**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**June 2, 2025**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allan

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton 7 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 16, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Christian Brunelle, Senior Vice President of Byrne Dairy, stated all the requirements involving the flood modeling have been passed and Byrne Dairy is able to move forward. The site plan changed minutely by adding a gate and entrance to the trail on the map. The gravel area is more defined. Mr. Brunelle and the Town of Camillus will work on easements for the parking area for the trail. The retaining wall in the back corner will be nine and a half feet tall. Further discussion was had about the proposed Byrne Dairy. Site plans were provided and will be available for anyone who would like to view them at the Village Hall. The future proposed trail is also marked on the site plan with future access noted. Mr. Brunelle is working with the NYS DEC on a Stream Disturbance Permit before he gets a Flood Plain Development permit from the Village and takes the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to get the Flood Plain Work permit.

Attorney Bob Allan asked what approvals have been given and what approvals are still needed. Mr. Brunelle stated the SEQR has been turned into Onondaga County Planning. Mr. Bill Reagan stated the FEMA requirements and Stormwater Management Plan need to be approved and then the site plan can be approved. Mr. Brunelle stated the Board could do a final approval contingent upon SWPPP. Attorney Allan stated we should get the approvals first then approve everything at one time.

A discussion was held regarding moving ahead with obtaining a demolition permit after the asbestos survey is completed. Attorney Allan stated he will review the file and table Byrne dairy until June 16, 2025. Mr. Brunelle cannot close on the property until he receives final approval, but he can complete the pre-demolition and asbestos survey and set closing for the day after final approval is received.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved, the Board set a Public Hearing to review the application for final Site Plan and Special Permit approval of Sonbyrne Sales, Inc (a/k/a Byrne Dairy) on June 16, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

**Code Enforcement**

Code Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan stated in May there were seven applications, and seven building permits issued, four were fence permits, and the fees totaled $432.00. There was one construction inspection, five fire inspections, seven complaints, 27 violation inspections and re-inspections, 19 new violations and letters, four meetings, and 23 other recorded actions. Eleven properties were cited for not mowing their lawns.

Chris, tenant at 13 Elm Street, complained about his landlord not mowing the lawn. He stopped by the Village on Friday about 3:45 p.m. and the Clerk sent the text about the lawn at 3:55 p.m. Mr. Reagan was on vacation and has not been able to act on this complaint yet. Chris was upset as he thought Mr. Reagan should have done something by now and insisted the Clerk had told him Mr. Reagan had sent a lawn violation notice to the landlord. The Clerk and Trustee Rinaldo stated Chris was told 13 Elm was not on the lawn violation list, but they would let the Code Officer know and was told he could attend this Board meeting. Chris would like the bank mowed but this bank has never been mowed. Mr. Reagan spoke to the owner, Will Chamberlain, before this meeting and was told that his lawn person had mowed the yard once this year and they discussed the weather. Mr. Reagan will look at 13 Elm Street and follow up if it needs to be weed whacked and mowed.

Mayor Waterman stated Yellow Hat will be mowing 53 North bi-weekly and we will add the cost to the tax bill. Michael Zappala, 28 North, still has not mowed the rear of the house. Mayor Waterman spoke to Mr. Zappala about his backyard and mentioned Yellow Hat. Yellow Hat will reach out to him.

Trustee Ann Eckert stated there was some confusion over the lawn mowing contract at 13 Main Street. She cut some of the lawn in preparation for Memorial Day. The lawn company has since learned they are being contracted again and are back to mowing the lawn. 4-6 Mechanic Street needs to be mowed.

Trustee Rinaldo asked about 57 North Street and the porch clean-up. Jason had asked Jim McBride about cleaning the porch. Mr. McBride is willing to clean the porch: 2 guys, $80 per hour, four hours for a total of $320. The owner has agreed to hire someone to clean the porch if the Village finds someone reasonable. A discussion was had about the clean-up. Attorney Allan stated this agreement is between the owner and Mr. McBride. Mr. Reagan asked about having the owner sign an agreement to put the bill on her taxes if she failed to pay for the service. Mayor Waterman will get the quote so Mr. Reagan can send it to her. If she does not clean up the porch, he will have to ticket her and charge her fees.

**Engineer Report**

Engineer Bill Morse stated Casinella will begin work on Elm Street at the end of June. He has requested a signed agreement stating they will use the County contract pricing. Attorney Allan stated Casinella could add a line to the proposal. Mr. Morse stated he has concerns about one of the three spots where there is a National Grid pole near the sewer and needs to be addressed before work begins.

Mr. Morse stated he and Mr. Reagan need to go over the revised stormwater regulations to prioritize the catch basins which will involve Jason. Mr. Morse has also been working with the fire department with specifications for their exhaust system grant.

**Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Waterman stated Attorney Allan has been working on the Employee Policy and Benefits handbook. Attorney Allan stated all the policies are being compiled into one book. Quite a few of the policies have not been updated in quite some time. All Board members were given a copy. The Clerk provided a copy to the fire department Clerk. The Clerk told Chief Fred Isgar and Chief Jim Hartford Sr about a proposed change to the Village employees working 21 hours or more which would include the fire department Clerk and the proposed Caretaker position. These employees would be entitled to health insurance out of the fire department’s budget. Attorney Allan stated he could make a change to that policy and add that it is only available to employees who started ten years ago. Attorney Allan stated he did not consider the fire department clerk when he put together the policy. The Clerk advised them to review the draft copy of the handbook as there are sections that pertain to the fire department including no smoking in the vehicles and maintenance of the fire department vehicles. Attorney Allan stated this handbook is not in final form. When this is completed, it should be kept up to date with any changes every couple of years. The handbook discussion was tabled to June 16, 2025.

Mayor Waterman stated he received confirmation awarding the Village of Camillus the CNY Community Foundation grant of $27,600 to be used to install an ADA accessible walkway from the Munro parking lot to the playground. Mayor Waterman would like the sidewalk installed prior to the July 19, 2025, Chamber of Commerce Family event. He will be meeting with Mr. Morse and Tony Ross, Environmental Paving, to go over the location of the sidewalk.

Mayor Waterman attended the NYCOM Conference and shared some of the information he learned about the rising costs of police coverage. The municipalities do not want to consider consolidation of police chiefs which means taxpayers will need to absorb the costs of increased salaries. Other municipalities pass out newsletters to their residents but hand them out multiple times a year whereas the Village of Camillus does it once. The OSHA requirements that were recently discussed for the fire departments are anticipated to be done away with as the fire departments would most likely fold if the requirements were put into place. John Mancini suggested fire departments put in one request for fundraising for the year which would include the boot drives and dinners. Chief Fred Isgar stated he did not think the fire department would have any dinners this year. Parking is a problem for many municipalities, and some are building parking garages to solve the problem. The biggest group of people complaining is usually the business owners and they and their employees are the ones parking in the spots in front of their businesses. FOIL requests are a big problem in other municipalities.

Main Street grant funding is going away as most Villages have already received it. Businesses often wait until the last minute to complete their projects. Mr. Reagan stated there is also a long delay in notifying the businesses that they were approved for grant funding and then they are often delayed because contractors are already booked.

Mayor Waterman stated the USDA grant funding is diminishing so we may receive a low interest loan and hopefully some grant funding, but nothing is definite. The truck has already been ordered but will not be in for about six months, so we have time.

Road striping should be completed by the end of the week.

**Approval of Vouchers**

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions regarding the vouchers. Trustee Ann Eckert asked about the zero-turn tires purchased from Facebook Marketplace and what they cost new. Chief Jim Hartford Sr. stated $1200.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract #11 was approved as follows:

General: $81,702.60

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions regarding May 19, 2025, Minutes. There were none.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the minutes of May 19, 2025, were approved.

Mr. Reagan asked about giving Fire Code Enforcement Officer John Raflowski a $1.00 an hour

raise as he has been here six months and is doing an excellent job.

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

the Board authorized a $1.00 an hour increase for John Raflowski effective for the pay period

including July 1, 2025.

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

Board corrected the Board meeting dates originally posted as June 9, 2025, and June 23, 2025, to

June 2, 2025, and June 16, 2025.

**Trustee Reports**

Trustee Mark Eckert stated for the past four years he has requested the drain in front of 23 South

Street be repaired. Mayor Waterman stated he will mention it to the DPW, and it will be repaired.

**Camillus Fire Department**

Chief Fred Isgar stated they have had 180 alarms this year. One member just completed Firefighter One (FF1) and three new members are enrolled in FF1. This is a blended class of hands-on and online training. Chief Isgar stated he purchased new tires for his Chief car as he has been filling the tires daily. They have one new member application for the RAM program, Grace Bosco, age 17. A discussion was held regarding Grace Bosco. The application was delayed due to lack of a social security number and has not been signed by the investigation committee.

Upon motion Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved, the Board voted to accept Grace Bosco as a membership of the RAM program for the Camillus Fire Department.

Attorney Allan requested a signed copy of the application for the Village file. The Clerk will reach out to the fire department Clerk for a signed copy.

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

the Board entered Executive Session for the purpose of Camillus Fire Department Personnel

matters at 6:08 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert, and unanimously approved, the Board exited Executive Session at 6:41 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the following reimbursement payments: Chris Schuldt $269.04, Kyle Raichlin $91.44, and Matt Mancuso $46.65.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert, and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Carrie Grooms

Clerk/Treasurer