**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING**

**March 3, 2025**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allan

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton 5 people in attendance

Mayor Waterman opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The next Board meeting is March 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

**Camillus Fire Department**

Chief Fred Isgar stated the Camillus Fire Department has had 79 alarms since January 1, 2025. Squad 6 was in for annual service and brakes. Construction at the fire department is 99% complete. The fire department had 32 fluorescent bulbs not working, so the fire department changed out all 160 bulbs for LED lights and hope the change will save money in the future.

The fire department is having a corned beef dinner on March 16, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. until sold out. There is a CPR class being given at the fire department tonight at 7:00 p.m. for any Board members wanting to attend. The radios have all been updated. Chief Isgar thanked the Village DPW for their exceptional plowing work this season. Chief Isgar asked when they would have the current budget information. The Clerk stated the accountant was expected tomorrow. Once the accountant has completed her part, the clerks must close and open the books before beginning the reconciliations for 2025. If all goes well, the 2024 budget information and 2025 reconciliations will be complete by the end of the month.

Chief DiFabio updated the Board members about an informational meeting he attended regarding the V-FIRE $90,000.00 grant. The grant recipients were told this is a reimbursement grant and funds will not be paid directly to the contractor as the Board was originally told. A lengthy discussion was had regarding the MWBE 30% requirement and need for a waiver as well as the Village Board would need to approve the contractor, put the Vehicle Exhaust System out for bid, and copies of the grant will need to be in the Village office for accounting purposes. Chief DiFabio will provide Attorney Allan and the Board with a copy of the grant application electronically signed by Mayor Waterman.

Mayor Waterman stated BOCES had sent contracts for the fire department and Village to renew service for 2025. Chief Isgar stated the fire department will not sign the contract until BOCES sends someone out to help them access their email. The fire department has been asking for access to their emails for two and a half years. Chief DiFabio will call Ray at BOCES.

Mayor Waterman will be arranging a meeting after 4:00 p.m. to go over the service awards with Solvay Bank and at least one Chief. NYCLASS brought in over $21,0000 in interest in 2024 and over $4,000 for the fire department.

**Code Enforcement**

Code Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan stated during February, the Village had no building permits issued, 4 construction inspections, 4 fire inspections, 10 notices and letters, and 25 miscellaneous actions. Mayor Waterman read a letter sent from Attorney Allan to 6 Elderkin regarding the condition of the sidewalk in front of their home. Mayor Waterman read a letter

sent from Code Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan to Doug Shepherd regarding the Villager Apartment dumpster enclosure and a letter from Attorney Allan to the Villager Apartment property owner.

**Engineer Report**

Engineer Bill Morse stated the plans from Byrne Dairy were updated but the stream cross section needs to be corrected. Mr. Morse has not heard back from Byrne Dairy.

Mr. Morse received a quote from Nick Casinella to dig up 3 spots on Elm Street at a cost of $48,500.00 per repair. The cost could be less as it was quoted to take 4 days, but Mr. Morse thinks it may take less. Attorney Allan stated the quote was addressed to the Town of Camillus and needs to be changed to the Village.

**Mayor’s Comments**

Mayor Waterman stated that the Village Board must set a Public Hearing for the 5 Year Plan and the 2025 Application for Community Development on March 17, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved, the Board moved to hold a Public Hearing for the 5 Year Plan and 2025 Application for Community Development on March 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Waterman stated the Employee Policy and Benefits had a section that referred to supplemental pay. After speaking with our insurance representative, he learned the Village does not have this insurance even though it is mentioned in the policy. The Board discussed eliminating supplemental insurance from the employee benefits policy. Mayor Waterman will continue to work on the policy and provide copies for the Board to review.

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**PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUATION**

**March 3, 2025**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allan

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton 2 people in attendance

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board, the Public Hearing to update the garbage/trash laws for the Village of Camillus which was continued from February 3, 2025.

Trustee Ann Eckert asked Mayor Waterman if he had requested quotes from other garbage haulers. He had not. Attorney Allan discussed the proposed changes to the Trash and Recycling Rules and the proposed Local Law. Mayor Waterman suggested adding “payable by cash or check” to the prepaid mattress removal. Further discussion was had regarding the 65-gallon Tipper can maximum. Jason Fudala, DPW Supervisor joined the Board meeting by phone at 6:18 p.m. The board agreed to change the 65-gallon maximum to 96-gallon maximum with a weight limit of 200 pounds.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and approved by the Board, Local Law 1 of 2025 was approved to update the garbage/trash laws for the Village of Camillus.

The voting was as follows:

Richard Waterman Mayor Yes

Marty Rinaldo Trustee Yes

Ann Eckert Trustee No

James Lighton Trustee Yes

Mark Eckert Trustee Abstain

The motion was duly approved.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and approved by the Board, the proposed changes to the Trash and Recycling Rules were approved.

The voting was as follows:

Richard Waterman Mayor Yes

Marty Rinaldo Trustee Yes

Ann Eckert Trustee No

James Lighton Trustee Yes

Mark Eckert Trustee No

The motion was duly approved.

Mayor Waterman stated the DPW truck bay Flammable Storage cabinets are rusted and have leaked. Fire Code Enforcement Officer, John Raflowski, recommended replacing them. The DPW Supervisor received a quote from Uline for $4,168,98 and Grainger for $3,305.28 for 2 30-gallon cabinets and 1 45-gallon cabinet. Grainger is less and does not charge for shipping. Trustee Ann Eckert asked if they were on County contract. Mayor Waterman will call the County to see if they have a county contract for flammable cabinets. The Board postponed the vote until March 17, 2025. Mr. Reagan verified that the container which was inside the flammable cabinet and leaking had been properly disposed of. Mr. Fudala confirmed they had been disposed of.

Mayor Waterman proposed purchasing 3 street crossing warning lights from TAPCO. There is only 1 vendor who produces these street crossing warning lights. The cost is $30,465 for 3 and would come from CHIPS. Attorney Allan stated you can purchase from one vendor if you have documentation there is only one vendor available. Discussion was had about where to place the crossing lights. Newport Road and across from the Smoke Shop were mentioned. Placement would be at the crosswalks in front of the Bank and across from the Methodist Church on Main Street.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board, the purchase of 2 TAPCO street crossing warning lights was approved for purchase.

Mayor Waterman stated he received an email from Michelle Edinger, Onondaga County Board of Elections, asking if the Village would like a Republican caucus. The Board stated this was not necessary.

Discussion was had regarding the NYSERDA $10,000 grant. Mayor Waterman stated he received an email stating the approval for garage doors was in error and we are starting over and trying to decide what to purchase, within the requirements, for the additional $6,700 not spent.

Mayor Waterman met with Troy Waffner, County Planning, to discuss the trail to Marcellus and the possibility of getting grants for the trail. Mr. Morse asked about the possibility of funding through the Erie Canal System.

The DPW would like to replace the Freightliner with a smaller snowplow truck. We currently owe 3 payments totaling $44,890 without interest and Jason thinks we could get $100,000 for the Freightliner. Mayor Waterman stated he called USDA to find out about funding and was told to submit an application, but they were not sure if there was funding available at this time.

Mayor Waterman is going to Albany for Local Lobby Day and will be meeting with Senator Chris Ryan. The Village is hoping for funding for the repairing the Village Hall as well as the storage building. Mayor Waterman also requested a quote for the work on the Village Hall and the roof.

Mayor Waterman read a letter from Senator Schumer about Congressional Directed Spending Funding. Mr. Reagan asked if the trail bridge would qualify for CDS funding.

The DPW Supervisor, Engineer, Mayor, and Clerk will be meeting with WEP at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday March 5, 2025.

Mayor Waterman stated the Clerks would like to be appointed as issuing agents for parking permits. This would enable the Village of Camillus to serve our residents avoiding the needing to go to the DMV or the Town of Camillus for their handicap placard.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved Carrie Grooms, Clerk/Treasurer and Sharon Norcross, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer were appointed as issuing agents of parking permits for the residents of the Village of Camillus.

Mayor Waterman stated it was time to approve the resolution for the CNY Stormwater Coalition for 2025 at a cost of $3600.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board, the 2025 CNY Stormwater Coalition was approved to be signed by Mayor Waterman.

Earth Day is approaching on April 26. The Village of Camillus pays $200 for food at Kiki’s for the Town Shop volunteers and the Town of Camillus pays $200. The Village of Camillus will provide supplies including purchasing new safety vests for the Town Shop youth to wear. Trustee Ann Eckert sent a link to the Clerk for 20 vests for $39.99 at Walmart.

The Village of Camillus received the Tree City designation for 2024, We will need to set an Arbor Day celebration and possibly use Celebration funds towards the purchase of new trees for the Arbor Day celebration, date to be determined.

Mayor Waterman stated Richard Kirk Jr called numerous times while Mayor Waterman was on vacation to complain about the car at 73 Main Street. The owner consistently parks overnight on Main Street and has not heeded numerous police warnings and has recently been receiving parking tickets. The Camillus police have been notified to ticket and tow the orange car if it is a hazard for plow trucks to maintain the roads.

**Approval of Vouchers**

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

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board approved, Abstract #5 was approved as follows:

General: $16,240.33

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions regarding February 3, 2025, Minutes. There were none.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the minutes of February 3, 2025, were approved.

**Trustee Comments**

Trustee Mark Eckert asked about the status of the homes on Feeder Bank Road, Mr. Reagan stated he was attempting to inspect 1 Feeder Bank but has not heard back from the tenant to schedule a time. Mr. Reagan stated he could cite all the violations at 2 and 3 Feeder Bank and set a date to make repairs. The Village could have the homes torn down if they are in bad enough condition. According to the Zoning Law, the property at 3 Feeder Bank needs a house on the property in order for the barn to stay.

Trustee Jim Lighton requested the letterhead on the agenda be changed to reflect the new clerk’s name.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Carrie Grooms

Clerk/Treasurer