

**Village of Camillus  
Public Hearing  
September 16, 2013**

Present: Mayor Patricia J. Butler (absent)                      Attorney: Robert J. Allan (absent)  
Deputy Mayor Ann Eckert  
Trustee Tim Stapleton (absent)  
Trustee James Palumbo  
Trustee Helen Kiggins Walsh                                      7 people in attendance

Deputy Mayor Eckert opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. by leading the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

The Clerk read the Public Notice as follows:

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS BOARD OF TRUSTEE  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Camillus, Onondaga County, New York, will conduct a Public Hearing to consider a proposed Local Law as follows:

**A local law entitled: A Local Law to provide for real property tax exemptions pursuant to New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 485-a.**

The Public Hearing will be at the Village Hall, 37 Main Street, in the Village of Camillus, on Monday, September 16, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at which time all interested parties will be heard.

The above Local Law is open to inspection at the Office of the Village Clerk and communications in writing in relation thereto may be filed with the Board of Trustees either before or at the Hearing.

August 29, 2013

PATRICIA J. BUTLER, Mayor  
Village of Camillus

Deputy Mayor Eckert stated that although Attorney Allan was not in attendance due to the death of his mother he sent a comment that the proposed Local Law provides the tax incentive that Tom Blair has requested and the Town and the School District have, or are about to, accommodate him. Deputy Mayor Eckert stated this law will establishing a new Article VI of Chapter 100 of the Village of Camillus Municipal Code entitled “Residential Commercial Urban Exemption” to provide for real property tax exemptions pursuant to New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 485-a. Mr. Blair stated that the property is assessed and there is a freeze on the assessment for eight years. In the 9<sup>th</sup> year 20% of the improvements come back on the tax roll and each year 20 % is added on to the assessment up to 12 years where the property is assessed at full value. This exemption is only applicable if you take a manufacturing site and turn it into a mixed use project.

Deputy Mayor Eckert asked the Board if they have any questions. Trustee Palumbo asked what work has been done. He feels that nothing has materialized at the site. Trustee Walsh stated that they will only get this exemption if they actually improve the property. Trustee Palumbo stated he does not see where anything has been happening at the site. Mr. Blair stated he stops into the Village Hall with updates regularly. He stated DEC, the Department of Health, the Camillus Fire Department and his engineer, TDK inspect the site. He had an asbestos survey performed. Before he could start the cleanup they had to identify the areas of concerned. They had to determine which landfills the material could go to. By the time all the decisions were made they were into May. In May and June they bid the work (making sure they had MWBE contractors) awarded the bids in compliance with all the requirements and cleared the site. In the meantime they sent out bids for roof packages and environmental drilling. They drilled 15 core drillings to test the water. There is constant work going on. They are getting their site plan tweaked by the Village engineer. They are working on the 485A at the county, the Town and the school district. Because of the nature of developing a manufacturing facility with the environmental issues, the 485A law gives developers an incentive for developers some time before they have to pay the full tax bill. It takes a while to get the project stabilized. They are submitting a preliminary site plan tonight for the Board, the Code Officer and engineer’s review. They are hoping to get the final site plan and have the roof replaced before mid- December. There is a lot going on and the buildings were uninsured so there was no insurance money. The building start date depends on the results of all the environmental testing.

Deputy Mayor Eckert asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

Upon motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Palumbo and unanimously approved the Board moved to close the public portion of the Public Hearing at 7:21 p.m.

A resolution was offered by Trustee Walsh, who moved for its adoption, seconded by Trustee Palumbo to wit:

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Village of Camillus adopted proposed local law #4 as Local Law #4 - A local law entitled: A Local Law to provide for real property tax exemptions pursuant to New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 485-a.

Upon roll call the voting was as follows:

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

The resolution was duly adopted.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Sharon Norcross  
Village Clerk/Treasurer

**Village of Camillus  
Regular Meeting  
September 16, 2013**

Present: Mayor Patricia J. Butler (absent)	Attorney: Robert J. Allan (absent)
Deputy Mayor Ann Eckert	
Trustee Tim Stapleton (absent)	
Trustee James Palumbo	
Trustee Helen Kiggins Walsh	7 people in attendance

Deputy Mayor Eckert opened the meeting by asking Mr. Thomas Blair to address the Board with his site plan of Camillus Mills. Mr. Blair distributed copies of the site plan and showed where it included a lighting package, diamonds which indicated parking and greenery to the parking lot and they are going to leave some plants that are existing along the creek. The building was low and constantly flooded so they are planning on raising the parking lot eight feet. They will plant additional plants if they need to stabilize the creek banks. The lighting will be low LED directional so as not to spill over to other sites. There will be two entrances. At the north end they are adding the additional entrance and installing an elevator. There will be an elevator at the front of the building also.

They have submitted this site to the National Historical Society to be on the national registry and also the New York State registry. They are keeping the Camillus Cutlery letters on the building.

Deputy Mayor Eckert stated that this site plan is preliminary and the Village Engineer and the Code Officer will review this plan and bring their concerns back to the Board. First Assistant Chief Jim McBride recommended that Mr. Blair install a couple dry hydrants along the creek.

### **Camillus Fire Department**

Chief Groesbeck stated the department has their new air bags and they are working well for calls. They are conducting EMT classes at this time and they have 100 students in the class. If everyone passes the test the Camillus Fire Department will have almost 20 EMT's in the department.

Chief Groesbeck stated that he would like the Board to address two By-law changes that were approved by the membership of the fire department. He would like Attorney Allan to be present if the Board addresses these By-laws.

Deputy Mayor Eckert opened the discussion regarding the surplus chief's car. She stated she has a bid on the car and she thought it was \$7,000 if the air conditioner works and \$6,000 if the air conditioner does not work. Everyone thought this was a good bid. Trustee Walsh asked if anyone from Onondaga County contacted the Camillus Fire Department. Chief Groesbeck stated he was contacted by Connie Laxton and she was interested in putting the vehicle in an auction. The Board decided to give the bid to Ms. Connie Laxton and put the vehicle up for auction. Trustee Walsh stated this auction is not like the old auction, it is all on line and it usually takes two weeks.

Chief Groesbeck stated he would like to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

Mr. William Venvenzio asked Chief Groesbeck the week he was on vacation where was the Chief's car. Chief Groesbeck stated it was at the repair shop with a transmission issue. Deputy Mayor Eckert stated she has not seen any paperwork, but she will bring this to the Mayor's attention.

### **Camillus Police Department**

Lt. Macholl addressed the Board with the August police report as follows: **Genesee Street** – 28 vehicle stops (most of them were in relation to the crosswalk violations because the police had received several complaints) which includes 14 tickets, 9 written warnings and 5 verbal warnings, 1 loud music complaint, a false burglar alarm, 2 neighbors not getting along; **Elm**

**Street** – 5 traffic stops with 2 tickets, 3 verbal warnings, 2 ambulance calls, a local law violations, 1 harassment call, 1 status check; **Mechanic Street** – 2 loud kids, one home check; **North Street** – 2 ambulance calls, 1 domestic, 1 open burning, 1 fire alarm; **LeRoy Street** - 1 vehicle stop, 1 suspicious vehicle; **Green Street** – 1 ambulance call, 1 car accident; **South Street** – 1 ambulance call; **First Street** – injury call; **Union Street** – 1 vehicle stop; **Meadow Lane** – 1 ambulance call; **Joel Lane** – a carbon monoxide alarm; **Maple Drive** – 1 ambulance call, 1 traffic stop.

Mr. Brian Raichlin stated he saw a door hanger down by the laundromat. Lt. Macholl stated usually the door hangers notify people that there was a burglary in your area or someone was rummaging through cars. He has not heard of anything like that in the Village of Camillus.

### **Code Enforcement Officer**

Mr. William Reagan stated two building permit applications came in with one permit issued, 8 building inspections, 1 fire inspection, 5 complaints, 15 violation inspections, 5 notice of violations and he attended two meetings. Mr. Reagan stated the Building Permit fee for the convenience store was \$4,045. Mr. Reagan stated he has been working with Mr. Thomas Blair helping him get his site plan completed. Mr. Reagan stated the burned house at 24 North Street is stagnant. The owner is doing nothing and she has until the end of the month. If she continues to do nothing she will be in court. The owner of 17 Elderkin Avenue is installing siding on the house. 14 Elderkin has been painted and 15 Elderkin is being painted. The Golden Pet has received a Community Development grant and is getting a new façade. The property at 68-70 Genesee Street also received a Community Development grant and will be getting a new façade. Deputy Mayor Eckert asked about a new business at the building at 17 Genesee Street. The Clerk stated TDK Engineering purchased this building and a new business selling the latest in lighting technology called Aquari had moved in.

Mr. Reagan stated the Wise Guys Comedy Club has moved into 5600 Newport Road. They are planning to have things for kids on Saturday morning besides their restaurant and comedy club.

Mr. Kevin Masters of 18 Elm Street asked about the status of 20 Elm Street. Mr. Reagan stated on-half of the house at 20 Elm Street is uninhabitable and the tenants moved out. This apartment was cited for numerous violations. Mr. Reagan stated the other half of the house is new and beautiful. The shed has been cited and will have to be repaired or replaced. If the owner does not respond within one week to 10 days he will be brought to court.

### **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Upon motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Palumbo and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract #16 was approved as follows:

General Fund	\$52,593.40
Sewer Fund	\$ 350.66

Upon motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Palumbo and unanimously approved the Board approved the minutes of August 19, 2013.

### **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Deputy Mayor Eckert stated the next Village Board meeting will be held October 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Eckert stated that Rome Gas will be starting the construction on the gas station/convenience store soon.

Deputy Mayor Eckert opened the discussion of trash removal at the Olympus Building by stated the Board received a letter from the owner, Todd Oudemool. The letter states that the first floor has a stain glass shop, a lacrosse mail order business, a game shop and a skating shop which is by appointment only. The second floor has several offices. Each shop generates very little trash. Code Enforcer Reagan had inspected the site and felt four units of trash is fair, but Mr. Oudemool has rejected that suggestion and will continue to opt out of the program. Mr. Oudemool would like to pay for only what trash he puts out that he feels is equitable. On average he puts out one can of trash and one recyclable bin for the entire building. They produce such a small amount of trash he recommends you ask your DPW. He stated the best thing about the Village is its trash pickup. Attorney Allan had recommended selling tags for the bags. Mr. Oudemool feels there has to be some way to structure this law to have more teeth to it. Deputy Mayor Eckert stated the Board had a hard time determining these fees which is why they went with the unit count. The units were set in place to make it fair for everyone. The Code Officer adjusted the amount of units for the Olympus Building to four because the Board gave the business owners a chance to grieve. That is about all the Board can do. Trustee Walsh stated that we should discuss this issue with the entire Board of Trustees.

A discussion was had regarding the specifications for the roofs for the Village Hall and the Camillus Fire Department. Shannon Harty stated she had submitted a new proposal for the costs of preparing drawings and specifications of \$3,000. The first proposal was \$6,800 and this proposal is \$3,000. The \$3,000 does not include a pre demolition survey for asbestos. If the Village wants the pre demolition survey it will cost an additional \$1,100. Mr. Reagan stated this survey is very important and can save money in the long run. Upon motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Palumbo and unanimously approved the Board moved to authorize Barton & Loguidice to prepare drawings and specifications for the Village of Camillus and Camillus Fire Department roofs at a cost of \$4,100. This would be the information that you would give to

Onondaga County to put it out to bid. Ms. Harty will send a revised contract and the Clerk will have Mayor Butler sign it tomorrow.

Deputy Mayor Eckert stated she reserved the Senior Center on Halloween night from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Chief Groesbeck stated that the Camillus Fire Department had discussed moving the Halloween Costume Party to the Saturday before Halloween. Many of the firemen want to go trick or treating with their families. Deputy Mayor Eckert stated she will notify Mayor Butler and this can be brought up at the next meeting.

The meeting moved into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 8:25 p.m.

The meeting moved out of Executive Session at 8.45 p.m.

The meeting moved into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 8:57 p.m.

The meeting moved out of Executive Session at 9:45 p.m.

The Clerk distributed Budget Modifications to the Board. Upon motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Palumbo and unanimously approved the budget modifications were accepted as follows:

Debit: A599 Appropriated Fund Balance	\$72,710.92	
Credit: A3410.2 Equipment for CFD		\$72,710.92
	To record xfer into budget for two chief's cars	
Debit: A5720 Statutory Bond	\$105,000	
Credit: A3410.26 Fire Fighting Equipment		\$105,000
	To record bonding for Scott Air Packs	
Debit: A9736.66 Chief's Car Principal	\$ 9,005	
A9736.76 Chief's Car Interest	\$ 700	
Credit: A3410.26 Fire Fighting Equipment		\$ 9,705
	To Reclassify Expense for Scott Air Packs	
Debit: A8160.43 C & D Tipping Fees	\$ 340	
Credit: A1460.41 Destruction of Records		\$ 340
	To Reclassify Expense for Shredding	
Debit: A2705 Gifts and Donations	\$3,306	
Credit: A7550.43 Memorial Day Parade		\$3,306
	To Add Revenue to Memorial Day Account	

Debit: A599 Fund Balance	\$26,370	
Credit: A3410.25 Building Equipment		\$26,370
To Record Budget for Furnace		

Upon motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Palumbo and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Sharon Norcross  
Village Clerk/Treasurer