

Village of Camillus
Regular Meeting
September 15, 2014

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

Attorney: Robert J. Allan

6 people in attendance

Mayor Patricia Butler opened the meeting at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Camillus Police Department

Sgt. Burlingame stated the month of August violations were as follows: South Street – 1 traffic stop; First Street – 2 traffic stops with 1 verbal warning, 8 ambulance calls, 1 domestic call and 1 closing escort; Elderkin Avenue – low cable wire; Haney Lane – 1 parking complaint w/ ticket; Maxwell Road – 1 call for police, error; Rolling Hills Road – 2 ambulance calls; and Genesee Street – 10 traffic stops, 1 loose dog, 1 vehicle lockout, 1 emotionally depressed person, 1 false burglar alarm, 1 car accident, 1 check status call, 1 ambulance call, reaction to medication and 1 suspicious vehicle, private investigator in area. The Camillus Police Department is monitoring a person at 9 Mechanic Street. This person has interfered with some youth at The Town Shop. Police officers have spoken with Dave Vermilya from the Town Shop and they will watch that area.

Mayor Butler reminded Sgt. Burlingame that work will soon start on North Street and the Village will contact the Camillus Police Department when it does. There will be temporary parking for the North Street residents at the former Camillus Cutlery parking lot.

Trustee Rinaldo stated a laptop was stolen from the Methodist Church during the September 6 Village Wide sale.

Sgt. Burlingame stated there have been other thefts in the area as well and advised residents to lock vehicles. Many items have been stolen from unlocked vehicles and the thieves are not breaking car windows to get in.

Mayor Butler thanked Sgt. Burlingame for his report.

Camillus Fire Department

Assistant Chief James McBride reported 6 members traveled to Old Forge, NY to attend fire training classes. These classes included scene violence, active shooter safety and other topics.

President Cheryl Hutchins reported the 2012 Service Awards have been corrected and submitted and the 2013 awards have also been completed and submitted. A Corrective Action Plan that was suggested by the State Comptroller has been completed and submitted. It was placed on the bulletin board at the fire station and copies were given to each member and the Town of Camillus. A CPA firm has been working with the department and will be setting up accounting

software. The CPA stated he was very happy with the steps taken by the fire department before his arrival.

During the September 8 monthly meeting the department members were given the opportunity to fill out an optional information/contact form so updated information can be kept in the files at the Village Hall. Copies will be held in the locked President's office as well.

The Camillus Fire Department will be hosting a community Halloween party and costume contest on October 25, 2014 from 6-8 pm at the fire station. On Halloween night the Camillus Fire Department would like to have the Village Hall opened to the community for a chance to inspect candy and have a safe stop during trick-or-treating.

Trustee Eckert asked how many toilets were replaced at the fire station. Chief McBride stated two were replaced: 1 in the banquet hall women's bathroom and 1 in the women's bunk room bathroom.

Trustee Eckert asked if the fire department had a stand-by on Friday, August 29, 2014. The purchase order for food that night stated Engine 94. Mayor Butler stated and there were numerous emergency calls that night and she knew there was a stand-by overnight crew.

Chief McBride reported the fire department members marched in the NY State Fair Parade on Fire/Rescue Night and won an award for "Most In Line". This award has been given to Camillus Fire Department four years in a row.

Trustee Eckert stated there were two purchase orders for the same price for towing Engine 4 recently. Chief McBride stated there were two different instances of repairs needed on Engine 4. The repairs may be covered under warranty.

Mayor Butler thanked Chief McBride and President Hutchins for their reports.

Code Enforcement Officer

Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan stated Deputy Enforcement Officer Mark Taylor has been in training one week every month.

There was 1 building permit application, 3 building inspections, 2 fire inspections, 7 complaint inspections, 24 violation inspections, 4 violation notices and miscellaneous. Nick's Pizzeria was inspected and they corrected the action of disposing of dirty dish water in the street. The flag banners have been removed and Nick's sign was moved from the street to the brick area next to the sidewalk. The vacant houses in the Village have had the lawns mowed within the past week and an illegal garage addition was found on Green Street, a complaint was investigated at the Camillus Villagers and the common areas were inspected as well for various issues. The management was advised to make the necessary repairs. The facility is scheduled to be inspected again in the future regarding the issues found such as improper installation of water heaters, theft of copper pipes etc.

Some unlicensed cars will be ticketed next week due to expired registration and/or expired inspection.

Trustee Walsh asked about a house on Meadow Lane regarding a lack of paint. Mr. Reagan stated that issue is now headed to court.

Mayor Butler stated the open public hearing regarding 28 North Street will stay open until contact has been made from the SOCPA.

Mayor Butler thanked Mr. Reagan for his report.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Trustee Eckert had questions regarding the Lowe's bill. The Clerk/Treasurer stated the current amount due was researched and stated the bill included three invoices and fees.

Trustee Walsh advised that a Camillus Fire Department chief's vehicle gas consumption was over allotment. Mayor Butler stated she will research the charges.

The Board stated receipts were not accompanying fees regarding the rental of the camper for the training weekend in Old Forge. The Clerk advised the fees were prepaid and receipts were to follow.

Trustee Eckert asked about the payment for the airbags for the Fire Department. The Clerk stated the vendor did not bill at first. This was in error. The payment is still due but will now be paid.

Upon the motion by Trustee Eckert, seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously approved Abstract 16 was approved as follows:

General Fund	\$194,312.51
Sewer Rent Fund	\$ 207.76

Approval of the Minutes

Upon the motion moved by Trustee Rinaldo and second by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved, the Board approved the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on August 18, 2014.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Butler stated that Senator John Defrancisco is holding a Senior Citizen's Fair tomorrow at the New York State Fairgrounds in the horticulture building from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for free.

The Mayors' Association meeting will be Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 6 p.m. at the Liverpool Village Hall. Mayor Butler asked if anyone else would like to attend.'

Mayor Butler stated the next scheduled Board Meeting will be October 6, 2014 at 6 p.m.

Mayor Butler stated that Trustee Rinaldo will purchase new desktop computer from Staples that is at a much lower price than what was quoted from the County Purchasing Department. The fire department will be donating a printer that is in good status as well.

Mayor Butler asked the Board to consider replacing all the 3x5 American flags and their fiberglass poles on Main Street. The cost of replacing the flags will be around \$510.00 without the cost of the poles. The flags are now aged and worn. She will research the cost.

Mayor Butler stated she and the Clerk will be working on the budget. She appointed Trustee Hines and Trustee Walsh to be on the budget committee. Trustees Walsh and Hines agreed to join.

Attorney Comments

Attorney Allan stated he will contact Onondaga County regarding the three parcels of land that are located adjacent to the Village line. These properties are tied into Village sewer line and may need to be put into a Special District.

The flags on Main Street that are in the pedestrian right-of-way will be removed and an email will be sent to ask the code enforcement officer which flags are allowed. Ms. Mary Popovich asked to clarify what signs will be allowed at the pawn shop. The Clerk stated she will ask the code enforcement officer to contact the owner of the shop directly.

Mrs. Popovich stated she was made aware that a small tree was removed on Main Street in order for better visibility of the business. Attorney Allan stated the size of the tree was very large and was doing damage to the business so the owner was given permission to have it removed at his cost.

Mayor Butler stated she is aware of other property owners that are interested in removing trees for visibility of their businesses as well. These trees are relatively young and were part of beautification plan. The Village Board will be deliberating more on this issue.

Attorney Allan stated he has spoken with the owner of the tractor trailer cab on Leroy Street. The owner stated he will be moving soon and feels he is not personally responsible for repairing the erosion due to the fact that other cars park in the same spot. Attorney Allan suggested that he at least fixing the rut first in order to remedy the situation. Trustee Hines suggested the Board to consider allowing parking the rig at the large parking area next to the tennis courts in the Village. The Board agreed that is a better option. Attorney Allan will contact the owner and suggest it to him. Mayor Butler asked Attorney Allan to ask at that time if the owner has the option to leave cab at the local Rock Tenn locations.

Mayor Butler stated an in-service class about MSDS safety is scheduled Thursday at 12:30 for all Village employees. It is one of four mandated classes to satisfy PESH/OSHA requirements.

Clerk/Treasurer Comments

Clerk Norcross stated she has spoken with Nina Andon McLane from Community Development. The contractor will be given more time to allow him to hire minorities companies. The North Street project is due to start soon.

Mayor Butler has been given permission to allow North Street residents to park their vehicles on the old Camillus Cutlery property during the work. The insurance will provide coverage for that parking at no extra cost. The fence at that location will soon be moved and a clean-up is scheduled.

The contractor has plans to allow daily access for school buses, emergency vehicles and postal vehicles during the day but residents will be required to have their vehicles moved daily by 7a.m. in order for the work to proceed.

Clerk Norcross stated the roof replacement project at the Camillus Fire Department is moving ahead. The bid proposal is expected soon.

Mayor Butler asked the Board to consider using another engineering company besides Barton and Loguidice. Their costs are very high and communication is very difficult with them. She will take any other suggestions for any other municipal engineer to work with next year.

New Business

Mayor Butler stated Code Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan sent her information regarding solar panels and their incentive for the Village. She will research this option more if it is feasible. This topic will be tabled until Mr. Reagan can be present to offer more information on it.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Eckert stated she knows of another company that recycles the old style televisions. Mayor Butler stated Gary Martin is able to still dispose of the old tube style televisions.

Clerk Norcross stated the website that advertises that the Village recycles televisions now asks parties to call before bringing televisions for disposal.

Trustee Walsh stated she has not seen a speed limit sign when entering the Village of Camillus on Milton Avenue. She suggested placing a new sign that replaces the old one that has since been removed.

Trustee Rinaldo asked if the Board still plans to use the evergreen tree at the Camillus Senior Center as the decorated tree for the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Trustee Eckert stated the tree is in fact owned by Dirk Kirk. She stated she has reserved the Senior Center for the Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 6, 2014 and she will ask for permission to use the Town of Camillus power to light the tree.

Trustee Rinaldo asked about the progress for Union Street. Trustee Eckert will ask if the pipe was ordered for the replacement on Union Street.

Trustee Hines stated she has looked into having National Grid respond to trim the tree in front of Village Hall. She was told by National Grid they will not trim any trees unless lights are

flickering within the structure that the tree is affecting. National Grid will, however, assist by dropping the active power line if a company is hired for the trimming.

Trustee Hines reported West Genesee School District transportation has been contacted regarding traffic issues in the Village of Camillus. Per transportation personnel, beside some trees that may need trimming, there are no other traffic issues within the Village. They have also been updated that the work on North Street will occur soon.

Public Comment

Mr. Waterman, 44 Elm Street commented that the hole on Union Street is growing and the safety cones placed there seem to disappear. Trustee Eckert stated she will look into this.

Ms. Belle Brown, 23 South Street, asked if the fire chiefs need to pay taxes due to the use of the fire department chief vehicles. Attorney Allan stated that those taxes would be incurred within an employer/employee relationship and does not apply to the fire department vehicles.

Ms. Brown asked if the bunk in students that respond with the Camillus Fire Department have their backgrounds checked by Camillus Fire Department. Mayor Butler stated that since the bunk in students do not apply to join Camillus Fire Department and are not members, the Camillus Fire Department is not responsible to check their backgrounds.

Ms. Brown asked the Board members if they have taken fire commissioner classes yet. Mayor Butler stated the classes are still being researched.

Ms. Brown asked about the percentage break down of funds that go to the fire department. Clerk Norcross stated 100% of the funds are managed by the Village of Camillus for use by the Camillus Fire Department and if not used the funds are returned to the fire department in their Reserve Funds. Ms. Brown asked about how funds were managed before 1995. The Board agreed those fund decisions are not a current issue to discuss any further.

Upon the motion of Trustee Hines and second by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved, the Board agreed to go into Executive Session regarding personnel issues at 7:39 p.m.

The Board moved out of Executive Session at 8:03 p.m.

Upon the motion of Trustee Rinaldo, and seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously approved the Board approved the application of Michael Lutz as an active member of the Camillus Fire Department.

The Board considered a complaint within the fire department during Executive Session. The Board and Attorney Allan agreed the proper course to take is to refer the complaint to the fire chief to allow for proper chain of command procedures.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously approved, the Board the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

By Tina Groesbeck
Sharon Norcross, Village Clerk/Treasurer