

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR ZOOM MEETING
March 15, 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 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Waterman asked for anyone who had a public comment to do so now. There were none.

Mayor Waterman stated that Tom Blair and Doug Sutherland are present for a Public Hearing for Camillus Mills Phase II.

Upon motion of Trustee McBride, seconded by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved the Board waived the reading of the Public Notice as follow:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there has been presented to the Village of Camillus, New York, on January 29, 2021, an application for Site Plan Review of the Camillus Mills Phase II and III development project creating a mixed use commercial and residential building having approximately 60,000 ± square feet and a primarily commercial building having approximately 7,200± square feet (the “Project”).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Village Board of Trustees (“Village Board”) declared itself lead agency and determined that the proposed action is a Type I Action, thus beginning the environmental review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Village Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Project relating to all site plan and SEQRA issues at Village Hall located at 37 Main Street in the Village of Camillus on March 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time all persons interested will be heard. All Project materials and 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 Board of Trustees either before or at the hearing.

If the present Orders of the New York State Governor concerning the COVID-19 pandemic are not lifted prior to that time, the meeting shall be conducted remotely by Zoom,

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>.

February 5, 2021

RICHARD A. WATERMAN, MAYOR
Village of Camillus

Upon motion of Trustee Eckert, seconded by Trustee McBride and unanimously approved the Board moved to open the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m.

Mr. Tom Blair addressed the Board with possible procedures for this project. He thanked the Board for holding this Public Hearing. They are trying to work through the process of SEQRA and Site Plan Review and hopefully get local approve to begin Phase II and Phase III. The SEQRA process with the Village Board acting as lead agency completing Part 2 and Part 3 of the FDAF at its earliest possible meeting. After that meeting for the Site Plan Review. He recommended that after the Board hears from Mr. Sutherland and Mr. Blair to continue the Public Hearing to the next Board meeting. They will help draft a Notice advertising that the Public Hearing will be continued. Also, announce that all SEQRA matters will be eligible to be heard. At the continued Public Hearing you would be working through any comments on the SEQRA, work through the Part 2 and fill out all the questions. Then close the Public Hearing and vote on the Site Plan. He stated that Lead Agency notices have to be sent to all potential involved agencies. These agencies should have the option to challenge the Village for becoming the lead agency. They have up to 30 days to respond. He will supply all the addresses necessary. These letters will have to go out by March 19 to give the agencies 30 days to April 19, 2021 to respond. He stated he would be happy to assist Attorney Allan in any way.

Ashley Anderson from Keplinger Freeman Associates joined the meeting to display the Site Plan of Phase II. There is a nearly full basement with 46 parking spaces from Genesee Street extending north. Originally the roof was to be pitched but the design has since been changed to reflect a flat roof. The building will have three occupied floors. The area is in a flood zone so the building needed to be elevated enough to be out of the flood plane of Nine Mile Creek. Because the building had to be raised anyway, they decided to put parking underneath. There are a series of balconies on the side of the building. The building will consist of 58 apartments, 60% one bedroom apartments, 40% one bedroom and a den or two bedroom apartment. Rent will start at \$650 to \$1000 per month. This project is a fourteen million dollar investment.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee McBride and unanimously approved by the Board to extend the Public Hearing to April 19, 2021 for the purpose of continuing the Site Plan review and advertise the Public Hearing for SEQRA purposes.

Trustee Eckert asked that in Phase I you originally had a holding pond which was eliminated. Will Phase II have a holding pond? Mr. Sutherland stated he does not feel a holding pond was required.

Attorney Allan asked where Camillus Mills stands with National Grid and the electric wires. Mr. Blair stated they worked with Bill Reagan and National Grid and it looks like they will be

fully compliant with NFPA 14 fire code by providing signage warning people “Don’t set up your trucks, these are high voltage wires.” We would do a premises history notification to 911 so if a call went out to the address 911 would notify the responding units that there are distribution wires.

Mayor Waterman stated the next meeting will be April 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. and it was decided the meeting would be on Zoom as he will be out of town.

A Public Hearing needs to be scheduled for the Zoning Board and Planning Board meetings for the purpose of 107-109 Glade Ridge Court. Attorney Allan stated the owner of 107-109 Glade Ridge Court would like to sub-divide the property to build two patio homes which will require a side yard setback. A 5 day notice is required for both meetings and this can be scheduled for Thursday March 25, 2021. The meeting requires three Village Board members and two members of the Zoning Board. The in-person meetings will begin at 4:00 p.m. Trustee McBride asked if there was any feedback from the neighbors on Glade Ridge. Ms. VanGelder stated Jim, on the Zoning Committee and neighbor, has been apprised of the setback request but no one has given an opinion at this time. Several properties have gotten setbacks including Mr. Miller’s.

Mayor Waterman stated he received a proposal for LED lights in the Village at a cost of \$2,752.00. Trustee Eckert remembered the Board discussing replacing the bulbs in the Village ourselves for a lot less and this was mentioned by SmartWatt. Mayor Waterman stated the Village will replace the bulbs ourselves. Trustee McBride suggested there might be a rebate through National Grid. Mayor Waterman will check with Jim Gorman.

Mayor Waterman stated we had a demo Christmas wreath in the Village hall for viewing. The wreath the Village is looking to purchase are 50” with three candelabras, small LED lights, 2 bows, and three pinecones. The cost is \$500 each for 20 with a total cost of \$10,000, includes delivery, will arrive in August, and requires a \$5,000.00 down payment. These wreaths will fit on the current brackets and this bid is the least expensive of three bids as the other two bids did not include shipping.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved the Board authorized the purchase of 20 wreaths from Downtown Decorations at a cost of \$500 each for a total of \$10,000.

Gary Martin is retiring June 1, 2021. Mayor Waterman stated we will be advertising for another employee. Trustee Eckert stated the Village had discussed hiring a part-time employee at one time. Mayor Waterman stated Jason and Andrew feel a full time person is needed.

Mayor Waterman discussed summer decorations and the possibility of adding hanging self-watering hanging baskets in the Village. There is a company in Auburn that sells self-watering baskets which last approximately three weeks, Trustee McBride asked if the flags could still be hung with the baskets. Mayor Waterman stated they would need a separate hanger. A discussion was had regarding ground pots and hanging baskets. Mayor Waterman will get some samples and get back to the Board. Mayor Waterman asked about removing the trees on Main Street. Trustee McBride stated some of the trees are dying but he feels there needs to be some

kind of shrubbery. Bill Morse suggested calling Cornell Cooperative Extension for guidance on a tree that will not get too big.

Mayor Waterman stated the Village received a letter from Mike Curry, owner of the property by the expressway which resulted in flooding on Joel Lane this past year, stating that he became aware that the meeting Minutes dated May 18, 2020 indicated that Chester Brozdeck of 116 Joel Lane stated “he also has pictures of Mr. Curry moving survey markers and he feels that he has encroached on his land”. Mr. Curry stated in his letter that it is illegal to move or alter survey markers in New York and to his knowledge, all survey markers that existed when he and his daughter purchased the property are still in place and undisturbed from where they were positioned by the Leer Land Surveyors with the exception of the iron pipe at the north west corner of lot 31, Gravante, which was inadvertently removed during the removal of the rear fence line by persons employed by the owner of lot 31 or her representatives. The understanding is that Mr. Curry is wanting to clear his name. Attorney Allan stated this is not really a Village issue.

Mayor Waterman stated regarding 1 Genesee Street, he and Bill Reagan called Wells Fargo through Joe Neary in Senator Schumer’s office. Mr. Neary stated Wells Fargo highlighted NYS stay on foreclosures as the main reason they have not closed on the property however if they had permission from the borrower that they wanted Wells Fargo to proceed they could foreclosure. Further discussion was had regarding 1 Genesee Street. Attorney Allan felt the bank should be handling the foreclosure request. There are potential surcharges if the owner signs off on a foreclosure which Attorney Allan does not want the Village to be involved in. There was a question as to whether the property is a historical property. Mr. Reagan will contact Wells Fargo and try to gain entry into 1 Genesee Street with the purpose of assessing the condition of the property.

CAMILLUS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief McBride stated it has been relevantly quiet with three EMS calls, two fire calls, and no car accidents.

Discussion was had regarding a fundraiser and the fire department has entertained ideas for a drive thru dinner or a Boot Drive.

Chief McBride stated he has an application for Nicole Allen for Interior Firefighter. She is transferring from Elbridge fire department to the Camillus fire department and is looking for a residence in Camillus. Ms. Allen has Interior and Exterior fire fighter training and is currently in EMT class.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Raichlin and approved by the Board to approve Nicole Allen as a member of the Camillus Fire Department.

The voting was as follows:

Richard Waterman	Mayor	Yes
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Martin Rinaldo	Trustee	Yes
Ann Eckert	Trustee	No
Michael McBride	Trustee	Yes
Brian Raichlin	Trustee	Yes

The motion was duly approved.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Bill Reagan stated he has been working with Camillus Mills. He also stated he did not find 1 Genesee on the National Historic Registry.

ENGINEERING

Mr. William Morse, WM Engineers, stated Christopher Community hired a company to televise the sewer coming down Genesee Street. There are several manholes that are paved over. Between two of them they could not get pass the manhole. He talked to the contractor from Christopher Community today. They are going to uncover the manholes and raise them up. They will have the televising company come back to televise the section that they could not see before. There is one manhole that Christopher Community will have to repair and they will know if there are any further problems in that one run. Once they complete televising they will be able to locate the last manhole they will have a good distance in both directions. Then the Village will be able to maintain the sewer lines. They will have to do an offset project as well.

Mr. Morse stated that regarding paving of Genesee Street, Ilana Cantrell from Onondaga County called him back. He explained to her that the Village was not using Community Development money for the section of the project that was not in the floodway. She suggested he speak to Marty Skahen. He will talk to him tomorrow.

Mr. Morse stated that Trustee Eckert asked about the pond at Camillus Mills. He said that in Phase I they did not need a pond. He has their new Storm Water Protection Plan and he will be sure they will meet the right number.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions regarding the vouchers. Trustee Eckert asked why the Fire Department purchased another Dash Cam. They had just purchased two dash cams prior to this purchase. Also, why did the department purchase four magnets for the vehicles. Also, why would they purchase a PS4 game council. Trustee McBride stated this was brought up at prior meetings. Trustee Eckert stated she feels this should come out of their 2% money along with the tee shirts that they are planning to purchase. Mayor Waterman stated he did not know the answers to these questions and Chief McBride went on a fire call. He will look into this and call her back.

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

General	\$45,964.33
Trust and Agency	\$ 494.34

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions regarding the March 1, 2021 minutes. Trustee Eckert stated the address of one of the applicants was missing in the minutes. The clerk will correct this error. Upon motion of Trustee McBride, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board the minutes from March 1, 2021 were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee McBride asked if Mayor Waterman had a chance to speak with NYS DOT regarding Elm Street. Mayor Waterman stated he has not had a chance.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Eckert stated there will be no Memorial Day Parade this year. There will be a few ceremonies at Gillie Lake and Maplewood Cemetery.

Trustee Raichlin asked about where we stand on the repairs to the fire station. Mayor Waterman stated he spoke with John Manion regarding this grant. He stated that at beginning of May we should get a resolution on this grant. Mayor Waterman stated he spoke with John DeFrancisco about this grant and he did not think we would get this money.

Trustee Raichlin stated the railing at the fire station is falling down. Mayor Waterman stated he will talk with Chief McBride about this railing.

Carrie Grooms thanked the Camillus Fire Department and also the Methodist Church for their assistance in allowing the Girl Scouts to sell cookies from the fire station.

Mayor Waterman stated that on Thursday, March 25, 2021 there will be having a combination Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Board meeting of the Village of Camillus at 4:00 p.m.

Trustee Raichlin asked about the meeting with County Executive Ryan McMahon. Mayor Waterman stated last Friday at 11:30 there was a ZOOM meeting about the stimulus money that we are going to get. The information was very sketchy. We should get a portion of the Town's allocation based on population. The Town of Camillus is getting \$2.4. Ryan McMahon stated there were a lot of strings attached to spending this money.

Upon motion of Trustee McBride, seconded by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

Sharon Norcross
Carrie Grooms