

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS
REGULAR ZOOM MEETING
March 1, 2021**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman
Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo
Trustee Ann Eckert
Trustee Michael McBride
Trustee Brian Raichlin

Attorney: Robert J. Allan

4 people in attendance

Mayor Waterman opened the meeting at 6:15 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked if anyone from the public would like to speak. Town Councilman, Mary Luber, stated that there was a meeting of the Public Safety Committee and Camillus, Memphis, Warners and Fairmount fire departments were in attendance. She stated the meeting went well and everyone was cooperative.

Mayor Waterman opened first Public Hearing at 6:16 p.m. for a proposed Local Law to prohibit opening burning.

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

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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 Local Law entitled “A local law to modify the Code of the Village of Camillus to prohibit outdoor/open burning in the Village of Camillus”.

The proposed local law prohibits the intentional burning of solid waste, rubbish, yard waste such as leaves, brush and trees outdoors in the Village of Camillus without the consent of the Village’s Code Enforcement Officer.

The Public Hearing will be at the Village Hall, 37 Main Street, in the Village of Camillus, on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. at which time all interested parties will be heard, unless the meetings are to be conducted remotely by Zoom due to Covid-19 precautions, which circumstance will be posted at the Village Hall and noted on the Village’s Web site, which can be accessed by going to <https://villageofcamillusny.com>.

Information regarding the proposed 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.

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RICHARD A. WATERMAN, Mayor
Village of Camillus

Mayor Waterman asked for any comments or suggestions from the Public.

Fire Chief McBride asked if this law was for all fires or are small, contained fires allowed. Attorney Allan stated as long as they have some sort of protective cover such as a screen and you have a means of extinguishing the fire. Code Enforcer Bill Reagan stated this law requires a certain type of container with a screen and prohibits open burning of brush.

Upon motion of Trustee McBride, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the meeting moved out of the Public Hearing at 6:18 p.m.

A motion was offered by Trustee Raichlin, who moved for its adoption, seconded by Trustee McBride to adopt proposed Local Law 1 – 2021 as Local Law 1 - 2021. The voting was as follows:

Richard Waterman	Mayor	Voted – Yes
Martin Rinaldo	Deputy Mayor	Voted – Yes
Ann Eckert	Trustee	Voted – not in attendance
Michael McBride	Trustee	Voted – Yes
Brian Raichlin	Trustee	Voted – Yes

The resolution was duly adopted.

Attorney Allan and Trustee Eckert joined the ZOOM meeting at this time.

Mayor Waterman asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing at 6:20 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee McBride, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board opened the Public Hearing regarding the 2021 Application for Community Development and the proposed Consolidated Five-Year Plan.

Upon motion of Trustee McBride, seconded by Trustee Raichlin and unanimously approved the Board waived the reading of the Notice of Public Hearing as follows:

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS
PUBLIC HEARING
2021 CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
FIVE-YEAR PLAN**

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 the Village of Camillus 2021 Community Development funding request, pursuant to the Village of Camillus Five-Year Plan.

The Village’s Community Development Grant request for the Five-Year Plan (2021-2025) will be discussed, outlining the Village’s intent for five years of funding requests. A list of the potential projects that may be included in the Five-Year Plan is available for review at the Office

of the Village Clerk during regular office hours. Comments will be received from the public to aid the Village in prioritizing the listed projects. Solicitation of suggestions for additional eligible projects to be included on the Village's Five-Year Plan will also be heard.

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SHARON NORCROSS
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Waterman asked if anyone from the public had any questions or concerns regarding the preparation of the 2021 Community Development funding request or the proposed Five-Year Plan. There were no comments.

Upon motion of Trustee Raichlin, seconded by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved the Public Hearing was closed at 6:23 p.m.

Mr. William Morse stated the first-priority is Sidewalk Replacement on Genesee Street and the second priority is First Street. Trustee McBride stated we should look at the NYS Route 174 sidewalk. Mayor Waterman stated we are going to look at this area and also Maple Drive. He will get to that later.

Upon motion of Trustee McBride, seconded by Trustee Raichlin and unanimously approved to authorize WM Engineering to prepare and submit the 2021 Application for the 2022 construction year and approve the Five-Year Plan (2021 – 2025).

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Waterman stated that the next meeting will be held March 15, 2021 and he would like the Boards opinion on when to go live with the Village meetings. He recommended the first meeting in June. Trustee McBride stated he would like the first meeting in April providing we can social distance.

Mayor Waterman opened the discussion regarding Christmas decorations. Downtown Decorations came in with a 50 inch wreath with two red bows, a candelabra opera with three candles and pine cones. We will not need new fasteners as they will fit onto the telephone poles. The owner of the company gave us a proposal for \$10,000 for 20 wreaths (\$500 each). We had a previous quote for \$550 each plus shipping. Downtown Decoration was the lowest bid so far. Mayor Waterman stated that we will get another quote. If we go with Downtown Decoration we would have to pay one half (\$5,000) when we place the order. There was no further discussion.

Mayor Waterman stated that Camillus Mills Phase II has amended their plans to update the building. Mr. Bill Reagan, Code Officer stated they are going to make higher construction type, sprinkle the entire building including the parking garage. They will be putting up signs warning of the overhead wires and put this information into the 911 Property Information System so if firemen respond they will be advised of overhead wires. This will cost them a fair amount of additional money, but this will solve the problem. They had discussed installing another hydrant, but at this point it will not be needed but if they add the third building they would need

another hydrant. Fire Chief McBride stated he would really like to see the hydrant as soon as possible.

The Clerk stated that she spoke with Tom Blair and she sent him a copy of the SOCPA report. Mr. Blair also asked if Attorney Allan has sent the SEQRA report to all the agencies.

A discussion was had regarding the location of the water lines in the area of Germania Ave., TK Tavern and the end of the Camillus Mills Property near Newport Road.

Mayor Waterman stated he received a call from Michele Sardo, the Commissioner for the Republican Party. She asked if we would stop having elections at the Village Hall. He responded absolutely no.

Mayor Waterman stated he sent everyone two quotes for Main Street. The first quote was for \$142,382. We were awarded \$118,000 from Community Development and approximately \$32,000 which we could get from CHIPS. He then asked Riccelli to look at the first 50 feet of Maple Drive. He asked for a quote as they will already have their equipment in the Village which should reduce the costs. Riccelli came back with an add on amount of \$8500 for Maple Drive which would the total up to \$151,972. Riccelli thinks they would start around the first week in May.

Attorney Allan asked exactly where we would pave. Mayor Waterman stated the paving would start on the east side of the underpass to NYS Route 174 (Elm Street).

Trustee McBride stated his concern is the price of blacktop may be increasing. Mayor Waterman stated the Village should get money from CHIPS, but no one knows how much until the New York State budget is approved usually in April.

Mr. Morse stated Onondaga County has to prepare the Environmental survey which is prepared by Elana Cantrell of Onondaga Planning. He said Mayor Waterman should check with Marty Skahen tomorrow.

Upon motion of Trustee Eckert, seconded by Trustee McBride and unanimously approved the Board moved to accept the bid of \$151,972 from Riccelli Northern, the Onondaga County bidder, for paving of Genesee Street and the bottom of Maple Drive.

Mayor Waterman stated Brenda Kayn, CPA, came in for two days and reviewed our books and prepared the Annual Update Documents that is sent to the New York State Comptroller's Office. Ms. Kayn then called him to say our budget was about \$1,100,000 and our carryover was about \$8500 which is about 7%. She stated we should carryover at least 10%. In our sewer budget we carried over about \$5,600 which was low. She recommended we should raise the sewer charge \$10.

Mayor Waterman stated he spoke with John Manion. The Village of Camillus was approved for a \$100,000 grant by John DeFrancisco and we never received any money. He asked John Manion if he knew the status of this grant. He stated he would know more in early May.

CAMILLUS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief McBride stated that since the last meeting they have had 7 EMS calls, 2 fire calls and 1 motor vehicle collision. He stated the new chief's trucks are in service. He stated that he did meet with the Town Public Safety Committee. He was evaluating the possibility of training with Fairmount at their tower but there were some issues. Fairmount drills on Tuesday and Camillus drills are on Monday. They could train at the tower alone if there was a Fairmount fireman available to oversee the operation. We would have to pay for the supplies. Camillus may stay with the drills at Onondaga Hill. The average response times are 6.5 minutes and he gave a copy to Supervisor Coogan.

Chief McBride was getting quite a few false alarms at the Martisco Train Station. He requested they get a Lock Box which they did.

Chief McBride presented two applications. The first is for John DeVaul who lives at 119 Berwyn Avenue, Syracuse, New York 13210. Mr. DeVaul is a West Genesee bus driver and would be available during the day. John is an out-of-district member, but the numbers are good. He was approved by the Investigation Committee and by the membership of the department.

A motion was offered by Trustee McBride, who moved for its adoption, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo to approve John DeVaul as a Camillus Fireman. The voting was as follows:

Richard Waterman	Mayor	Voted – Yes
Martin Rinaldo	Deputy Mayor	Voted – Yes
Ann Eckert	Trustee	Voted – Abstain
Michael McBride	Trustee	Voted – Yes
Brian Raichlin	Trustee	Voted – Yes

The resolution was duly adopted.

The second application is for Hannah Root who lives at 203 Yorkshire Boulevard. She went to Fairmount to apply and they would not even look at her application. Ms. Root is in an EMT class now and she wants to take Firefighter I. She wants to follow in her family's footsteps. Her father is a Syracuse City firefighter. She was approved by the Investigation Committee and also by the membership of the department.

A motion was offered by Trustee Raichlin, who moved for its adoption, seconded by Trustee McBride to approve Hannah Root as a Camillus Fireman. The voting was as follows:

Richard Waterman	Mayor	Voted – Yes
Martin Rinaldo	Deputy Mayor	Voted – Yes
Ann Eckert	Trustee	Voted – Abstain
Michael McBride	Trustee	Voted – Yes
Brian Raichlin	Trustee	Voted – Yes

The resolution was duly adopted.

President Cheryl Hutchins stated that she was advised that the way that the Town of Camillus has redone the district lines that anyone in Fairmount would not be out of district to Camillus. The area is now labeled the Camillus Fire Protection District. Attorney Allan stated he had not thought of that. He will talk to Mary Ann about this and get back to the Board.

Trustee Eckert asked Chief McBride why Tom Brown's key fob was not working. Chief McBride asked Trustee Eckert to contact Tom Brown and get the number of the key fob and text it to him.

CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Mr. Reagan stated that in February there were three applications for Building Permit with plan reviews, 2 Building Permits were issued, 1 construction inspection, 6 commercial fire inspections, 8 complaint inspections, 4 violation inspections, 5 notices or letter went out, 2 meetings, and 10 miscellaneous recorded actions.

ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Bill Morse stated Onondaga County Community Development has not issued their new applications, but he checks the web site every day and as soon as it comes out he will prepare it.

Upon motion of Trustee McBride, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board authorized the vouchers submitted to be paid as follows:

General	\$7,487.34
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Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions regarding the February 1, 2021 minutes. There were none. Upon motion of Trustee McBride, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board the minutes from February 1, 2021 were approved.

ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS

Attorney Allan stated that the site plan to review for Camillus Mills Phase II could be held at the Regular Meeting on March 15, 2021 and he will have enough time for the notice in the newspaper. SOCPA responded and they had no issues with the plan.

Attorney Allan requested Executive Session when you are done with the Regular Meeting. No action will be taken in Executive Session, but he thinks because of ZOOM we should put a time limit about five minutes on Executive Session so if anyone from the public wants to rejoin the meeting they will be able.

Trustee McBride asked about the sidewalk on Elm Street. Mayor Waterman stated from the house next door to Trustee McBride's all the way to the intersection of Genesee Street the sidewalk is slanting toward the road and is perilous to walk especially in the winter. On the

Five-Year Plan he would like to replace Maple Drive with Elm Street sidewalk. We should put a guard or fence for safety. Trustee McBride stated that New York State should take some responsibility for this. When New York State put rip rap on the bank they caused this issue. Mayor Waterman stated he would be happy to go speak with Dave Smith.

Attorney Allan asked what this area was before New York State repaved NYS Route 174. Trustee McBride stated there was about one foot of grass next to the sidewalk before the bank gradually sloped to the road. New York State widened the road and put the rip rap in because the bank was steeper. Over the years the bank is settling and now it has undermined the sidewalk.

Attorney Allan stated we can put New York State on notice. This would be a failure to maintain their street. We can just send a letter. If you have a defect in a street you have to advise them in writing.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Eckert stated there is a pothole in front of 3 Main Street, can you have Gary Martin look at it. Mayor Waterman stated there is also a pothole on Joel Lane.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved the Board moved into Executive Session at 7:12 p.m. for potential litigation, consideration for potential disciplinary action against someone who the Village Board has jurisdiction.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved the Board moved out of Executive Session at 7:17 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Sharon Norcross
Village Clerk/Treasurer