

Village of Camillus
Regular Meeting
August 4, 2014

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

Attorney: Robert J. Allan

people in attendance

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

Code Enforcement Officer Report

Code Enforcer William Reagan addressed the Board stating he issued one Building Permit that cost \$65 with \$2,000 worth of work. He inspected four buildings and held six fire inspections. He handed 18 complaints and issued 33 violations.

Code Enforcer Reagan stated that he has gone through the process to have the yard at 9 Leroy Street mowed and cleared of debris. He contacted the bank and has no response. Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved the Board moved to hire a contractor to mowed and cleared of debris at 9 Leroy Street.

Code Enforcer Reagan stated he has an issue with an unlicensed car located at Meadow Lane. After repeated letters and notices have been sent, the issue is still unresolved. The owner faces possible charges of up to a year in jail and \$1,000.00 per day of fines. Attorney Allan stated he will assist in these charges if necessary.

Attorney Allan asked Code Enforcer Reagan about the temporary sign ordinance and if it was previously approved by another board. Code Enforcer Reagan stated this ordinance is a proposal. The Village of Camillus currently has rules in place regarding placement and safety but there are no guidelines regarding size and quantity. Code Enforcer Reagan has looked at language regarding guidelines of temporary signage and has suggestions on giving a time limit to business owners. Attorney Allan stated he believes no signs shall be allowed in any right-of-way area and asked Code Enforcer Reagan for his thoughts. Code Enforcer Reagan agreed that the language states the signs shall not obstruct a pedestrian walkway. He stated that businesses owners believe the signs are needed and wishes to find a happy medium between the Board and the owners. He believes the current language does not allow signs on the sidewalks but does allow signs on the area between the sidewalks and the street. Attorney Allan reiterated that signs are not allowed on utility poles but he has seen them. Code Enforcer Reagan stated when he sees them he removes them. Attorney Allan asked if the flashing electric sign at the corner of Elm Street and Genesee Street advertising for Krabby Kirk’s business is illegal. Mayor Butler stated that sign is grandfathered in and therefore allowed because of approval from a previous Board. Attorney Allan stated this sign is should not be allowed to advertise business other than what is

in this building. Attorney Allan stated this practice should be addressed in order to set precedence. Attorney Allan stated the previous Board agreed to the sign in order to advertise municipal announcements as well, however, these announcements have never been seen. The Board agreed to ask Dick Kirk to announce community events on the sign as well. Attorney Allan asked the Board for a final decision on the temporary signs. Code Enforcer Reagan believes the language regarding temporary signs needs to be defined better to define what is temporary and what is not. Attorney Allan stated the feather signs deteriorate the appearance of the Village of Camillus. Mayor Butler addressed the Board for their final decision on the issue of the temporary flags. The Board decided to make a final decision during the scheduled board meeting on September 15, 2014. Mayor Butler encouraged the Board to take that time to research to make an informed decision on that date.

The Clerk asked about the situation at 120 Maple Drive. Code Enforcer Reagan stated the home is abandoned at this point. Mayor Butler thanked Code Enforcer Reagan for his report.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Mayor Butler asked the Board if they had any questions regarding the vouchers. There were none.

Upon motion of Trustee Walsh and second by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved, the Board approved Abstract 14 for payment as follows:

General Fund	\$12,648.13
Sewer Rent Fund	\$ 22.95

Approval of the Minutes

Mayor Butler asked the Board if they have any concerns regarding the minutes from the last board meeting. There were none. Upon Motion of Trustee Walsh, second by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved, the Board approved the meeting minutes of July 21, 2014.

Mayor's Announcements

Mayor Butler announced the next scheduled Board Meeting will be on August 18, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. There will be two Public Hearings scheduled as well.

Mayor Butler stated that the decision to recycle televisions has resulted in a large number of televisions being dropped off at the rear of the Village Hall building. The Clerk stated the OCRRA website has a link to a Virginia organization listing recycling options. They have included the Village of Camillus as a drop off site for televisions. This has resulted in many in out of district residents bringing televisions to our location. The Clerk advised the organization to remove the information from the OCRRA website. Mayor Butler stated she believes sharing services toward Town residents is a good practice, but not the entire County. Mayor Butler asked the Board if they wish to cease to the recycling program completely. The Board decided to research another recycler that may have a reduced fee. A final decision will be made during the next meeting.

Attorney Comments

Attorney Allan addressed the two properties at North Street and one property on Elm Street that are tied into Village sewer lines that are not technically within Village limits. The Clerk clarified these residents are to pay the same sewer fee as Village residents at the rate of \$35.00 per unit. Unfortunately, if these residents do not pay the fee, the Clerk has no authority to collect payment by placing the bill on the Village of Camillus tax bill. She has spoken with the town's comptroller and the Town of Camillus will then collect the fee and will forward the payment to the Village of Camillus. According to the assessor, the Village of Camillus will now have to create a Special District for the three properties. This issue has now been forwarded to Attorney Allan. This issue will be tabled and addressed again at the next board meeting.

Attorney Allan announced the designation of a handicapped parking space at Feeder Bank Road and Genesee Street. He recommended holding a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on August 18, 2014 to address this parking amendment. Upon motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved, the Board set the date for a Public Hearing on August 18, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. to designate handicapped parking.

Attorney Allan addressed the issue that Code Enforcer Reagan is having dealing with repeat notices regarding properties where the lawns are neglected. He will research this issue and report at the next meeting.

Attorney Allan stated he has drafted a local law regarding municipal parking. He wishes to place this on the agenda for the August 18th meeting as well. Code Enforcer Reagan advised placing a weight limit by resolution and/or local law to avoid tractor trailer parking on side streets. The Board agreed to research a proper weight limit.

Attorney Allan addressed the Board stating that while he was ill the Town of Camillus had a request that the Village give them land adjacent to the basketball court. Mayor Butler stated the Town of Camillus wished to acquire some land including the basketball court within Munro Park. The Board agreed not to gift the basketball court but did agree to gift a square of property including the parking area adjacent to the park so the Town of Camillus may pave and maintain it. Attorney Allan asked if this decision was communicated to the Town of Camillus. Mayor Butler stated it had. Attorney Allan stated he has an urgent letter sent to him dated July 24, 2014 stating a survey of that area is still needed regarding a pending negotiation. Attorney Allan asked for clarification of what parcel is going to be gifted. The Board stated the area is mapped out. Attorney Allan stated he will next contact Dirk Oudemool regarding this transfer.

Attorney Allan asked the Board about the wish of Clyde Ohl to place a painted mural on the side of the Kayak Shop in the Village of Camillus. Mayor Butler replied she has had a meeting with him and at this time he is not ready to move ahead with this plan yet.

New Business

Mayor Butler reported there are three public hearings scheduled for August 18, 2014. Attorney Allan suggested sending a copy of the notice of the hearing to Mr. Zappala so he may attend.

Mayor Butler announced the Camillus Fire Department has asked the Board to approve sending two officers to a stabilization class in Cortland on September 6, 2014. The cost of each person attending will be \$175.00 including meals. This fee will come from the training budget.

A resolution was offered by Trustee Rinaldo who moved for its adoption, seconded by Mayor Butler, be it resolved that the Camillus Fire Department to send two firefighters to Cortland for a class on lifting techniques and stabilization.

Upon roll call the voting was as follows:

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

The resolution was not adopted.

Mayor Butler announced the Camillus Fire Department also wishes to send up to ten members to attend various classes and training at the total cost 1,250.00. This will include the attendance of all 10 members, meals, classroom registration and lodging. These classes are scheduled September 11, 12 and 13. Trustee Walsh asked the fire department personnel to come to the next meeting to explain the classes to the Board. At that time a decision will be made.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Eckert reported original decisions with Sunoco listed time restrictions for trash pickup but not for gas delivery. Mayor Butler stated Code Enforcer Reagan has met with the owner to address the issues brought up previously. Code Enforcer Reagan stated he was directed to contact the general contractor for the gas station regarding the planned landscaping. He also reported the first inspection of the fire extinguishing system at the gas pumps failed. He has now been given proof of the repairs and the system is now working properly.

Ann Eckert asked about Verizon Wireless phones and if insurance is included in the plan. Mayor Butler stated she does not know and will follow up on that.

Trustee Walsh had no report.

The Clerk reported that Gary Martin brought pictures of the water issues near Button Ave. Genesee Street and Union Street. Work has to fix these issues. Mayor Butler stated she and Gary plan to visit the areas after repair. She has also spoken with Gary regarding some potholes that need repair on Timber Ridge Drive. A light pole in Timber Ridge was also reported to the Mayor as damaged. Mayor Butler stated the pole is not a public structure and is on private property. Mayor Butler stated Mr. Schultz has reported an overgrown parcel of land next to his

home that needs to be addressed. The issue has now been forwarded to Code Enforcer Reagan will attempt to call the owner to address it.

Trustee Hines reported work has started on the gulley near Rolling Hills Road and Kastor Avenue as well as the area near 42 Elderkin Avenue. She would like Gary to look at a large pothole at Kastor Avenue. She reported she saw a coyote near her property.

Trustee Rinaldo reported there is a dumpster on North Street. Code Enforcer Reagan stated he was not aware it was placed on the street. The Board agreed it will need to be addressed before the work starts on North Street.

Public Comments

Resident Belle Brown commented painting the railroad bridge near A&R Auto may be hazardous. The Board stated there are no plans as of yet to paint that area.

Mayor Butler asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Upon the motion of Trustee Rinaldo, second by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

By Tina Groesbeck
Sharon Norcross
Village Clerk/Treasurer