**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING**

**May 19, 2025**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allan

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton (Absent) 6 people in attendance

Mayor Richard Waterman opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The next Board meeting is June 2, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Andrei Koval, Apple A&A Properties, LLC, stated he would like to add five to ten cars maximum to his existing parking lot allowance. Mr. Koval stated he has 37 cars on the premises, and he does not have any control over customers dropping off their cars for repairs after hours. Code Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan stated the site plan was approved for 34 cars and Onondaga County did not want any cars parked in the Milton Ave right-of-way which would be a loss of about five spaces. Mr. Reagan has counted cars after the business was closed in the evening last year and this year and there are consistently 49-51 cars in the parking lot. There are so many cars parked on the side closest to the bridge entering the Village that Mr. Reagan does not know how delivery trucks are getting in and out without backing into the street. Mr. Koval had talked about expanding in the rear of the lot and Mayor Waterman reminded Mr. Koval that the Village was still waiting on a site plan from him for putting cars on the backside of the hill which OCWA had authorized as acceptable to park on their right-of-way. Mr. Koval stated he never did the site plan. Mr. Reagan stated he would be happy to meet with Mr. Koval to go over the survey and discuss options.

Attorney Allan stated the 34 spaces allowed are divided into categories and read the restrictions: not more than 21 cars available for sale outside and not more than 13 additional parking spaces for employees, customers and vehicles for mechanical repair or service. The Village will not tolerate the additional cars over the limit. The Village has received complaints and Code Enforcement has sent notices and nothing has happened. Attorney Allan stated if Mr. Koval does not comply with the 34-vehicle limit, the Village may withhold the permit, have him start over again and shut down the business. The corner is unsightly. Mr. Reagan suggested contacting B&C Storage and asking if Mr. Koval could store cars behind their business. Attorney Allan stated he did not think the Board would be receptive to increasing the allowable number of vehicles until Mr. Koval complies with the current permit or comes in with a site plan. Mr. Reagan stated he sent an Order to Remedy and Mr. Koval’s attorney responded instead of Mr. Koval. Attorney Allan asked how many cars were currently outside. Mr. Kovall stated he thought he had 37 vehicles. Attorney Allan stated he thought Mr. Koval was abusing the privilege and needed to clean the corner area. If Mr. Koval fails to comply with the existing special permit over the next couple of weeks, the Board may ask Attorney Allan to take the next step. Mr. Reagan will meet with Mr. Koval to discuss viable options for additional parking.

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Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved, the Board opened the Public Hearing on the proposed subdivision application and to make a SEQR determination at 5:10 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved, the Board waived the reading of the Public Notice as follows:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that there has been presented to the Village of Camillus Board of Trustees ("Village Board"), acting as the Village Planning Board, on April 21, 2025, an application for preliminary subdivision of the Camillus Mills Phase II and III development project at 52-54 Main/Genesee Street. The proposed action would subdivide existing Lot 2 into lots 2A and 3 per the subdivision plat. Lot 2a shall consist of the Phase II building and be 1.193 acres. Lot 3 shall consist of the Phase III building to be .738 acres.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the Village Board declared itself lead agency and determined that the proposed action is an unlisted action.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the Village Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed subdivision application and make a SEQR determination at Village Hall located at 37 Main Street in the Village of Camillus on May 19, 2025 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time all persons interested will be heard. All related materials are available for open inspection at the Office of Village Clerk by appointment, and communications, in writing, in relation thereto may be filed with the Village Board either before or at the hearing.

April 21, 2025

RICHARD A. WATERMAN, MAYOR

Village of Camillus

Tom Blair, Camillus Mills, proposed subdividing Camillus Mills Phase II and III, into two parcels as follows: Phase II 1.193 acres and future Phase III .738 acres. Mr. Blair passed out the original SEQR Part 1 and Part 2 for the Board to review. Mayor Waterman asked if there would be additional parking spaces added. Mr. Blair stated there is more than enough parking for all the phases as it exists. Attorney Allan stated this SEQR is a technical requirement as this is another application for a subdivision. The SEQR was approved for a previous application. Attorney Allan read the SEQR 2 questions, and the Board determined that all questions on the SEQR Part 2 form, numbered 1-11, resulted in “No, or small impact may occur”.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved, the Board closed the Public Hearing at 5:21 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board, the Board determined the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impact and approved the SEQR Part 2 form.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo, and unanimously approved by the Board, the application to subdivide Lot 2 into two lots to be known as Lot 2A and Lot 3 was approved.

**Code Enforcement**

Code Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan stated there was nothing new to report since the last meeting. Mayor Waterman stated a tree on Richard Kirk’s property behind 1 Meadow Lane fell during the windstorm and landed on a shed and a fence. The Town has already come out to take the tree away as they have maintained the trees along the driveway as a courtesy.

Attorney Allan has requested the County Surrogate to appoint a public administrator to administrate the estate of 2 Feeder Bank Road, Charlotte DiGenaro, and sent a copy to Mr. Nick DiGenaro in Orchard Village as the only known relative. He has not heard anything back.

**Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Waterman stated he had received a request for support and adoption of a Resolution for the Proposed Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway Nomination and Corridor Management Plan Adoption. He read the letter which also listed the municipalities which have already signed the Resolution. The deadline for signing is June 15, 2025. Discussion was had regarding the proposal. “The intent is to prohibit any NEW commercial billboards and refers to any outdoor sign containing advertising unrelated to any use or activity on the premises on which the sign is located. It does not include directional signs.” The Board decided not to sign the Resolution until more information could be gathered including what streets were involved. Mayor Waterman will call for more information.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert, and unanimously approved, the Board tabled the Resolution for the Proposed Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway Nomination and Corridor Management Plan Adoption to a later date.

Mayor Waterman stated he received an email from Michelle DiBernardo, Syracuse Film Fest, requesting the Village of Camillus as a potential filming location for a documentary Jun 16-18, 2025. Ms. DiBernardo asked about filming permits, relevant ordinances or restrictions, and recommended procedures. Attorney Allan stated they would need to get a permit and provide insurance. Trustee Ann Eckert asked if the filming would disrupt traffic and what time of day. Attorney Allan stated they might need the permission of the building owners and there might be a fee. Attorney Allan also asked if the production would be Commercial or not-for-profit. Mayor Waterman will call for more information.

Mayor Waterman stated speed has been a problem on Elm Street and Main Street and he told the Town he needed assistance with controlling the speed. Chief Mike Schreyer sent an email to Mayor Waterman listing how many occurrences there have been in Camillus. Mayor Waterman has ordered 18 signs that say “You” “Slow Down” “30 MPH”. They are being posted on Elm Street and the western hill. The radar speed sign has been out of service because the batteries were not charging. The DPW has ordered new batteries so we will place that out on the road soon. A traffic counter was installed on the speed limit sign on Elm Street. Attorney Allan suggested hiring a Village Constable to issue parking tickets. A discussion was held about speed issues. Trustee Mark Eckert asked about hiring a car with cameras to help control speeders. Attorney Allan is aware of this technology and will investigate it.

The Village spring newsletter was passed around the Board members. The newsletter will be handed out to residents later this week and Trustee Ann Eckert, Mayor Waterman, Clerk Norcross, Clerk Heselton, and Trustee Rinaldo will assist. Trustee Ann Eckert stated we need about 700 copies.

Attorney Allan went to court regarding Lori Seamon. Attorney Allan thanked the police chief for having his officers ready to testify but Ms. Seamon called at the last moment to plead guilty to all four counts so four convictions were issued.

Mayor Waterman submitted the grant for the $150,000 Camillus Trail and hand delivered the USDA grant and loan application for the 2025 Plow Truck to the Cortland office.

Jack Sakran started as a new DPW employee last Wednesday. He does not currently require health insurance as he is still covered by his parents.

Mayor Waterman read an email from Melissa Zawisky regarding traffic concerns on First Street. First Street is often a one-way street due to parking on both sides when sports are in session making it hazardous to enter the road and leave the driveways. The Board discussed her concerns and Trustee Rinaldo stated emergency vehicles would not be able to drive down the street. If “No Parking” signs are placed, we would need to direct people to park in the grass by the creek. Attorney Allan suggested the Board view the location, so they are familiar with the problem. Mayor Waterman will reach out to Ms. Zawisky to see if she has any suggestions about how this problem can be alleviated.

**Camillus Fire Department**

None of the Chiefs were present. Chief Fred Isgar is on vacation. The Clerk stated Chief DiFabio had requested a budget amendment for emergency repairs to the Marion Pumper in January 2025, but the request never made it to the Board. The funds are to come out of A201C CFD Truck Reserve Fund NYCLASS in the amount of $15,000.00 and transfer into A3410.4428 Marion Pumper $15,000.00.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert, and unanimously approved by the Board, the following amendment was made:

A3410.4428 Marion Pumper $15,000.00

A201C CFD Truck Reserve Fund NYCLASS $15,000.00

Belle Brown, 23 South Street, would like more information about the Harriett Tubman Underground NY Scenic Byway Nomination and Corridor Management Plan before the Board makes a decision, and Mayor Waterman will request more details. Mrs. Brown asked about changing the time of the board meetings to a later time as the meetings fall during mealtimes.

Mrs. Brown also asked about the path planned for the new canal trail. Mayor Waterman detailed the path of the proposed trail and added there is still discussion about the Newport Road crossings.

Andrei Koval asked if anything could be done about the motorcycles traveling through the Village and the many riders that do not wear helmets. A discussion was held about the police attempts at stopping behavior, however the police are not able to chase them as it puts the drivers and the public at risk. Attorney Allan suggests calling 911 when people see a “swarm”.

**Approval of Vouchers**

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions regarding the vouchers.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract #10 was approved as follows:

General: $30,554.79

Sewer: $ 3,901.84

Trust: $ 48.50

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions regarding May 5, 2025, Minutes. There were none.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the minutes of May 5, 2025, were approved.

The Camillus Memorial Day Parade is here, and the Committee has been holding meetings

frequently, everything is ready to go. The roads close at 8:45 a.m.

**Old Business**

Trustee Ann Eckert stated she thought the Board of Trustees agreed to two nights at a hotel for the

Camillus Fire Department members attending the New York City fire training not three nights.

Mayor Waterman stated we are waiting for all the receipts to be turned in and this will be

discussed on June 2, 2025.

**Trustee Reports**

Trustee Rinaldo asked if the TAPCO sidewalk signs had been ordered. Mayor Waterman stated

we are waiting for confirmation that we will receive CHIPS funding this year. The $50,000 for

roads will come out of Community Development and the remaining $17,000 will come from

CHIPS.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo, and unanimously approved,

the Board entered Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel matters at 6:18 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert, and unanimously approved, the Board came out of Executive Session at 6:37 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo, and unanimously approved, the Board tabled the Personnel matters to the next meeting on June 2, 2025, at 5:00 pm.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo, and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Carrie Grooms

Clerk/Treasurer