

**Village of Camillus
Regular Meeting
September 19, 2016**

Present: Mayor Patricia Butler-Rhoades
Trustee Ann Eckert
Trustee Helen Kiggins Walsh
Trustee Martin Rinaldo
Trustee Richard Waterman

Attorney: Robert J. Allan

9 people in attendance

Mayor Butler-Rhoades opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

Mayor Butler-Rhoades asked if anyone was here for the Public Hearing, there was no response.

Upon motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board moved to continue the Public Hearing at the next scheduled meeting on October 3, 2016.

Trustee Eckert stated there were some residents in attendance for the Public Hearing on recreational vehicles.

Mayor Butler-Rhoades stated that since the reading of the Notice of Public Hearing had been waived at the last minute she did not have it available for this meeting. Since there were residents in attendance who wanted to speak regarding the Public Hearing they may do so.

Mr. Joe Flask, 6 South St, stated he has lived in Camillus for 20 years and has a 5th wheel camper that he keeps in his driveway.

Mayor Butler-Rhoades discussed the circumstances behind this proposed Local Law. Attorney Allan joined the meeting. Attorney Allan read the Local Law as follows:

No recreational vehicle may be used for human or animal occupation or lodging and you can't discharge any in flow or any sewage from the vehicle into the Village sewage system.

Trustee Eckert added that the law includes a six foot set back.

Mr. Flask stated he and his wife do all their camping outside the Village and was upset because of his understanding of the proposed Local Law.

Mayor Butler-Rhoades stated the Village isn't saying people can't keep their recreational vehicles on their property.

Attorney Allan stated that you can't live in it, spend the night in it, can't dump your sewer into the Village sewer system. The law already stated you can't park a recreational vehicle on or along any highway in the Village of Camillus. You can only park on your own property.

Trustee Eckert stated Kiteveles' have their daughter staying in their recreational vehicle a couple nights when she comes to visit and their vehicle is parked right on or close to the property line.

A discussion was had regarding parking stalls and where a vehicle could be parked in relation to property lines. Code Enforcement Officer, Bill Reagan, stated that a recreational vehicle can be parked in a side or backyard and that most municipalities require that it be five to six feet off the property line unless it's in a driveway.

Attorney Allan stated he had not drafted that but since we had a continuation of the Public Hearing he could redraft it but that setback was a substantial change that would require the notice being re-published.

Tom Walker, South St., stated their houses are so close together that the driveways are right next to the property line. He has a boat that no one lives in but when it's in his driveway it's close to the property line and if he put it in the side yard it would be next to the other property line.

Attorney Allan stated that Mr. Reagan had stated that setbacks would not apply to already established driveways. If Mr. Walker decides to push the boat back beyond the driveway and the Board adopts a law that requires the six foot setback then Mr. Walker wouldn't be able to keep the boat there.

Mayor Butler-Rhoades stated that a change to the verbiage on previous motion was needed for the Public Hearing on October 3, 2016. We will be going back to two meetings a month at least through budget time.

Upon motion of Mayor Butler-Rhoades, seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously approved by the Board to change the verbiage of the previous motion to say: we will hold a Public Hearing for proposed Local Law to prohibit recreational vehicles parked in the Village of Camillus to be held on October 3, 2016 at our next meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Flask, expressed concern that he and other residents had not received notice of this particular law that the Village was trying to pass.

Mayor Butler-Rhoades stated the notices are publicized in the Post Standard, online, as well as the message board in front of the Village Hall, in the library, and in the bank. Mayor Butler-Rhoades does not go to door to door making the residents aware of notices. The Village follows the legal forms of communication and notification. The Minutes are online that are accessible to everyone but do take a little time to get them posted, residents can attend the monthly meetings, and citizens can ask Mayor Butler-Rhoades when they see her.

Attorney Allan asked if Mr. Flask had a suggestion other than what was already being done for communication. Mr. Flask stated he did not and that he was just here to represent the residents who don't know about the communications.

Attorney Allan asked about an email "blast" where the citizens can sign up to receive email notifications from the Village. Trustee Walsh reminded everyone that the notices were available electronically on the website.

Camillus Fire Department

Mayor Butler-Rhoades introduced Timothy Bloodgood and Brian Raichlin of the Camillus Fire Department after which Fire Chief McBride, stated the first meeting will be Monday, October 3, 2016.

Fire Prevention Week starts October 10, 2016 with activities every day including a Blood Drive on October 15, 2016.

Chief McBride stated they have been very busy. The fire siren has been turned back on. They went without the siren for a trial period of three months but it's been turned back on at least until residents move in at Camillus Mills. A resident asked if it was going to be off permanently and Chief McBride responded he was working on relocating the siren.

Mayor Butler-Rhoades stated that the current siren is old and newer sirens have lower decibels. There are going to be 29 apartments across the street and there was a contingency with the developers that the siren would be silenced.

Chief McBride stated there was an agreement with the homeowners, when the new fire station at Newport Road was built, that the siren would not be placed at the new fire station. Most of the original owners are gone and Chief McBride has spoken to several of the residents who don't mind moving the siren to Newport Road. If he can get the other residents to agree then the siren will be moved the fire house.

Camillus Fire Department training is going well. They will be training at the fire tower in the Town of Onondaga with Howlett Hill and Elbridge. The training committee will be meeting later this week with to plan a schedule through the end of November with three or four dates at the training tower. Working with Howlett Hill saves the Camillus Fire Department from having to pay to use the tower. The Camillus Fire Department is working on drills with a lot of heavy extrication.

Chief McBride handed out his proposed budget for 2016/2017 which reflects a 1.84% increase. Chief McBride and Mayor Butler-Rhoades will be meeting with the Town regarding the budget on October 12, 2016 at 6 p.m.

Clerk Norcross stated she had called the insurance company but had not heard back from them.

Chief McBride stated instead of having a special election, he appointed Timothy Bloodgood as First Assistant Chief, Brian Raichlin as Second Assistant Chief and Thomas Brown as Captain.

Mayor Butler-Rhoades congratulated Thomas Brown on being promoted to Captain. Mayor Butler-Rhoades swore in the newly appointed officers. Chief Bloodgood and Chief Raichlin signed the Oath of Office.

Mayor Butler-Rhoades thanked Chief Bloodgood and Chief Raichlin for stepping up to their appointment and protecting the Village. The Village experienced a major power outage rumored to have been caused by a squirrel. The Camillus Fire Department and Camillus Police Department responded quickly. The outage was widespread into the Town of Camillus, Marcellus, Skaneateles, Westvale and Geddes.

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officer, Bill Reagan, introduced Dave Weber who has been hired part-time to do commercial fire inspections. His hours will reduce Mr. Reagan's hours so there is no additional cost to the Village of Camillus. Mr. Weber is an experienced fire fighter and is available during the day. Mr. Reagan is not usually available until after 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Reagan reported one Building Permit application for a \$2000 project which generated a \$50 fee. There were three building inspections, four commercial fire inspections, four complaint inspections, half a dozen Village live patrols, 35 violations inspections which generated eleven new notice of violations. Violations were various including trash, building codes, car parked in front yard, etc.

Mr. Reagan mentioned that the owner of the vacant lot on Timber Ridge had cut a lot of the brush and limbs down and the Village had extended the deadline to remove them. The owner has been sent several certified letters. There haven't been any new complaints from the neighbors but the Board approved the hiring of a contractor to remove the debris if the deadline passed. Mr. Reagan was told he could proceed with hiring a contractor to remove the debris. In the spring, Mr. Reagan will remind the owner that he needs to mow the lot and keep up the maintenance.

Mr. Flask stated he had a tree that had fallen into the creek and it's still there.

Mayor Butler-Rhoades stated Gary Martin was going to contact Paul Legnetto, Town of Camillus, to have it removed since the Village does not have the equipment. The Town was willing to help but has not gotten to it yet. Mayor Butler-Rhoades said she will remind Gary.

Approval of Vouchers

Mayor Butler asked the Board if there were any questions regarding payment of the vouchers. Trustee Eckert mentioned a correction for one voucher.

Upon the motion of Trustee Richard Waterman and seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract #18 was approved as follows:

General Fund	\$123,990.73
Sewer Rent Fund	\$ 300.62
Trust & Agency	\$ 577.62

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Upon the motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Waterman and unanimously approved, the Board approved the corrected minutes of the meetings on August 5, 2016 and August 15, 2016.

Mayor's Announcements

Mayor Butler-Rhoades stated the next meeting would be October 3, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. At that time there will be a continued Public Hearing. The next Mayor's Association meeting will be on Wednesday September 21, 2016 in Liverpool and Trustee Rinaldo, Trustee Waterman and Mayor Butler-Rhoades will attend.

Attorney Comments

Attorney Bob Allan stated he has had several conversations with Mr. Ron Kelly regarding his property and survey. Attorney Allan was able to show Mr. Kelly that he has not been paying taxes for land not on his survey. Mr. Kelly returned the next day, he's back to thinking the land is his and he wants the gate removed. Dr. Beebe does not want to remove the gate because of concerns regarding possible dumping or vandalism. Did the Board make a motion to approve the gate? A discussion was had regarding whether the Board had approved the gate that was put in by the Erie Canal Association.

Mayor Butler-Rhoades stated Mr. Kelly had originally requested, about a year ago, to keep four-wheelers and snowmobiles, etc. off the property. There is a code to the gate that is easily accessible for emergency situations.

Trustee Waterman stated he'd had a meeting two weeks ago with the Nine Mile Preservation group. Trustee Waterman's objective is to put a bridge across the dam which will enable anyone to walk across to Martisco. Nine Mile Preservation knows where the funding can be obtained. Bill Morse is doing a feasibility study. The connection of this trail with Sim's Store would provide a path all the way to Onondaga Lake Park. Camillus Mills will give the Village an easement to their property. It would be all foot traffic, no vehicles. Trustee Waterman regularly mows the area. The pillars are there and are above the flood plane so the bridge can be put tight on top.

Attorney Allan discussed a potential development project going up on West Genesee Street hill and whether the parcel should be annexed into the Village. He stated that when Connelly Acres was first developed, the property was in the Town of Camillus but in order to access Village roads, Village sewers and water line the Village required that site to be annexed into the Village. The parcel immediately behind Connelly Acres, parallel to the cemetery, larger than Connelly Acres, is currently owned by the Camillus Housing Authority (represented by Attorney Allan) and are working with a developer, Christopher Community. Similar to Connelly Acres, they hope to put up 50 units with one and two bedrooms as well as some family three bedroom units for people with slightly different financing but still more for moderate incomes.

The Housing Authority has met with the Town of Camillus, Mary Ann Coogan and Attorney Dirk Oudemool. The question has come up as to whether the Village wants to push annexation of that property. It no longer makes any difference as to the sales tax. Bill Morse told Attorney Allan that this property would be the only access road. Connelly Acres will give them a slightly different access, not through their parking lot. Bill Morse said that the Village should push for annexation.

A discussion was had regarding the effect the annexation would have on the Village sewer and water.

Trustee Waterman asked what the process would entail to go through with annexation. Attorney Allan stated it takes time, requires a joint Public Hearing between the Town and the Village and then a vote by both Boards with a petition first and may require some of the residents. When Attorney Allan attended a meeting with the Town Supervisor there was not a negative response about annexation.

Mayor Butler-Rhoades stated she felt that annexation should move forward because the Village will need to absorb the extra costs related to the project and without annexation wouldn't receive the support. Attorney Allan stated site control makes annexation important so the Village will be able to decide setbacks, etc. The Board was agreeable to annexation so Attorney Allan will let the Town of Camillus know.

Attorney Allan requested an Executive Session regarding possible litigation.

Mayor Butler-Rhoades mentioned a conversation with Ron Kelly regarding the bridge out back and the safety and wellbeing of it. Bill Morse looked at it last Friday and found that the bridge is sound although it has dropped, it's eroded as well as the tarvia around it. The bridge needs to be looked at regarding building up the edges since the concrete is showing. Trustee Rinaldo stated it should be fine until spring.

Mayor Butler-Rhoades asked the Board if they would be okay with budgeting for it and waiting until spring. The Board had no objections.

Mayor Butler-Rhoades stated we will get with Salt Springs Paving, the County bidder, to get an estimate for the cost of the work needed.

Clerk/Treasurer Report

Clerk Sharon Norcross stated that rental registrations had been mailed and that we were currently working on the budget.

Old Business

Trustee Waterman gave an update on the sidewalk repair on Main Street. He explained that there is an eight inch gas line that was found two inches below the sidewalk which fortunately was not cut during the repair process. This pipe was over the original aqueduct, the main drain that came out of the valley. National Grid came out to look at it and Trustee Waterman stated National Grid would be out tomorrow and then explained how the repair would take place.

Mayor Butler-Rhoades stated that the steps at 20 Union Street needed to be replaced due to being removed for the Union Street Paving Project. It was originally thought that if the materials were purchased for 20 Union Street that her son would build the new steps. That plan fell through. The owner received three bids for the stairs including the metal handrail. The lowest bid was Gutches for \$800. McClurg quoted \$3000-\$4000 and Deck Design quoted \$2426.

Trustee Waterman spoke with the owner three times and she has had the work completed by the lowest bidder, Gutchess. She was tired of making calls and waiting for people to get back to her. Bill Reagan has looked at them and he would like the handrail changed a bit so that it is a separate handrail but other than that they are up to code. Trustee Waterman stated the stairs were on Village Property so his suggestion is that the Village should pay for the cost of the stairs. She had said in one conversation that she would pay for half the cost but Trustee Waterman's recommendation is that we pay for the whole cost if she makes the necessary fix to pass code per Bill Reagan.

Upon motion of Trustee Waterman, seconded by Trustee Eckert, and unanimously approved by the Board to have the Village pay the bill for the steps at 20 Union Street not to exceed \$800 providing the owner brings the condition of the stairs up to code.

New Business

Mayor Butler-Rhoades stated she needed a motion to be made for a Public Hearing for a proposed Local Law to adopt the preliminary Flood Map on October 17, 2016. The Board needs notify FEMA we have followed all the requirements per their letter for the new flood maps. This law has to be adopted and sent to FEMA on or before November 4, 2016.

Attorney Allan stated the new Local Law has been prepared already but the Village will need a Public Hearing to approve the new Local Law.

Upon motion of Mayor Butler-Rhoades, seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously approved by the Board to hold a Public Hearing on October 17, 2016 at 6 p.m. for the purpose of approving the proposed FEMA Local Law.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Rinaldo stated the Camillus Fire Department would be holding the Halloween Party at the firehouse on October 29, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Trustee Eckert stated the Town is working on drainage behind MacLaughlin Street replacing 300 feet of pipe and it appears there is a problem up further which Trustee Eckert will be addressed. The Town is looking to add 50 feet of pipe from 114 MacLaughlin Street to the next basin so the Village may get a bill for the pipe.

Trustee Waterman stated he looked at two main issues during the storm: North Street and Union Street. Trustee Waterman thought the water was coming down Genesee Street engulfing the drain where it is sand bagged and going around the corner. This is not the case. The water is coming across Genesee Street because it is pitched that way and goes down into Union Street. The last time the Village paved the road it was pitched away from the houses. The new paving is pitched toward the houses.

Peter Rockwell, resident of the Village of Camillus, stated he took some pictures of the water running around the steps and over the threshold of the porch.

Mayor Butler-Rhoades stated she had provided a printout of the punch list from Mr. Morse at the beginning of the meeting. Mayor Butler-Rhoades had made contact with Mr. Morse with her

concerns regarding the pitch. He contacted the contractor, whom we've never used before, who thanked him for bringing it to their attention. Mr. Morse came out and used a level to determine the pitch of the road which is pitched toward the houses.

Mr. Rockwell stated he hasn't had a water problem in years and now does.

Trustee Waterman then brought up Elderkin Avenue during the storm. During the height of the storm the water was shooting two feet out of the catch basins. The curb was holding the water until it got to the curb cut is at the bank exit where it is level with the road and water was gushing over into the bank. Pat Carbone, the facilities manager, called Trustee Waterman wanting to know what was going to be done since the Village had said we would have the road milled but it hasn't been done yet.

Trustee Waterman stated the curb cut has sunk with all the traffic that goes through there and with the paving of the road now it is even. When Main Street was being dug up for the sidewalks, and some of the curbing had to be dug up also, the contractor stated that the Village curbing hadn't been placed in concrete but was placed in run-a-crush which is probably what has caused the curbing to sink. Trustee Waterman is wondering if the same thing may have happened on North Street. Trustee Waterman said he thinks the Village will need to dig up the curbing, raise it up, and mill the road. He told Mr. Carbone that they will have to work together because once the cars come up their front wheels drop over the edge and there will be concerns regarding cars bottoming out.

Mayor Butler-Rhoades stated she will request an estimate from Salt Springs Paving for North Street near the bank and Feederbank Road at the bridge.

Mayor Butler-Rhoades received a letter from a resident on Union Street regarding the catch basin in front of her home being raised up so high that she felt it was ineffective. The engineer and contracting company have checked it out and don't feel it needs to be replaced. The rainwater is going around the drain instead of in it and causing flooding in the front yard, last night was an exceptionally bad rainstorm.

Mayor Butler-Rhoades will make an appointment with the N.Y.S. D.O.T.

Public Comments

Belle Brown requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Upon motion of Trustee Waterman, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved, the Board entered Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and litigation.

Upon the motion of Mayor Butler-Rhoades and seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously approved, the Board exited Executive Session at 7:35 pm.

Upon motion of Trustee Eckert, seconded by Trustee Walsh, and unanimously approved by the Board to authorize Attorney Allan to proceed with litigation against Allan Harmon for the equipment on behalf of the Camillus Volunteer Fire Department.

Upon the motion of Trustee Waterman and seconded by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved, the Board agreed to adjourn at 7:35 pm

By Carrie Grooms

Sharon Norcross Clerk/Treasurer