckert	Trustee	Voted – Abstained
Helen Walsh	Trustee	Voted – Yes
Martin Rinaldo	Trustee	Voted – Yes
Susan J. Hines	Trustee	Voted – Yes

The motion was duly adopted.

### **Clerk/Treasurer Report**

The Clerk/Treasurer reported that the budget will be started early in September and hopefully will be completed in November.

The Clerk/Treasurer stated the Village Wide Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 6, 2014.

Mayor Butler reported that she is in need of a new computer and printer. Trustee Rinaldo asked if there are funds in the budget in order to purchase new equipment. Trustees Walsh and Eckert advised to check with County Purchasing for prices of new equipment. The Mayor advised she has money in the line item for seminars that were not used. Mayor Butler will bring prices to vote on at the next meeting.

### **Trustee Reports**

Trustee Rinaldo reported that A&R Auto in the Village has put up a new fence in their back lot and it looks very nice. Cars that are to be repaired will now be placed behind the fence.

Trustee Eckert reported she will soon be planning the Christmas tree lighting details. She asked the Board if they agree to have the tree lighting on December 6, 2014. The Board collectively agreed on that day.

Trustee Eckert stated before any decision is made regarding the removal of the feathered flag signs from the Village businesses, ideas should be researched in order to assist the businesses keep customers. Mayor Butler offered a book of advertising products and it will be made available to the Board so they can provide options at the next meeting.

Chief Groesbeck stated the tree in front of Village Hall is difficult to decorate even with a fire department aerial truck. He suggested asking Dick Kirk from Krabby Kirk's if the Village may decorate a pine tree in front of the senior center. Trustee Eckert stated she will ask Mr. Kirk.

Mayor Butler stated the tree in front of One Love Hair Salon needs trimming and/or removal because it is near power lines. Mayor Butler asked the Board for their suggestions. The trustees agreed to look at the tree before removal to determine if trimming versus removal is proper. Trustee Hines suggested contacting National Grid for the trimming and plans on contacting them.

Trustee Eckert stated the Memorial Day Committee is researching a new speaker system for the Memorial Day parades and other events. It was tested recently in front of Village Hall. This system would be purchased by the Town of Camillus and can be loaned to the Memorial Day Committee for the parade.

Trustee Walsh reminded all that Primary Day is on September 9, 2014 and that the polls will be open from noon until 9 p.m.

### **Public Comments**

Resident Belle Brown asked about the details on the Halloween party that is usually held in the Village. Mayor Butler stated the Camillus Fire Department will be planning this event.

Mr. Leland Vogelsang stated speeding vehicles on Milton Avenue are an issue and requested the Village place a sign to warn motorists of a posted speed sign they are entering the Village of Camillus. The Board reminded Mr. Vogelsang there currently is a sign announcing the Village of Camillus as well as a 30 MPH sign. Mr. Vogelsang stated the sign is a late warning. Attorney Allan stated the sign is placed at the Village of Camillus line. Milton Avenue is a county road, therefore the County of Onondaga will have to be notified. Trustee Walsh stated she will notify Onondaga County.

Chief Groesbeck asked about the planned Camillus Mills medical center and if the grant will be expiring soon. Mayor Butler stated there is no date attached to the grant. The owner, Tom Blair, is actively looking for an anchor medical group in order to be awarded bank funding. There is no established time frame for any of the grants at this time. Mayor Butler stated she is often in contact with Tom Blair and his personnel regarding the status of the center and the maintenance of the property.

Chief Groesbeck advised the Board of the poor appearance of the railroad bridge in the Village. Mayor Butler stated the railroad company is not planning on painting the bridge. Chief Groesbeck advised to plan maintenance soon before sandblasting may be necessary. Mayor

Butler agreed something needs to be done. Attorney Allan stated he believes the railroad company pays taxes for the railroad line. The Clerk advised that the company does not pay taxes but there is a payment in lieu of taxes. The Village in fact pays the railroad company a stipend in order to carry sewer lines under the railroad track. The Mayor stated this fee is under \$200.00 per year.

Chief Groesbeck stated the faded/ripped status of many American flags on Main Street is disrespectful. Mayor Butler agreed some are in need of replacement and some have already been replaced.

Chief Groesbeck asked about the flooding issue previously brought up regarding Button Avenue and Union Street. The Clerk stated New York State DOT came out and addressed the issue at Button Avenue. Mayor Butler stated this recent work was supposed to fix the flooding issues but would like to be notified if the flooding persists.

Mr. Vogelsang asked who in fact owns the railroad bridge. Mayor Butler stated the owner is Finger Lakes Railroad Company. He also asked the railroad company to be contacted for a mirror to be placed at the bridge for safety reasons. Mayor Butler stated the railroad bridge would not be responsible for traffic mirrors. Mayor Butler advised Mr. Vogelsang to direct his traffic concerns Director of Transportation at West Genesee School.

Mayor Butler requested a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session regarding personnel and litigation reasons. Upon motion of Trustee Walsh and second by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously agreed, the Board moved into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m.

The meeting moved out of Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

A motion was offered by Trustee Walsh who moved for its adoption, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo to allow the Camillus Fire Department to hire James Hughes, Esq. to draft expulsion charges against firefighter William Vivenzio with the consent of the Board to serve those charges to Mr. Vivenzio and prosecute in front of this Board consistent with the rules and regulations that you already have in place.

Upon roll call the voting was as follows:

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Ann Eckert	Trustee	Voted – Yes
Helen Walsh	Trustee	Voted – Yes
Martin Rinaldo	Trustee	Voted – Yes
Susan J. Hines	Trustee	Voted – Yes

The motion was duly adopted.

Upon motion of Trustee Eckert and second by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously agreed, the Board agreed to end the Regular Meeting at 8:33 pm.

By Tina Groesbeck

Sharon Norcross, Village Clerk/Treasurer