**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**January 16, 2024**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allan by phone

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton (absent) 4 people in attendance

Mayor Waterman opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Camillus Fire Department**

Chief Fred Isgar stated that the department has had 13 alarms so far this year.

Chief Isgar stated 95% of the work on the banquet room is completed. The painting is done, the white board is completed, the baseboard is completed in the banquet room and also down the hallway. He purchased a new projection screen, and it appears a lot smaller than the box indicated. They purchased a new cart and a 75-inch television. They will put the television on the cart, and they will use it for training. The white board is a writable wall.

He has purchased two window shades, but he needs 19 more shades at $80 per window.

The Camillus Fire Department is allowing Warners to use its banquet room for their installation dinner. Camillus will be providing standby crews for Warners and themselves.

Chief Isgar stated he purchased quite a bit of food to prepare for the Tuesday and Thursday classes. If he can get the guys to cook, it will save a lot of money.

Chief Isgar stated he received a quote to add the apparatus to use key fabs on three doors and the cost was $9000. He decided to purchase keys.

Chief Isgar gave the order to purchase the PC’s. He definitely wants DART to take over the computer maintenance even though the price is $2,000 more. Chief Isgar is not happy with BOCES’s service. The Clerk reminded him that you will still need three quotes. Attorney Allan agreed that three bids are required.

Chief Isgar presented a letter from Joe DeFabio with a list of surplus equipment as follows:

Portable power unit for Amkus extrication equipment

Portable power unit for Genesis extrication equipment

Hydraulic cutter

Hydraulic spreader

Hydraulic rams (2)

Metal baseplates for hydraulic rams

Hydraulic hoses for equipment

Chief Isgar stated these items are outdated and have been replaced with two rounds of Holmatro extrication equipment. Joe DeFabio wanted any money received from these items to go toward Rescue Equipment – A3410.220.

Chief Isgar stated he had three new applications which have been approved by the membership as follows: Ian Keppler, James Darnell and Malia Everson. All three passed the background check. Trustee Ann Eckert stated that Ian Keppler did not have the background check attached. Chief Isgar stated he knows it was completed and he called Sue Hesselton for a copy.

Mayor Waterman asked if there was any reason to go into Execution Session regarding these applicants. There was no reason.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved, the Board moved to approve the application of Ian Keppler as an active member of the Camillus Fire Department pending receipt of the background check report.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved, the Board moved to approve the application of James Darnell as an active member of the Camillus Fire Department.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the Board moved to approve the application of Malia Everson as a support member of the Camillus Fire Department.

Chief Isgar asked for permission for a fund raiser on March 16, 2024 for a Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner from 4:00 to 8:00 or until sold out. Upon motion Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the Board approved the Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner as a fund raiser.

Mayor Waterman stated that on February 14, 2024 the Chamber of Commerce would like to use the banquet room for a 7:45 a.m. breakfast meeting which will be catered.

**Code Enforcement Officer**

Mr. Bill Reagan addressed the Board stating he performed 17 constructions inspections, 32 commercial fire inspections, 3 complaints, 9 violations, 12 notices and letters and 20 miscellaneous actions. He stated that on Saturday he inspected the new structure on Glade Ridge and also, he inspected the newest building at Camillus Mills. Water is connected and he would like to see the span pipes connected soon.

Mayor Waterman asked about the cars on 1 Feederbank Road. Mr. Reagan stated he has given several notices, and we could move these cars ourselves. Notices have been given to the owner of 2 Feederbank Road to remove the garage also. Mr. Reagan stated he feels we should charge a 15% administration fee as all these certified letter charges and the time to prepare these notices add up. Attorney Allan stated he will prepare a proposed Local Law for these fees if we get to that point.

Mayor Waterman stated that Mr. Paul Harvey complained about 109 Joel Lane. Mr. Valentin’s trailers are on his side yards. Mr. Valentin stopped in to say the trailers have personal items in the trailers. In our opinion these trailers are legal.

**Engineering Report**

Mayor Waterman stated he received a report from Mr. Bill Morse with a video of the sewers of Elm Street from Precision Trenchless LLC. The report stated they mailed a USB drive that showed many wyes were bad and there were a number of bad offset joints in the sewer line. If there are a couple of these problems per run, they cannot repair them and it would be just as cheap to replace the whole run. Mayor Waterman stated we should be able to repair some bad areas with slip lines as opposed to open cut. That will be on target for this spring.

Mayor Waterman stated Woodford Barns will raise houses. They gave Robin Hills a quote for 16 South Street at $224,576. Mayor Waterman called Woodford Barn and ask if they would quote Sue Walker’s house at 18 South Street and Terri LaVine’s house at 20 South Street to raise the homes and 4 South Street owned by Will Chamberlin and 24 Genesee Street owned by Jim Farrell to fill the cellars with dirt to a crawl space and raise up utilities. Then we have to go back to FEMA because these estimates are way more than the original estimates. Mayor Waterman stated he spoke to Homeland Security about just putting the utilities in a separate shed as the cost of raising the houses is so expensive.

Mayor Waterman opened the discussion of Byrne Dairy. They finally finished the process of the application to FEMA. It has been a difficult process. Mr. Morse stated it may take six months to process.

Mayor Waterman stated he will not be available for the February 5, 2024 meeting and the next meeting will be March 4, 2024 due to President’s Day. Attorney Allan will not be in attendance on March 4, 2024.

Mayor Waterman stated he has notified several business owners regarding the newest Main Street Grant to see if they are interested.

Trustee Eckert stated we really need a light at the crosswalk in front of the Methodist Church. Cars cannot see the pedestrians. It needs a light but there is no pole to install a light.

Mayor Waterman stated he is working with the Town of Camillus on the Comprehensive plan. We somehow received a grant of $30,000 to prepare this plan. Mayor Waterman rewrote the old plan and he will get this draft to the agency who will do the final update.

Mayor Waterman stated the differential went on the big snowplow and the repair was $8,000. There are only 4 more payments on this loan. When paid off Jason Fudala feels we should trade it in and purchase a smaller plow but larger than the 1 ton.

Mayor Waterman stated he has a Zoom meeting regarding blue bins. Municipalities can get a grant to purchase carts for recycling. OCCRA will stop handing out blue bins.

Mayor Waterman stated we have replaced 2 furnaces and two air conditioners. Now the furnace in the truck bays need to be replaced. He is going to get quotes on these heaters.

Mayor Waterman stated our new truck is in Auburn at MDI. It needs equipment which has been ordered. He feels the truck will be delivered in March.

**Approval of Vouchers**

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

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract #2, was approved as follows:

General Fund $112,345.75

Sewer $10,243.48

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board approved the minutes of December 18, 2023.

The Clerk stated Carrie Grooms would like to eliminate the fax line as we are only getting fax from Onondaga County Plumbing. Attorney Allan stated you don’t need a dedicated line for faxes, you can use your second line.

There is a grant for digitizing our records. One Image Integrators is the company that does this and has called the Village to try to get us to apply for the grant and hire them. They digitalized the Village of Liverpool’s records and Mr. Reagan stated he is having a difficult time finding his records. Mr. Reagan would recommend you use a different company.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board, The Board moved into Executive Session at 7:13 p.m. for personnel matters.

The Board moved out of Executive Session at 7:33 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board to continue Cody Micho’s health insurance to the end of the month.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Sharon Norcross

Clerk/Treasurer

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**January 30, 2024**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allan (Absent)

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo (Absent)

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton 5 people in attendance

Mayor Waterman opened the meeting at 4:10 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert, and unanimously approved by the Board to move to Executive Session for personnel matters at 4:10 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board to come out of Executive Session at 4:21 p.m.

Mayor Waterman called Attorney Allan to verify whether a vote was needed to terminate Cody Micho.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board to terminate Cody Micho due to inability to return to work as of January 26, 2024.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board to hire Colton Watkins as a permanent employee as of January 30, 2024.

Jason Fudala asked about health insurance for Colton Watkins. Mr. Watkins’ health insurance will go into effect on February 1, 2024.

Mayor Waterman stated Jason would like to update the bathroom with an upgrade to a utility sink and add a washing machine at a cost of about $1000. Jason would also like a shower and the best place to put a shower would be upstairs. This is a one-piece shower and Jason will get quotes.

Trustee Lighton asked about the need for a shower upstairs. Trustee Ann Eckert stated the Town does have a shower and she has had to use it in the past. The Clerk asked if people shower after hours. Trustee Ann Eckert stated she has a lock on the door and has showered during the day. Mayor Waterman suggested Mr. Mike’s for a washer. The Clerk asked if the shower would be in the closet or the room. It would be in the closet. Mayor Waterman stated the VFW will need to revise the items stored in the room. Trustee Lighton asked if there would be any Codes issues. Mayor Waterman stated Mr. Reagan’s mother passed recently. Trustee Rinaldo installed a new blind for Brandy upstairs.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to purchase a utility sink and washer for under $1000.00.

Mayor Waterman stated Byrne Dairy completed their FEMA application and then it went to Bill Morse for approval, then goes to Bill Reagan for approval, then on to FEMA. Mr. Morse found a couple items and sent it back.

Mayor Waterman stated he attended the Marcellus meeting yesterday regarding Nojaim’s. Stewarts wants to take the space. It was a very calm meeting, but many are against not having a grocery store. A discussion was had about Stewart’s.

Mayor Waterman stated the Village of Camillus received a $30,000 grant from the County and the Town of Camillus received $100,000 grant from the County for the Consolidated Plan. There was discussion about more places to build as well as the possibility of sidewalks. At one time there was a planned development behind North Street that never happened. A discussion was had regarding accessing that location. Trustee Ann Eckert asked about unallocated insurance for 4 Feederbank and the storage building. The Clerk explained the County charged the Village for sewers for these properties in error. Leland Vogelsang changed from a 3 family to 2 family and there was an error on his tax bill which we are working to correct. Mayor Waterman stated there were very few complaints about the sewer increase and the Clerks did a great job explaining why the increase. Residents asked if it was one time or ongoing. Mayor Waterman feels it will be an ongoing charge. Mayor Waterman stated Derek Taroli retired. It appears we will be able to slip line a few areas and some of the work will be in the grass, not the road, which will save money.

TDK is the first to submit a very professional-looking proposal for the 2024 Main Street Grant.

Trustee Ann Eckert stated she was asked about a light at the crosswalk by the church as someone stated they were nearly hit the other night. The Town has solar lights that flash. Mayor Waterman stated the Main Street Grant will not pay for it. The Erie Canal had their light paid for by the County. Trustee Ann Eckert suggested asking Holy Family how they got their flashing light. A discussion was had about a flashing light for the crosswalk. Mayor Waterman stated the Village had funds remaining from the $70,000 fencing grant and will ask Senator Mannion if the balance can be used for safety. He had asked about using the balance before but had not received a response. The Town uses TOPCO so Mayor Waterman will call for a quote.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Carrie Grooms

Village Deputy Clerk

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**February 13, 2024**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allan

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton 4 people in attendance

Mayor Waterman opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Camillus Fire Department**

Chief Fred Isgar stated there are two outdoor free-standing lights in the front parking lot and they replaced a broken sensor, but the electrician opened the case and found it was full of water and the lights are fried. He is waiting for a quote. This is a safety concern, and the lights need to be replaced.

Chief Isgar plans to attend the Memorial Day parade meeting on February 22, 2024, and provide suggestions. He feels the fire departments should be at the start of the parade so they can be put back into service sooner as they are leaving the Town unprotected. It is difficult to respond to a call while in the middle of the parade and a safety concern as they try to exit. There are also concerns about the inadvertent use of sirens during the parade. The gun club is loaning the parade four golf carts. Ann Eckert and Sue Rogers will each operate a cart and the other two will be manned by people the fire department helps select. Chief Isgar is looking for an impartial judge for the fire apparatus. Trustee Mark Eckert asked if Chief Isgar was talking about the fire department being in front of the Veterans and Chief Isgar clarified the fire department positioning request explaining the fire departments should be closer to the front as opposed to the middle and rear as in past years. A discussion was had regarding past parades and possible changes to the parade this year.

Chief Isgar stated there have been about 40 fire alarms for the year. June 8, 2024, the Camillus Fire Department will hold a family picnic/banquet for the members, their families, and the support people. The Board will receive invitations. There will be an awards ceremony for the fire department members.

Truck 8, ladder truck, is in need of new tires at an estimated cost of $15,000 for 10 tires under state bid. Chief DiFabio stated he understands the fire department is using money before it’s given to them by the Town but it’s a safety concern that needs to be addressed. Trustee Ann Eckert asked if the front tires could be retread? She knows the front cannot be retread. Chief DiFabio stated he does not know the particulars. Attorney Allan asked what truck was next for repairs such as this and are they were making plans ahead of the repairs. Chief DiFabio stated Engine 4 is next and they are planning for next year. Attorney Allan asked how soon they needed approval from the Board.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to authorize the purchase of ten tires for Truck 8 not to exceed $15,000.00.

The truck should only be out of service for a day or two maximum when the tires are put on.

Chief Isgar stated a new EMT class has started on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The last class graduated three new EMTs.

Chief Isgar stated Scott Bealer is not charging for the baseboard work. It is his donation to the fire department.

Starting in a week, the fire department will be holding Firefighter 1 classes on Monday and Wednesdays. The next four months, the fire department will be busy with Saturday classes mixing with usage of the facilities by the community. There is a two-day Ice Rescue class coming up on Saturday and Sunday.

Chief Isgar stated he has only received one quote for the computer system. He called another company but has not received a return call. Attorney Allan stated he just needs to show documentation that he contacted the other two companies. Chief Isgar stated he would like to get the Banquet Hall floor done but not while it is this busy.

Chief Isgar is starting the process for replacing the Chief’s trucks as the final lease payment was just paid. Chief DiFabio is reaching out to the State bid to see what is left. Chief Isgar explained about the Toll Plaza bill the Village received for the trailer. A member loaded up furniture purchased for the fire department and stayed to visit family before returning home which explained the late-night return trip. Chief Isgar stated Engine 5, which was sold to Har-Rob, was recently stolen from Har-Rob and driven around with Camillus stickers. Chief Isgar stated Har-Rob had the vehicle back in their possession and was removing the battery as well as a1l Camillus signage. Trustee Ann Eckert asked if there was room in the bays to put the trailer, so it is not sitting outside. Chief Isgar stated the trailer is locked and there is room to put it inside since Howlett Hill has taken their old engine back however there are training classes being held in the bays at this time.

Mayor Waterman stated Doug Sutherland requested a meeting to discuss making the entrance to the Lofts of Camillus from Newport Road a green space with a proposed Village of Camillus sign. The pile of dirt currently on the property would be used to create this green space. If the Village approves the plan, Mr. Sutherland will go to the County to get approval, then on to the DEC to make sure they can use the dirt to create the space. The property is County property and there have been complaints about the overgrowth. There would be a good line of site, no bushes but they would also need to get approval from the DOT. Mayor Waterman asked about a trail. They will put a trail in but will not connect it on this end as they would need to install stairs and there is not a master plan to continue the trail through the Village and connect to Sims Store. They are talking about leaving a right of way to the bridge. It would probably be a macadam trail. A discussion was had regarding whether the Village needed to approve the change.

Trustee Lighton joined the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Attorney Allan stated it looked like a bit of the proposed green space is in lots 2 and 3. There was a discussion as to who would maintain the sign since it would say Village of Camillus and be on county property. Engineer Bill Morse stated the trail would go through the berm. Bill Reagan suggested a grade for the trail. Mr. Reagan compared the previous site plan to the newly presented plans and stated the only difference is more plantings and a sign, so he doesn’t see the need for a new approval. Attorney Allan stated this is not Village property. Mr. Reagan stated the Village should have everything put in writing as to who will maintain the sign and property. Mayor Waterman stated he will find out about maintenance, no site plan review needed, they should grade for a trail and the sign would be on county property. Mayor Waterman will call Mr. Sutherland to let him know he can go ahead with his plan.

**Code Enforcement Officer**

Mr. Bill Reagan stated his mom passed recently. Since January there have been 4 applications and 4 permits approved, 6 construction inspections, 1 complaint inspection, 7 violation inspections, 5 notices went out, 7 miscellaneous actions, and 1 meeting. The building permits were for $93,000 in projects and brought in $613 in fees.

Mayor Waterman asked about the cars on Feederbank Road. Mr. Reagan stated he believes there is one car remaining. He will verify this. 56 Elm Street has requested another week or two extensions for getting the vehicle off her property.

Mayor Waterman stated someone asked about putting in a driveway at 48 North Street and referred him to Mr. Reagan.

**Engineering Report**

Mr. Bill Morse stated Byrne Dairy resubmitted the study and added cross sections. It still shows a 0.03 rise after development, and it must be no rise. Mayor Waterman called Chris and they will get it down to no rise.

Regarding FEMA raising of the homes, Mr. Morse stated he has not heard back from Woodford Brothers. He has sent letters to four other companies asking if they would be interested in raising the homes. FEMA is moving on to review the acquisition applications as they have more funds available. Attorney Allan asked if FEMA goes through the acquisition process, will FEMA tear down the homes and make a vacant lot. Mayor Waterman confirmed that the space would have to be a vacant or grassy lot and they would come off the tax rolls. Mayor Waterman stated ten originally applied for acquisition but was not sure how many would follow through at a cost of 10% to them. A discussion was had discussing the cost to the homeowners for acquisition. Attorney Allan asked if the Village was wasting time and if they should be meeting with the homeowners to verify, they want the acquisition. Mr. Morse stated if the acquisitions go through there will be funds to reimburse the Village for their costs. Mayor Waterman stated he has been in contact with the homeowners and the Village is not spending that much time on this right now and there are at least two families who want their house acquired. Of the six wanting to be raised, one opted out, two of the places would not be raised but would have their basements filled in so only three would be raised.

Mr. Morse sent the televising tapes for sewers on Elm Street from Union Street to Genesee Street. Three of the sections they can do the cured in place lining for 20% of the cost at about $50 a foot. Mayor Waterman stated this repair will come out of the raised sewer fee on the 2024 taxes this year. Elm Street is the worst. Precision Trenchless said they could not do the dip in Elm Street. Tarolli’s successor needed a drawing to put together a price. Mr. Morse stated the dip is where the State put the drainage pipe underneath it and must not have filled it well enough. The dip is about 100 feet from the manhole at Elm Street and Genesee Street. Mayor Waterman stated the limit will be $150,000 between the two vendors. Mr. Morse stated we will need to do the dig up first then use the rest of the funds for slip lining. Nick from DeTarolli will need to do his part first then have Precision Trenchless come in to finish. Mr. Morse is working on the specifications and stated it will be under the County bid and we will need a DOT permit. Mayor Waterman is hoping to start this Spring.

Mayor Waterman stated he attended the NYCOM conference, and he noticed Airbnb on the list. Senator Mannion said Airbnb approached the State and wants to make a deal to cut the State and Villages in on the action. The Mayor of Plattsburg was defending Airbnb.

The new dump truck is at MDI in Auburn waiting for equipment and we are expecting a mid-March delivery.

The Garage heating system needs to be replaced. Ewald Heating suggested replacing them with new heaters or tearing them out and replacing them with heat lamps. Tom Fritcher came in and suggested replacing the system with a modern system and replacing the lights with LED lights. We recently found out we are eligible for a $10,000 grant since the solar farm we had subscribed to awhile back has started giving us a small credit on our electric bill which was the last requirement we needed to be eligible. We have applied for the grant and are waiting to hear back if we can use the grant toward lights or heating in the garage.

A discussion was had about the Camillus Memorial Day Parade and the road previously known as Bingham Place. The Town of Camillus provides insurance for the parade. The next meeting for the Camillus Memorial Day Parade is February 22.

Mayor Waterman stated the 2024 Main Street Grants applications are ready to submit and we have six businesses applying: TDK with the building next door, Bubble Up, Green Gate, 69 Main St, Danforth Building, and Todd Oudemool for a second request. Mayor Waterman will hand deliver the applications to the County.

Mayor Waterman attended the Town of Camillus Planning Board meeting, and they discussed Camillus Heights affordable housing. Christopher Community originally had an agreement with the Town to have Centro Bus make stops at this location but after it was built Centro stated they will not make a stop there which is resulting in people walking down the hill on the side of the road to the bus stop. Centro stated it was too steep and there was not a turnaround. There was talk about accessing the property from Maple Drive, but Connelly Acres would not allow it. A possible solution is a sidewalk in the side of the hill which will cost quite a bit to put in and is highly unlikely. Another possible solution would be for Christopher Community to ask Connelly Acres to allow access through their property to Maple Drive. A discussion was had regarding the Planning Board meeting. Trustee Ann Eckert stated she had heard Christopher Community was going to take over Union Free Apartments and it would become Section 8. Supposedly there are only a few senior citizens there and now other people are coming in. Connelly Acres has 10 more years on their Pilot program. Attorney Allan didn’t know if there were any zone codes for seniors only and didn’t think the Board would have imposed that requirement. Mayor Waterman said he was fairly certain he saw that Connelly Acres was for seniors only. Trustee Ann Eckert stated the rear building of Connelly Acres has families. John Giannuzzi, the new Vice President, stated he was going to call Mayor Waterman the next day but has not done so yet.

**Approval of Vouchers**

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

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract #3, was approved as follows:

General Fund $60,353.72

Sewer $475.25

Trust $48.50

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved the Board approved the minutes of January 30, 2024.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the Board approved the minutes of January 16, 2024.

Attorney Allan stated he will not be at the March 4, 2024, meeting.

**Clerk Report**

The Deputy Clerk asked for approval to dispose of the 2013, 2014, and 2015 abstracts.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to authorize the disposal of the 2013, 2014, and 2105 abstracts.

The Deputy Clerk stated the Village has submitted for reimbursement of the remaining $15,000 from the $30,000 televising sewer grant.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Carrie Grooms

Deputy Clerk

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**March 4, 2024**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allan (absent)

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton 3 people in attendance

Mayor Waterman opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Waterman announced that he received notification that the Village of Camillus is officially a Tree City. We received signs and a plaque stating this fact. We will be getting $50,000 in a grant for 100 trees plus a watering cart. We have to water the trees two times a week for two years.

**Camillus Fire Department**

Chief Isgar stated that all 15 sets of turnout gear have arrived, and the members are putting it into service. He thanked the Town of Camillus for the extra ARPA funds.

Chief DiFabio brought the ladder truck to get the tires and he purchased retreads which reduced the estimated cost to around $6,000.

Chief Isgar stated he gave the Village a bill from the painter for the stairwell and the doors and door jams.

The rescue class went very well last weekend. The people at the Erie Canal cooked a great meal on Saturday for the firefighters and he cooked on Sunday (soup and sandwiches). Some people from the canal participated in the class because it was an ice rescue class.

There is a Basic Interior Firefighter Operation (BIFO) class on Mondays and Wednesdays. Tuesdays and Thursdays are EMT classes along with every Saturday.

The department has had 66 alarms so far this year.

Chief Isgar stated that there was a great job done by all with the accident in the Village where the driver took the tree out. We had a great turnout of people.

Chief Hartford has been working on the gear washing room for the past four weeks. He gutted the room and put in new lighting and repainted the room. He removed the old washer and dryer that was not work and he installed a new drain which will be used for the extractor when it arrives.

Chief Isgar stated he is looking for folks who can assist with the parade and he wanted to know if they would be covered by insurance. Trustee Ann Eckert stated the Town of Camillus carries the insurance for the Memorial Day Parade. Mayor Waterman stated he will ask the Town Clerk about this insurance.

Chief Isgar stated that they would like to prepare a Letter of Intent to purchase a new chief’s car. Chief DiFabio is working with the dealer, DeNooyer Chevrolet, on this purchase. One Tahoe will move into the Squad’s position, the new Tahoe will move into a Chief’s position, and we still have the pickup truck until we are ready for that final push. Chief Isgar stated depending on what repairs the Tahoe needs they may sell it in an auction or out right. Trustee Ann Eckert stated she would like to see it go online. Chief Isgar stated they will put a reserve on the sale.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved the Board moved to allow the Camillus Fire Department to send a Letter of Intent to DeNooyer Chevrolet to secure the purchase of a Tahoe.

Chief DiFabio stated he feels that the lighting package for a new vehicles will be about $12,000.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved the Board moved to purchase a lighting package for the new Tahoe not to exceed $12,000.

Chief DiFabio stated that they budgeted $10,000 for the new extractor. The price is a little lower than expected.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board approved the purchase of an extractor to clean the turnout gear at a cost not to exceed $8,500.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board moved to approve the bill from Pitre Painting of $4650.00 for painting the stairwell, doors and door jams.

Chief Isgar stated Jason Fudala borrowed the trailer from the Camillus Fire Department to bring the mower to Cazenovia Equipment. It worked out great.

Chief Isgar stated they are planning to gut the downstair bathrooms and also upgrade the radio room which really needs new countertops plus other items.

Chief Isgar stated they will be continuing their medical education with Brian Felice, the new CME Manager who helps our EMTs. He is also a Mattydale firefighter and a city firefighter. Brian Felice will document that our EMTs have to practice quarterly and Mr. Felice will have to document yearly that they have completed their continuation education for the year and at the end of three years it should add up to a certain amount of hours. Usually, they would have to take a test, but if they have the right amount of hours and documentation they will not have to take any testing to get recertified.

They are not contracting services with Dr. Cooney again this year. Dr. Linsey Nausin will be the new medical director so the Camillus Fire Department members can practice and provide medicine.

**Codes Enforcement Officer**

Mr. William Reagan stated he had 5 construction inspections, 1 fire inspection and reinspection, 13 complaint inspections, 17 violation inspections, 1 storm water inspection, 18 letters went out, 2 meetings and 15 other recorded miscellaneous actions. He stated there were no building permits. He stated there were a couple of things that were done without a permit. He was meeting with the owner of 120 Maple Drive.

Mr. Reagan stated that 53 North Street has been abandoned forever. He is hoping it will come up for auction this fall. Mayor Waterman stated he knows someone who was interested in this house. Mr. Reagan stated kids are breaking into this house now. He feels that we need to get a professional to secure the house. Mr. Reagan stated he will take a look at this house to see what should be done.

Ms. Cheryl Rice addressed the Board to give a report about the unlicensed car on Elm Street. Her friend gave her this car and he took everything off the car. She went to put brakes on the car and there was an issue with the wheel. Her nephew knows a mechanic who can tell her if the car is fixable. If this car cannot be fixed she will tell the owner to take it to the junk yard. As soon as she finds out she will let Mayor Waterman or Bill Reagan know.

Mayor Waterman stated that Apple Auto has cleaned out the cars which he said it was a long time coming.

Mr. Reagan stated he is having a hard time getting the owner’s name from a car and a boat on North Street by from the license plates. He has sent an email to Chief of Police Michael Schreyer asking him what procedure he should use to get this information. He has not heard back.

Mr. Reagan stated that 24 Elm Street is a mess and he sent the landlord a letter regarding all the trash in the front and around the house. He told him that if he cannot get the yard picked up we will send a contractor in and charge it on his taxes. The landlord called back and asked why it would go on his taxes and Mr. Reagan stated because he owns the property. He said that he is evicting the tenant. As soon as she gets evicted he is going to paint the apartment and sell the property.

Mayor Waterman stated that Byrne Dairy is still working on their application for FEMA. In this application they have not reached the correct level for the rise. They are working on it.

Mayor Waterman stated that the Village Board will have to hold a Public Hearing for the 5 Year Plan and the 2024 Application for Community Development on March 18, 2024. He stated that the 5 Year Plan consists of the following:

Priority 1: First Street from LeRoy Street to Green Gate Lane, Rolling Hills Road and the top of Elderkin.

Priority 2: Union Street Drainage as the springs have made the sub-base very wet and soft leading to rapid failure of the pavement.

Priority 3: Nine Mile Creek Trail. The Village has had discussions with Onondaga County to help create a connected walking trail along Nine Mile Creek from the Village of Marcellus to the Erie Canal Museum. One portion of the trail would be in the Village on the Camillus Mills property. They said they would grant us an easement for this walking trail along the creek from Genesee Street to Newport Road.

This year Community Development money of $50,000 will be used for sidewalks on North Street.

The plan for CHIPS is to use the money to fix Joel Lane and LeRoy and part of another street.

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 2024 Application for Community Development on March 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Waterman stated he received a notice from FEMA regarding two grants. The first was regarding raising of the homes and the second was regarding acquisition of the homes all which were flooded in Hurricane Fred in August of 2021. He stated that he is now waiting for Homeland Security in Albany. He does not want to tell the homeowners until he has more definite information because he knows the homeowners will have lots of questions and he wants to be sure they get the proper answers. Mr. Bill Morse, our engineer, has contacted several constructions companies who raises homes. One from Pennsylvania was coming to Camillus to give estimates.

Mayor Waterman stated that the Village of Camillus submitted over $500,000 in grant applications for the 2024 Main Street Grant. He has not heard anything regarding this grant.

Mayor Waterman stated the Village has to pass a resolution to accept the 2024 F450 truck and authorized the payment for $55,000 in bond and a $20,000 grant and through USDA. He stated that the truck is in Auburn at MDI getting the final touches installed. It should be here around March 25, 2024. The loan will be 15 years and should be low interest.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Camillus, Onondaga County, New York, held at the Village Hall, Camillus, New York, within said Village, on March 4, 2024

PRESENT: Mayor Richard Waterman

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton

ABSENT: Robert J. Allan. Esq.

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Ann Eckert, who moved its adoption, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert, to-wit:

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_ – 2024**

**RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS, ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE “VILLAGE”) ACCEPTING ONE 2024 FORD F-450 XL REG CAB 4X4 WITH STEEL DUMP BODY AND SNOWPLOW PACKAGE (THE “DUMP TRUCK”) AND AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT THEREFOR.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Camillus (the “Board”) has determined that the purchase of the Dump Truck for the use of the Village for a total estimated cost of $80,000 and the financing of such purchase through the issuance of serial bonds of the Village in a maximum principal amount not to exceed $55,000 is in the best interest of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to accept the Dump Truck and authorize final payment therefor.

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS, ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK HEREBY RESOLVES (by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of such body), AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Village is hereby authorized to (a) accept delivery of the Dump Truck at an aggregate purchase price not to exceed $80,000, and (b) to make final payment therefor in accordance with any agreement of purchase and sale therefor, as follows:

Seller: Van Bortal Ford

Vehicle: 2024 Ford F-450 Dump Truck Snow Plow

VIN: 1FDUF4HN1REC20427

Final Payment: March 18, 2039

SECTION 2. It is hereby determined that the purchase and the financing of the Dump Truck constitutes a Type II Action, as defined in the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder (collectively, “**SEQRA**”), and as such, will not have a significant impact upon the environment.

SECTION 3. The intent of this resolution is to give the Village Treasurer sufficient authority to execute those applications, agreements, instruments, or to do any similar acts necessary to accept the Dump Truck and make final payment therefor without resorting to further action of this Village Board of Trustees.

The voting was as follows:

Richard Waterman Mayor Voted – Yes

Martin Rinaldo Trustee Voted – Yes

Ann Eckert Trustee Voted – Yes

Mark Eckert Trustee Voted – Yes

James Lighton Trustee Voted - Yes

The resolution was duly adopted.

Mayor Waterman opened the discussion of the heaters in the DPW truck bays. One heater is breached. He thinks they are 60 years old. Jason Fudala started getting quotes for new heaters and is looking into tubular heaters (radiant heat) which will not blow debris into the air.

Mayor Waterman stated the Presidential Primary will be held on April 2, 2024. He would like to move the April 1, 2024 meeting to 5:00 p.m. to allow the Board of Elections to set up the voting machines.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the Board moved the April 1, 2024 meeting to 5:00 P.M.

Mayor Waterman has two estimates on two windows in the clerk’s office. He is trying to get more quotes.

Mayor Waterman stated the Village qualifies for a NYSERDA grant of $10,000 and he would like to put new lights in the truck bay.

Mayor Waterman stated he attended a meeting regarding Camillus Heights. The original idea stated there was going to be bus service for this apartment complex. Centro originally said they would send a bus there but since that time they backed out. At this meeting there was a man named John Giannuzzi. Mayor Waterman stated they only way to solve this was build a sidewalk all the way to Camillus Heights. They could try to get access through Connelly Acres if Two Plus Four agreed.

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

General Fund $23,272.92

Sewer Rent Fund $ 587.75

**Meeting Minutes**

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Minutes of February 13, 2024.

Mayor Waterman stated that he called Andy Miller regarding the $100,000 refund from Pomco health insurance to remind him.

**Trustee’s Reports**

Trustee Mark Eckert stated maybe we should just knock the garage down and put up a pole barn. He would like to put this out to bid in the newspapers.

Mayor Waterman commented that to remove the asbestos the cost would be around $10,800. Mayor Waterman stated he will call Onondaga County Planning regarding this building.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton the Board moved to put the building of this building out to bid in the newspapers.

Trustee Mark Eckert stated he made a report about kids breaking into 53 North Street and he feels the police should have talked to the parents. We gave the police the pictures of the kids and the names and addresses of the parents. He will contact the police again.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Sharon Norcross

Village Clerk/Treasurer

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**March 18, 2024**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allan

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton 3 people in attendance

Mayor Waterman opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Camillus Fire Department**

Chief Joe DiFabio stated they have had 71 alarms for the year.

Chief DiFabio stated the Corned Beef Dinners went well and they made money.

Chief DiFabio stated the gear extractor was delivered.

Chief DiFabio stated that they have set up an account with Grainger and everything that they sell is under New York State contract.

Chief DiFabio stated they have removed four members – Rob & Lisa Currier, Fred Klementowski and Fred Laury. These people were probationary members so they were not voted into the department.

Chief DiFabio stated that he has one application for Sam MaxSween. Sam is overly qualified to be in the fire department. He only wants to ride the fire department when he can. His interview was very favorable. Sam works for New York State for Fire Prevention Control and trains on special operation trainings such as building collapse, water rescue and things like that.

Upon motion was offered by Trustee Rinaldo who moved for its adoption, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert to accept Sam MaxSween an active member of the Camillus Fire Department subject to the committee signing all the paperwork. The voting was as follows:

Richard Waterman Mayor Voted – Yes

Martin Rinaldo Trustee Voted – Yes

Ann Eckert Trustee Voted – No

Mark Eckert Trustee Voted – Yes

James Lighton Trustee Voted - Yes

The motion was duly adopted.

Chief DiFabio stated he would like to get the Board’s approval for the purchase of a 2023 Tahoe 405 SSV from DeNooyer Chevrolet at a cost of $53,911.76. This purchase is on the Franklin County Contract. This Tahoe will be going into the rotation to serve as Car 3 which he will drive. The plan is that the vehicle that Car 2 is driving will be rotated into the squad spot. They would like to start the process with Auction International. They have someone who has shown interest in buying the squad but CFD will have a reserve on the squad.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved the Board consented to the purchase of a 2023 Tahoe 405 SSV from DeNooyer at a cost of $53,911.76.

Chief DiFabio stated Squad 6 which has over 78,000 miles and will be declared surplus and will be sold. The vehicle that Chief DiFabio is driving now will go to Chief Hartford (Car 2) and Chief Hartford’s Tahoe will become the medical vehicle. They plan to get 12 years out of each vehicle.

Chief DiFabio stated he completed an application for a New York State Volunteer Infrastructure Grant for $90,000 for a vehicle exhaust system and he would be sending it in this week.

Woodcock & Armani has been at the fire station several times in an attempt to repair the heaters in the truck bay. They said 7 of the 10 heaters are working. Mayor Waterman stated you should probably call them to get a quote on 3 new heaters.

Mayor Waterman stated he met with Tony Ross regarding an estimate for the Community Development project. This year we are replacing sidewalks on North Street for $50,000 for as many sidewalks as we can.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the Board opened the Public Hearing for the Community Development application and Five-Year plan.

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**March 18, 2024**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allan

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton 3 people in attendance

Mayor Waterman opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**2024 CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITIY 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 on March 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the Village of Camillus 2024 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 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.

March 4, 2024

RICHARD WATERMAN

Mayor, Village of Camillus

Mayor Waterman asked if everyone saw the Five-Year Plan for 2024. He stated he filed the form for the 2025 construction season. He would like to mill and pave Rolling Hills Road for $20,961, First Street from Green Gate Lane to Newport Road for $44,943 and Elderkin Avenue from 31 Elderkin Avenue to Rolling Hills Road for $18,394 which comes to a total of $84,299 of which $50,000 will come from Community Development and $34,299 which will come from CHIPS. We are not sure how much we will get from CHIPS. This year we are going to use the CHIPS grant to mill and pave Joel Lane for $24,291 and LeRoy Street from Genesee Street to First Street for $13,600 which comes around $40,000. There is a question if the Governor will cut this money or not? He feels that by that time all the roads in the Village will be completed and we will have to start over again.

A discussion was had regarding Nova Chip which is supposed to last longer than asphalt.

Mayor Waterman reviewed a check list which you have to have with your Community Development application.

1. The Five-Year Plan with board authorization.
2. Documentation of benefit to low income people.
3. Leverage of local dollars;
4. Documentations of public hearing, both the advertisement and minutes;
5. Resolution of town or village board authorizing the application;
6. Map locating the project;
7. Photographs of your project area;
8. If you submit more than one application, you should indicate your priorities if you

include an explanation of your priorities; and

1. You may either submit one paper copy of each project application or e-mail your complete application(s) to [michaellaflair@ongov.net](mailto:michaellaflair@ongov.net)

Mayor Waterman asked the Board if there were any questions regarding the Community Development application and the Five-Year Plan. There were none.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the Board closed the Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved the Board moved to approve the Consolidated Five Year Plan – 2024 as follows:

County of Onondaga Community Development Division

**Village of Camillus**

**Consolidated Five Year Plan – 2024**

**Road Improvements – Various Streets**

First Street from Leroy Street to Green Gate Lane Street carries traffic to Munro Park, the Union Free School Apartments, and the Camillus Senior Center, along with the residential area to the east. The road surfaces are starting to deteriorate badly in a number of areas, especially near the corner of First Street and Green Gate Lane and the corner of First Street and Leroy Street.Elderkin Avenue was reconstructed in 1998 and has not received attention since. The eastern end was recently resurfaced but the western end is badly distressed and needs to be resurfaced. The adjacent Rolling Hills Road also has numerous potholes and badly deteriorated pavement and should be resurfaced.

**Union Street Drainage**

Because Union Street is built on the side of a hill, there are springs that make the road sub-base very wet and soft on the uphill side of the road during the spring, leading to rapid failure of the asphalt pavement, There is an existing drainage pipe along this side of the road, but the pipe is deteriorated and the drainage was not originally built with perforated pipe to intercept the springs. This project would replace the deteriorated drainage with new drainage featuring perforated pipe in a crushed stone envelope along the high side of the road to keep the road sub-base drier during the spring and reduce the rapid deterioration of the pavement.

**Nine Mile Creek Trail**

The Village has had discussions with Onondaga County to help create a connected walking trail along Nine Mile Creek from the Village of Marcellus to the Erie Canal Museum. There are two sections of the trail within the Village. One portion of the project would create a trail along the creek from Main Street to Newport Road. The project would be done in conjunction with the second phase of development of the Camillus Mills project. That phase is nearing completion so construction of this portion of the trail can start soon.

A second portion of the trail improvements would widen and resurface the existing trail from the end of Feeder Bank Road south to the Village Line. The City of Syracuse may be using a portion of the trail for access during a proposed water transmission main replacement project in the next few years, so this project would not commence until that project is completed or abandoned.

A motion was offered by Trustee Rinaldo who moved for its adoption, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert to authorize WM Engineering to prepare and submit the 2024 Funding Application for $50,000 to mill and pave Rolling Hills Road, First Street from Green Gate Lane to Leroy Street, and Elderkin Avenue from 31 Elderkin Avenue to Rolling Hills Road, and approve the Consolidated Five-Year Plan - 2024. The voting was as follows:

Richard Waterman Mayor Voted – Yes

Martin Rinaldo Trustee Voted – Yes

Ann Eckert Trustee Voted – Yes

Mark Eckert Trustee Voted – Yes

James Lighton Trustee Voted - Yes

The motion was duly adopted.

Mayor Waterman stated that the new dump truck was delivered early. You have already passed a resolution agreeing to apply for a grant of $25,000 and bond for $55,000. The bonding attorney prepared another resolution that has to be passed to approve the issuance and sale of $55,000 serial bonds to finance the purchase of the 2024 FORD F-450 XL dump body and snowplow. Mayor Waterman stated that the term of the loan is 15 years and the principal payment will be $3,667. If need be the Village may pay off the loan easily. At this time the rate is 3.625% but we are not sure if this is going to be the final rate.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Camillus, Onondaga County, New York, held at the Village Hall, Camillus, New York, within said Village, on March 18, 2024:

PRESENT: Mayor Richard Waterman

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Rinaldo, who moved its adoption, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert, to-wit:

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_ – 2024**

**RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS, ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE “VILLAGE”) SETTING FORTH THE DETAILS OF THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF $55,000 IN SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF ONE** **2024 FORD F-450 XL REG CAB 4X4 WITH STEEL DUMP BODY AND SNOWPLOW PACKAGE (THE “DUMP TRUCK”).**

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Camillus, County of Onondaga, State of New York, held on September 18, 2023, said Board of Trustees authorized the issuance of a Bond and granted to the Treasurer pursuant to Section 50.00 of the Local Finance Law, the power to prescribe the terms, form and content of a Bond, which authority is still in full force and effect and has not been modified, amended or revoked; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees now wish to fix the details of the Bonds to be issued pursuant to the foregoing resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS, ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK HEREBY RESOLVES (by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of such body), AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. In accordance with such authority, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 62.10 of the Local Finance Law, the Village has authorized the issuance of a Bond, as hereinbelow stated, and prescribed the terms, form and contents thereof, which Bond is to be issued for the purchase of a 2024 F-450 Dump Truck.

SECTION 2. The Bond authorized hereunder is hereby designated as a “qualified tax-exempt obligation” as such term is defined in Section 265(b)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”). The Village of Camillus reasonably anticipates the amount of qualified tax-exempt obligations which it will issue during calendar year 2024 does not exceed $10,000,000 and the Village of Camillus has not and will not designate more than $10,000,000 of the obligations issued by it during calendar year 2021 as “qualified tax-exempt obligations”;

SECTION 3. The Bond authorized hereunder is not a renewal for, and is not issued in anticipation of, the issuance of a General Obligation Bond for an assessable improvement. There is not currently outstanding any bond anticipation notes or renewals thereof which have been issued in anticipation of this sale of said Term Bond;

SECTION 4. Notice of Permissive Referendum was duly published in The Post-Standard on September 26, 2023. More than 30 days have passed since the date of publication and no request for a referendum has been received.

SECTION 5. The material terms of the Bond to be issued hereunder are as follows:

Date of Issuance: April 11, 2024

Maturity Date: April 11, 2039

Total Amount Authorized: $55,000.00

Rate of Interest: To be determined by USDA

Payment Schedule: See attached

SECTION 6. The Village of Camillus represents and covenants that:

(a) no more than ten percent (10%) of the proceeds of the issue are to be used for any “private business use,” as defined in Section 141(b)(6) of the Code; and

(b) the payment of the principal of, or the interest on, no more than ten percent (10%) of the proceeds of the issue are directly or indirectly (1) secured by any interest in (i) property used or to be used for a private business use, or (ii) payments in respect of such property, derived from payments in respect of such property, or (2) to be derived from payments in respect of property, or borrowed money, used or to be used for private business use;

SECTION 7. The Village of Camillus represents and covenants that by taking into account only (x) the proceeds of the issue which are to be used for any private business use which is not related to any governmental use of such proceeds, (y) the “disproportionate related business use proceeds,” as defined by Section 141(b)(3)(B) of the Code, of the issue, and (z) payments, property and borrowed money with respect to any use of proceeds described in (x) or (y),

1. no more than five percent (5%) of the proceeds of the issue are to be used for any “private business use,” as defined in Section 141(b)(6) of the Code; and

(b) the payment of the principal of, or the interest on, no more than five percent (5%) of the proceeds of the issue are directly or indirectly (1) secured by any interest in (i) property used or to be used for a private business use, or (ii) payments in respect of such property, derived from payments in respect of such property, or (2) to be derived from payments in respect of property, or borrowed money, used or to be used for private business use.

SECTION 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mayor Waterman stated that we have to pick a resolution for the contract for Tompkins County Consortium. Attorney Allan recommended the following resolution.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the Board approved the following resolution as follows:

**Approval of the 2024 Amendment to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement for the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium**

WHEREAS, the Village of Camillus is a Participant in the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium, a municipal cooperative organized under Article 47 of the New York Insurance Law, and

WHEREAS, the municipal participants in the Consortium, including this body, have approved and executed a certain Municipal Cooperation Agreement, and

WHEREAS, Article 47 of the New York Insurance Law and the rules and regulations of the Ner York State Department of Financial Services set forth certain requirements for governance of municipal cooperatives that offer self-insured municipal cooperative health insurance plans that requires any amendments or restatements thereto, shall be subject to Board review and upon acceptance of any new Participant hereafter, and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Cooperative Agreement requires that amendments to the agreement be presented to each participant for review and adopted by a majority vote by its municipal board, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Camillus is in receipt of the proposed amended Agreement and has determined that it is in the best interest of its constituents who are served by the Consortium to amend the Agreement as set forth in the Amended Municipal Cooperative Agreement, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that upon receipt and review of the amended Agreement, the Village of Camillus approves at a meeting of the governing body held on March 18, 2024 and authorizes the Chief Elected Official to sign the 2024 Amendment to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement of the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium as recommended by the Board of Directors.

**Engineering Report**

Mr. William Morse, Village Engineer, stated that Byrne Dairy has not gotten back to him on an update of progress.

Mr. Morse stated he is meeting with Molly Brown, E.J. USA, Inc. to measure the manhole covers. There are several different sizes in the Village. There are forty covers with holes in them. He going to get a quote to replace these covers. There is about $30,000 left in the Save the Rain Grant. Twelve of these covers are in the flood plain which these will be the highest priority. He is hoping that they have covers that will fit so we don’t have to replace the frames. He is especially hoping that they have a cover that will fit the manhole on Elm Street.

Mayor Waterman updated the Board on Homeland Security regarding raising the properties, there are three properties. Wolf Construction Company from Pennsylvania provided quotes for these houses. This company will contact the owners of these homes. The estimates for this is $25,200 for 20 South Street, $75,200 for 16 South Street and $36,200 for 18 South Street. There are two properties that will have their cellars filled and raise their utilities which Homeland Security called floodproofing. There are three properties that want to raise the homes. Wolf Construction supplied a checklist for homeowners to prepare the house before they start the work. The customer is responsible for cleaning out the garage and rooms over the concrete slab ahead of time. To clean out the basement ahead of time including the removal of all pipes, plumbing, ductwork, etc. that hang below the sill plate from the foundation. The list goes on and on with several items listed for the customer to complete before work can be completed. Trustee Lighton stated these items to be completed will be very expensive for the homeowner.

Mayor Waterman stated that there are ten homeowners want their homes to be purchased by Homeland Security and torn down and he wants to set up a meeting with the homeowners. They will have to get two appraisals then Homeland Security will do their own appraisal. Mayor Waterman stated he feels 1 Feederbank Road and 116 MacLaughlin are very interested. He will have the homeowners write down questions if they don’t understand this process. He will then pass these question to John Wilkinson at Homeland Security for the exact answers.

Mayor Waterman stated the homeowner would receive 90% of the appraised value. They would have to hire a company to tear down the home. Each process is very expensive to the homeowner.

Mayor Waterman opened up the discussion of the back garage. The Village stated they could receive $100,000 for the garage which was issued on September 23, 2021 and will end September 23, 2024. He feels the board should just tear down the garage and build a pole barn. This project has been put out to bid two times and each time the costs were over $100,000. Mr. Morse stated the problem was to replace the floor. The concrete pad is in good shape but if you build a pole barn you would have to dig into the floor to install the poles. Mayor Waterman stated he will ask if you can request money in pieces. Mayor Waterman stated our insurance company will no longer insure this building. Attorney Allan stated you can just say take the garage down because it is a liability.

**Mayor’s Comments**

Mayor Waterman stated he received notice from Leson Gleason from Barton & Loguidice that WII has updated their funding availability for small municipalities to qualify for enhance WII award which will fund 50% of the project costs. You may borrow $3,409,500 and then you will have to charge $210 for each sewer unit for 30 years. If the Village did borrow $3,409,500 and Onondaga County takes over the sewers our residents will still have to pay $210 for 30 years and Onondaga County will only reimburse the Village $200,000.

Mr. Morse asked if we come up with an amount that we think will fix all the sewers ourselves, maybe $1,000,000, could we get that amount of money from New York State. He feels with slip lining and not digging up all the pipe we could save a lot of money. The first thing we will have to do is televise the rest of Elm Street. Mr. Morse stated they wanted to dig up all of Elm Street which is not needed, they wanted to replace all the manholes which is a huge expense. He does feel they have overestimated the prices. Attorney Allan stated if you televise the rest of Elm Street then you would have the fuel to justify your opinion. Mayor Waterman stated that Jason has called Onondaga County to televise the rest of Elm Street. The question is will New York State not give you the grant unless you do the entire project which you should ask. Mayor Waterman will ask them this question. He feels we should continue to collect $300 for each unit and repair what we can each year.

Mayor Waterman stated Brenda Kayne recommended that in the fund balance you should have a minimum of 10%. For two years we had 7%. Last year it was 13% but he feels it was because of the ARPA money. This year it was 30% but in that fund balance we received $200,000 from our health insurance. Attorney Allan stated that if your fund balance comes from the taxpayers you should not build up the fund too much.

Mayor Waterman stated that the Village received a check for $1,000 from a rebate check from National Grid.

Mayor Waterman stated that Tim Males called to complain about the noise from the pickleball court early in the morning. The noise wakes him up in the morning.

Mayor Waterman stated we are putting up a sign that you cannot use these courts unless you are playing tennis or pickleball.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved the Board moved to limit the use of the pickleball court from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mayor Waterman will have Jason install a sign.

Trustee Lighton stated there is a large pothole Maxwell and First Streets and also West Genesee and Newport. We will tell Jason about the potholes.

Mayor Waterman stated he has seven applications for the 2024 Main Street Grant but these applications have not yet been approved by Community Development.

Mayor Waterman stated that there are two heaters in the garage. These heaters are 60 years old. They have to be replaced. We are getting quotes for $14,000 to $16,000 based on the effectiveness of the heaters.

Mayor Waterman stated he received two quotes on the windows, but he is waiting for another quote.

Mayor Waterman stated there will be a celebration for Dr. Beebe’s 90th Birthday to be held at the Sim’s Store on Thursday, April 11, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. if anyone would like to attend.

Mayor Waterman stated he is hosting a CHIPS training at the Camillus Fire Department April 5, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. and Miranda Roth from New York State will train the group. He has invited several other mayors to attend.

Mayor Waterman stated he attended a meeting in Marcellus regarding Nine Mile Creek. DEC hired Gomez and Sullivan and they were completely oblivious to the fact that in August 2021 the Village of Camillus flooded. They wanted feedback regarding Nine Mile Creek. He wrote a letter stating that the Village of Camillus has the worst problem with floods. He stated that he saw several dead trees floating down the creek which would dam the creek and create more flooding. He feels dead trees in the creek and along the shore should be removed. He stated the environmentalist will not like this, but kayakers have told him they are having a difficult time traversing the creek.

Mayor Waterman stated he is attending a meeting at the Sky Armory to get an award for becoming a Tree City.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract #6, was approved as follows:

General Fund $31,199.20

Sewer Rent Fund $ 1,523.12

Truste & Agency $ 460.75

**Meeting Minutes**

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Minutes of March 4, 2024.

**Attorney Comments**

Attorney Allan stated that Local Law #5 – Exemptions for Disabilities went into New York State incorrectly and was passed. He stated that we will have to go back and correct it. We will have another Public Hearing to correct this law and he is requesting it will be April 1, 2024 to hold a Public Hearing for this purpose.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approve the Board moved to hold a Public Hearing for Local Law #1 – Exemption limit for people with Disabilities on April 1, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Sharon Norcross

Village Clerk/Treasurer

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**April 1, 2024**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allan

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton 4 people in attendance

Mayor Waterman opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Water introduced two men, Andre Tomoroksa and Roman Batyuk who purchased 48 North Street. They would like to install a driveway. They will have to raise the sidewalk about 2 feet and slope the sidewalk on either side of the sidewalk properly with concrete. They are going to gravel the rest of the driveway. The asked if when they make the curb cut can they leave a 2 inch lip? Mr. Tomoroksa stated that there is an old concrete pool in the backyard which is now a mud pit and they would like to build a garage where it is located.

Mr. Tomoroksa stated that the road is four feet above the sidewalk. He stated that there were two pipes where water was coming out in the middle of the backyard

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved the Board moved to hold a Public Hearing on April 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. to acquire a Special Permit to install a driveway at 48 North Street and raise the sidewalk.

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**April 1, 2024**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allan

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton 4 people in attendance

Mayor Waterman opened the Public Hearing at 5:12 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert 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 on Monday, April 1, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider repealing and replacing a local law to modify the Code of the Village of Camillus to provide a tax exemption for persons with disabilities and limited incomes pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 459©.

The Public Hearing will be at the Village Hall, 37 Main Street, in the Village of Camillus, at which time all interested parties will be heard.

Information regarding the proposed local law is open to inspection at the Office of the 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.

March 18, 2024

RICHARD A. WATERMAN , Mayor

Village of Camillus

Mayor Waterman asked if the Board had any questions regarding proposed Local Law #1. There were none.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved, the Board came out of Public Hearing at 5:13 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved, the Public Hearing was continued until April 15, 2024.

Mayor Waterman stated that there is no news on the Bryne Dairy.

**Engineer Report**

Mr. William Morse stated that he purchased 46 sewer manhole covers from EJ USA. Five manholes with flanges cannot be replaced. The quote for these sewer covers is $12,247.36. Shamrock Co. is installing the five that the Village can not install. These costs are coming out of the “Save the Rain”. These covers come in the package of six and are extremely heavy. Mr. Morse stated that “Save the Rain” grant ends in June so we have to get this work completed soon. There will be about $14,000 left and he would like to use it for infiltration.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board moved to allow Bill Morse to purchase and install sewer manhole covers from EJ USA for $12,247.36.

Mr. Morse stated that he and Mayor Waterman will be hosting a meeting on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. for the homeowners who want the Village to acquire their homes due to the 2021 flood.

**Camillus Fire Department**

Chief Fred Isgar stated that there have been 87 alarms so far in April.

He stated the fire extinguishers on the trucks and in the fire station have been tested.

Chief Isgar stated the outdoor lights have been repaired and are working. There are new lights in the stairwells. They still have to change the emergency packs in the building.

Chief Isgar stated that the Erie Canal donated a large screen to the fire department for their meetings. He stated that the fire department is planning to mark the walking trails at the Erie Canal so if they have an emergency call it will make finding the person much quicker.

Chief Isgar stated that they are scheduling the annual inspections on the trucks and the ladder and hose testing in summer.

Chief Isgar stated they are going to sell the chief’s car that is being replaced and one dealer offered $13,000 and the department did not feel it was enough. Trustee Ann Eckert stated she would like the department to put this vehicle on an auction sight. Onondaga County is using govdeals which is a national group.

Chief Isgar stated that there is a trailer in front of the fire station which was borrowed for training purposes. It is a “hydraulic platform lift”. They will use it for mostly cutting with saws.

Chief Isgar stated that the SCBA compressor was serviced and there are issues with it.

Chief DiFabio spoke to Woodcock & Armani about replacing three burners.

Chief Isgar asked about the damage that Tarroli Construction had done to the grounds at the fire station. Mayor Waterman stated that he will give the new owners a call.

Mayor Waterman stated the current thinking is that the shed will be demolished and they will put a tarp on the back of the building. Then hopefully they will build a pole barn. He would like to contact Pat Scanlon again to tear down the existing structure.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board authorized Mayor Waterman to contact Pat Scanlon to tear down the deteriorated portion of the garage.

Mayor Waterman stated that he submitted six applications to 2024 Main Street Grant. He has not heard if these applications were accepted.

Mayor Waterman stated that the Village will receive a $10,000 Energy Grant. He may get new lights in the DPW. He would like LED lights. Mayor Waterman thought depending on the costs maybe we could put $5,000 on the lights and the rest toward heaters in the DPW. MD Ewald gave a quote and was the lowest.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the Board moved to order two heaters from MD Ewald for $10,000.

Mayor Waterman stated he received two estimates for two windows in the back of the building in the Clerk’s office. One quote from Pella for $6,873.00 and one quote from Comfort Windows for $5341.50. He did try Anderson Windows but no one called back.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the Board moved to accept the quote from Comfort Windows for $5,341.50.

Mayor Waterman brought up the discussion of smoke shops. He presented a local law from North Syracuse where they have five smoke shops. Mayor Waterman requested that Attorney Allan prepare a law similar to North Syracuse. He feels smoke shops should register with the municipality and also the law should include something regarding signage.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board requested Attorney Allan to prepare a Local Law addressing smoke shops including signage in Camillus and to hold a Public Hearing on May 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Waterman stated that he went to a Comprehensive Plan meeting. Onondaga County awarded a grant of $150,000 to the Town of Camillus to prepare their Comprehensive Plan. The Village will be receiving $30,000 of this grant and will have to make a contribution. The percentage is not decided yet. Onondaga County will be bidding out the cost of these Comprehensive Plan and they will select the lowest bidder.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract #7, was approved as follows:

General Fund $113,738.54

**Meeting Minutes**

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved the Minutes of March 18, 2024.

Mayor Waterman stated that Brenda, our bookkeeper that prepares the AUD, said that our fund balance should be 10% or 15% of the budget and we are fine this year.

Trustee Ann Eckert stated that the Village should not put our a sandwich sign as the Village banned them.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton the meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Sharon Norcross

Village Clerk/Treasurer

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**April 15, 2024**

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 Waterman opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Camillus Fire Department**

Chief Fred Isgar addressed the Board by stating that the By-Law committee had made recommendations for a new law regarding training requirements of officers. They have been following the procedures for the By-law. They should be ready for next month’s meeting for the Board to review.

Chief Isgar stated he reviewed the roster and the driver qualifications and the SCBA qualifications. He passed out the results of this review. He stated this is a fluid document and is always changing. There is a Junior SCBA which would consist of a firefighter who has just graduated from the Firefighter class and is becoming an interior firefighter. The Senior SCBA is an experienced firefighter.

They received shingles but had to purchase $500 worth of plywood as they are training on the “hydraulic platform lift” owned by Onondaga County for training on cutting.

Chief Isgar stated they need 12 to 15 ladder belts as theirs have expired. The cost is $325 each.

They are up to 101 alarms as of today.

The new chief’s vehicle has arrived, and they have two quotes for the striping which are being compared and reviewed.

He inspected the Camillus Mills Apartments at 52 Genesee Street and they signed up for a “Knox Box” with a master key. By using the master key they will not damage the building in an emergency.

Chief Isgar stated that they have been training 5 days a week.

Chief Isgar would like to go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discussion personnel matters.

Trustee Mark Eckert thanked Chief Isgar for the job the Camillus Fire Department and WAVES did with his aunt commenting that the procedure went very smoothly.

Mayor Waterman asked for a motion to continue the Public Hearing to consider repealing and replacing a local law to modify the Code of the Village of Camillus to provide a tax exemption for persons with disabilities and limited incomes. Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the Board continued the Public Hearing from April 1, 2024 regarding replacing Local Law #5 – 2023 at 6:15 p.m..

Mayor Waterman asked for any discussion from the Board. There was none.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved the Public Hearing closed at 6:16 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved the Board moved to adopt proposed Local Law #1 as Local Law #1 – 2024 to repealing and replacing a local law to modify the Code of the Village of Camillus to provide a tax exemption for persons with disabilities and limited incomes.

Mayor Waterman asked for a motion to open a Public Hearing regarding 48 North Street.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board moved to open the Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board waived 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 on Monday, April 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider the application for a Special Permit to install a new driveway at 48 North Street in the Village of Camillus.

The Public Hearing will be at the Village Hall, 37 Main Street, in the Village of Camillus, at which time all interested parties will be heard.

Information regarding the application is open to inspection at the Office of the 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.

April 1, 2024

RICHARD A. WATERMAN, Mayor

Village of Camillus

Attorney Allan stated that this is an application for a curb cut at 48 North Street and there is a Village law Section 94.7 that states they would need a Special Permit for a curb cut. The law states that they cannot injure the neighborhood and not create any problems. Mr. Andre Tomoraksa stated since he and Mr. Roman Batyuk were at the last meeting they contacted the neighbor at 50 North Street and they agreed that they would like to install one curb cut which would be a shared entrance between the two houses. That would allow less cars to be on the street. The curb cut would be 12 feet wide and cover four sidewalk blocks across the curb cut. There will be an eight foot ramp on either side of the driveway which will result in two squares. This would allow for a less steep incline in the sidewalk. They stated that they have prepared a new drawing for this combined curb cut. Attorney Allan stated that they will need a new application including the owner of 50 North Street, Christina Guindy. He will have to submit a new Public Notice in the newspaper. Attorney Allan would like to see a joint driveway agreement between the two parties and it will go on forever. Code Enforcer Bill Reagan stated that they will have to get the specifications from him to replace the sidewalk blocks. Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board continues this Public Hearing until May 6, 2024 at 6:17 p.m.

**Code Enforcement Officer**

Mr. Willaim Reagan stated that he received 6 applications, 4 Building Permits were approved, 8 construction inspections, 2 complaint inspections, 14 violation inspections, 2 meetings, training. There were a total of 53 recorded actions.

Mr. Reagan stated that he looked at the VW that was parked on LeRoy Street. Anything in the street is police business. He stated the inspection just expired so he will try to get the police to run the plates. He stated he E-mailed the Chief of Police but did not get a response. Town Councilman Mary Luber stated she does not think that he got the E-mail. Maybe it went into his “Spam” Trustee Mark Eckert stated he talked to the chief of police.

Mr. Reagan stated that the car at 56 Elm Street is still there. Everyone stated tow this car, it has been over a year.

Mr. Reagan stated that he would like to talk about FEMA at Feederbank Road. There is a trailer at 2 Feederbank Road which should come out. If he hires someone to remove the trailer the Village will have to pay the contractor and wait a year to get reimbursed by Onondaga County.

Mr. Reagan stated he has been monitoring the trash enclosure at the Villager Apartments and it has been fine. Today he viewed it and it was a mess. He stated today one of the gates was opened at the trash enclosure the was packed. He will call them tomorrow and tell to clean it up and if it happens again they will have to move the trash enclosure.

**Engineering Report**

Mayor Waterman stated that he had meeting with FEMA and he has a follow-up letter to the people who want their home to be acquired by the Village. His letter put the information in layman’s terms. We do have quotes for raising the homes.

Mayor Waterman stated he attended a meeting with Gomez & Sullivan Engineer in Marcellus regarding Nine Mile Creek. He sent the Board the minutes of this meeting. They came to look at the flooding problems in Nine Mile Creek. He mentioned that we would have a hazard if a tree get stuck sideways and we will have another larger flood.

There is no update on the Main Street Grant. We have six applicants.

There is no update on Byrne Dairy coming into the Village. He speaks with Mr. Brunelle each week. Mr. Reagan asked how long we let this building sit there. It is an attractive nuisance and an unsafe building. Trustee Lighton asked who would make the determination that it’s unsafe. Attorney Allan stated that the Village has to get an engineer to declare the building is unsafe. Then if the owner does not comply, we would have to go to the Supreme Court. At the very least the owner should put up signs that say “No Trespassing”. Mr. Reagan stated he will call Bill Tully.

Mayor Waterman brought up changing the Village Meeting time from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A resolution was offered by Trustee Rinaldo who moved for its adoption, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert to change the Village Meeting time from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The voting was as follows:

Martin Rinaldo Trustee Voted – Yes

Ann Eckert Trustee Voted – No

Mark Eckert Trustee Voted – Yes

James Lighton Trustee Voted – Yes

Richard Waterman Trustee Voted – Yes

The resolution was duly adopted.

Mayor Waterman brought up the demolition of the shed. He talked to Bill Morse and they plan to take the shed down. He would like to build a pole barn but cannot decide as to what type of pole barn until the shed is down.

Mayor Waterman is getting another quote from Pat Scanlon. Mayor Waterman talked to National Grid and they have to remove the service probably next week.

Mayor Waterman stated that he went to Dr. David Beebe’s 90th Birthday Party. He stated because the Beebe’s have done so much for the community, including $2M for rebuilding the aqueduct, he feels the Village should give them an award. He would like to purchase a plaque with a clock expressing The Village’s appreciation for all that they have accomplished for the Town of Camillus and the Erie Canal.

Mayor Waterman stated that the top of our building is leaking water. We got a quote from Viau Construction for $49,750. He would like to ask them to do the rim around the top of the bricks. He would like to get a quote. Mr. Reagan stated Parson & McKenna could be another lead for this work.

Mayor Waterman stated we received a $10,000 from NYSERDA for LED lights in the DPW. He has a quote from Doug’s Electric, Jason is getting a quote and Fred Isgar’s brother works at K & C Electric and is going to quote. A representative from NYSERDA will come to assess the work that we would be able to accomplish.

Mayor Waterman stated that Miranda Roth, from New York State who runs the CHIPS Program, came to the fire station and gave a presentation regarding CHIPS. Mayor Waterman invited anyone interested and several municipalities were in attendance. He stated that he learned you can spend CHIPS money on equipment.

Mayor Waterman received an E-mail from Susan Dietz. She stated she was watching her grandkids play soccer at Munro Park. She stated the fence is in bad condition. These young kids are around 5 years old. He learned there is a company charging for these lessons. The company charges Soccer Shots out of Buffalo. On the website they charge $132 for six lessons. We are not listed as Additional Insured and they don’t reimburse the Village for the use of the park. Apparently, they have been doing this for quite a few years.

Mayor Waterman stated that the Chamber of Commerce is hosting a BBQ at Munro Park on June 15, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. He decided to declare this day Arbor Day. Many organizations will have a booth including Cornell Cooperative, the Erie Canal, The Camillus Fire Department. We will need generators as there is no electricity.

Mayor Waterman asked if anyone from the public would like to speak. There were none.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract #7, was approved as follows:

General Fund $113,990.88

Sewer Rent Fund $ 8,489.67

**Meeting Minutes**

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Minutes of April 1, 2024.

Attorney Allan stated he has drafted an application for smoke shops and if the Board wants to review it he will make a copy for anyone.

**Trustee Reports**

Trustee Mark Eckert stated that the Police Benevolent Association contributed to Munro Park gave a contribution towards the playground at the last time and maybe will contribute to the new playground.

Trustee Ann Eckert stated she was talking to Christina Bella regarding the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, and she wondered what the date would be. Mayor Waterman stated December 7, 2024.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved the meeting moved into Executive Session at 6:12 p.m. regarding personnel matter.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved the meeting moved out of Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously the Board moved to adopt a change of our personnel policy regarding part-time employees working at least 21 hours per week.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Sharon Norcross

Village Clerk/Treasurer

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**May 6, 2024**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allan

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert (absent)

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton (absent) 7 people in attendance

Mayor Waterman opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Camillus Fire Department**

Mayor Waterman stated that Chief James Hartford will make the department’s presentation. Chief Hartford stated that the new chief’s car is completed and in service. He stated that all the CFD training classes will be over in two weeks. He stated that the rigs will be going out for the annual servicing. After that the hose testing and ladder testing will be completed. They are still working on a few projects.

Mayor Waterman stated that when we received our last grant from USDA they mentioned that we could include a future fire vehicle. He stated he does not know what is planned. Chief Hartford stated that he thinks they are thinking they would like to rehab the existing engine.

Mayor Waterman stated that regarding the Chamber of Commerce BBQ he asked if anyone in the fire department can cook. He has a concern regarding the food as he wants everything up to code. Also, he has determined that many members are busy as there are many activities in the month of June. He may bring it up at the Chamber of Commerce meeting to postpone this BBQ.

Trustee Rinaldo stated he and Sue Hesselton called the roofer as there was a leak in the weight room. This roof is warrantied for seven more years.

Mayor Waterman presented Dr. Sue Vickers who was concerned about the Smoke Shop. She stated she grew up in Camillus and is the Chair of the Independent Party. She lives on the west side of the village. She stated that the signage and the bright lights should not be allowed. She stated that the Proposition that was passed was confusing. The clientele that it is bringing in is not good for the business in the village. She stated that many people who moved into the Camillus Heights are from the “Bricks” and are in gangs. Sugar Rush had thefts and people will come in and scare the kids at the party. One Love Salon also may move out. She stated that the new owner of the building does not live in New York and that is against the law. The owner of Symple also is frustrated with theft.

Attorney Allan stated you have touched on many issues not all of which this board has any control. You talked about the cannabis law. The Village passed a law which does not allow cannabis dispensaries, but it had nothing to do with smoke shops. Dr. Vickers asked if the Board is aware that the smoke shop is selling cannabis at this smoke shop?

Mr. Bill Reagan, Codes Officer, stated he Village of Liverpool has a smoke shop and they had the same rumors about selling cannabis. A reporter stopped in the shop and actually did purchase cannabis. The sale of cannabis is covered by New York State Penal Law Section 222 which is a police issue. If the rumors are this smoke shop is selling cannabis, they have to provide some kind of proof to the police or the police has to send someone in undercover to investigate. That is a crime. We have no rules about prohibiting a smoke shop at this time. Tonight the Village Board is reviewing a proposed Local Law regarding smoke shops. This law will regulate the appearance, fluttering signs, how close they can be to each other and how close they can be to a school. This is on the table tonight.

Mayor Waterman stated that he talked to the police about this issue. You can go to the police and inform them yourself.

Dr. Vicker stated that the Village was coming back and now businesses are leaving. The gully is loaded with garbage. She feels the Village is deteriorating. Attorney Allan stated he does not agree with that statement. The Village is in beautiful shape. Attorney Allan stated there may be some negative impact with the new housing development but remember this development is outside the Village, the Village had no say in the approval, it is on Town of Camillus property and the Town of Camillus approved the development entirely. If you are concerned about Camillus Heights you should go to the town and speak to them.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board continued the Public Hearing for 48 North Street and open the Public Hearing for 50 North Street 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 on Monday, May 6, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider the application for a Special Permit to install a new driveway at 50 North Street in the Village of Camillus.

The Public Hearing will be at the Village Hall, 37 Main Street, in the Village of Camillus, at which time all interested parties will be heard.

Information regarding the application is open to inspection at the Office of the 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.

April 15, 2024

RICHARD A. WATERMAN, Mayor

Village of Camillus

Attorney Allan stated he recommended that you don’t take action on either one because each wants a wide driveway but the curb cut will be narrower because you will have an overlap. There will be one entrance. The applicants need to be here to explain exactly what they want. They should have a shared agreement. If they are not here to explain this, you should continue the Public Hearing until someone comes to a meeting.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board tabled the combined Public Hearing,

**Code Enforcement Officer**

Mr. Reagan stated in the month of April he received 3 Building Permit application, 2 Building Permits were issued. There was $365 in fees and $32,000 in value of the projects. He had 5 complaints, 12 new violations, 16 letters went out, 18 other miscellaneous actions. He has sent out 20 notices for mowing. He has the ongoing issue at Milton Avenue and the Villager’s Apartments with trash. The gate to the trash enclosure was hit and he has told them they may need more frequent trash pickups. He sent out a notice to the owner of 5600 Newport Road to mow the grass and remove the trash in the back. He spoke to Mr. Tully about securing the building and posted notes of “No Trespassing”. He did not realize that it is his responsibility to maintain the property. Mayor Waterman stated he spoke with Christian Burnelle and they did not realize that Bill Morse has to approve of the berm. Mr. Morse called the architect and they were going to file the revised application.

Councilman Mary Luber asked what is happening with 5600 Newport. Mr. Reagan stated that the owners of TK Tavern do not own the building, they were only renting from Bill Tully.

Trustee Rinaldo asked about 2 Feederbank Road. Mr. Reagan stated when the Village takes down the back garage they will also take down the shed behind 2 Feederbank Road. He stated that 14 Elderkin received a permit for solar panels which is unusual in the Village. The car at 56 Elm Street has been removed.

Mr. Reagan stated that he is still having a trouble with 7 North Street as he will not cut his weeds. Mr. Wagner feels it is a cultivated garden.

Mr. Reagan stated he sent a notice to Roanna Abborino at 57 North Street to cut her front yard and also get rid of all the debris on the front porch.

Trustee Rinaldo asked what is happening with 53 North Street. He stated it will be coming up for taxes this Fall. The house is boarded up, but kids are breaking into the house.

Trustee Mark Eckert asked if Mr. Reagan has any control with OCWA. He stated he has a leak from the OCWA and it is leaking in his house. Mr. Reagan stated he will call the Attorney, Jeff Brown and see if he knows about this situation.

**Engineer Report**

Mayor Waterman presented a sheet for the acquisition and elevation of properties from Hurricane Fred. He has indicated if they gave him a verbal decision or a written decision. There will be a “Brick Grant Program” and with this new grant they could flood proof the cellar and raise the utilities. Most people are opting out of the program. He is sure 1 Feederbank Road wants the acquisition and possibly 16 MacLaughlin Street.

Mr. Morse had Onondaga County televise the rest of Elm Street. There are more problems, one spot near 44 Elm Street where the pipe is collapsed and one spot near 60 Elm Street where there are tree roots in the pipe. Mr. Morse is getting a bid for the repair of this sewer line and the cap of the repair will be $150,000. Mayor Waterman stated he wanted to start soon.

Mayor Waterman opened the discussion of the demolition of the back shed. He got the official bid from Scanlon of $23,900 for the demolition, removing the bricks away and disposing of the asbestos. We have to disconnect the electricity and hire a company to mist the asbestos during removal. All the initial work should be around $30,000 which will leave $70,000 for the pole barn. He stated he talked to the neighbors about this project. He talked with Matt Ryan as we will have to go on his property and he agreed. While Scanlon is removing the back garage they are going to also remove the small shed behind 2 Feederbank Road.

Attorney Allan asked if there were three quotes for this demolition? Mayor Waterman stated that three years ago he tried to get three quotes and only received one back. Attorney Allan stated you have to do due diligence to get these quotes. If you can not get them you have to document.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved a motion was made to move forward with Scanlon if Mayor Waterman does not get another quote within five days.

Mayor Waterman stated he had a plaque made with a clock in it to be presented to Dr. & Mrs. David Beebe for all their great contributions to our community.

Mayor Waterman stated the Village received a $10,000 NYSERDA Grant for lighting for the DPW garage. We have one bid from Doug’s Electric and are getting one from K&C Electric. Jason is getting a third quote. NYSERDA sent out a person to survey the project.

Mayor Waterman stated the NYS Budget was approved for CHIPS and he feels there should be enough to pave Joel Lane. Rolling Hills and LeRoy Street. Riccelli Paving the county bidder will do the work. Mayor Waterman stated he thinks the CHIPS would amount to $58,000.

Mr. Andre Roman, part owner of 48 North Street, entered the meeting. The other owner is Andre Tomoroksa. Mayor Waterman reopened the Public Hearing at 6:08 p.m.

Attorney Allan stated there are two applications which have updated drawings since the plan to build one driveway for one parcel have changed to one shared driveway for two parcels. Attorney Allan stated the drawings showed one curb cut between the two parcels. He asked the width of the curb cut. Mr. Roman stated the curb cut for 50 North would be 8 feet and 4 feet for 48 North Street for a total of 12 feet. He asked if you have prepared the driveway agreement. Mr. Roman stated not yet. The slope of the sidewalk would be under 20%. The Board reviewed the plan. The parking spaces are not large but there is room for two cars. Once you start work you will have to get an insurance rider from your homeowner’s insurance to cover the liability because you will be working on village property. Attorney Allan stated the liability should be at least $300,000. You also need a shared agreement with the neighbor.

Attorney Allan stated that a SEQRA form will have to be completed for this project. He read each question on the form and every answer was “No”. Based on the SEQRA form the Board determined that the proposed action does not result in any significant adverse negative impact on the environment.

Attorney Allan stated that on the Onondaga County Tax Roll the owner of the property at 48 North Street is Prime Property Enterprise, LLC. Attorney Allan stated he would like to look at the deed for 48 North Street.

Attorney Allan stated before the next meeting he will prepare a detailed resolution approving the Special Permit which will include the slopes, the required insurance, a shared agreement and whatever else you may need. The shared driveway agreement will have to be notarized by both parties and brought to Onondaga County Clerk’s Office to be recorded. Attorney Allan wants to see the agreement also. He will send this resolution to Mr. Roman before the next meeting.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the Board continued the Public Hearing at 6:32 p.m.

Mayor Waterman stated that he received a call from Sylvia Pechenyy. She purchased the Gravante property at the end of Wallace Avenue and another property adjacent to this property. She called because of sewer hookup. Unless they install a septic tank they will have to tie into our sewer line. They would like to build a house on the property. Mr. Bill Morse stated because the Village DPW pushes the snow onto this land and the Pechenyy’s would have to put a hammerhead driveway so the DPW had a place to put the snow. Mr. Morse stated if they want sewers they would have to install a manhole on their property. The cost would be around $30,000. Attorney Allan stated these people will need a Special Permit to get a curb cut. Mayor Waterman stated should I call her and have her Attorney call Attorney Allan.

Mayor Waterman stated that Tony Ross will be starting the Community Development project of replacing several sidewalks on North Street at the end of May.

Mayor Waterman stated the Village did not get the Tree Grant for 100 trees.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract #9, was approved as follows:

General Fund $63,455.45

Sewer Rent Fund $18,979.71

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the minutes of April 15, 2024.

Mayor Waterman stated Catherine Hunter is still booking short term rentals at 4 First Street. Attorney Allan wrote her a letter.

Attorney Allan stated we are having a contractor take down the shed when the contractor is demolishing the garage. Mr. Reagan will send a final letter to the family of Mrs. DiGenaro.

Attorney Allan stated he gave the Board a draft of the local law regarding the smoke shop.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved, the Board moved to hold a Public Hearing on May 20, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. regarding regulations of smoke shops and tobacco retailers.

Trustee Mark Eckert asked if we could include no sale of cannabis and no use of cannabis in this property. He stated he could smell cannabis coming from the back room. He stated that the Camillus Police use CNAP from the county as the local police are known sight by the public.

Mr. Reagan stated that there is no marijuana consumption in any commercial building in New York State unless it is a cigar/smoke shop. Attorney Allan stated he is going to not grant the smoke shop “grandfather status”.

Attorney Allan stated he did not like all items in the template local law because they exempted existing smoke shops and exempted existing smoke shops for the annual reapplication process for all new smoke shops. There is also a limit that a smoke shop cannot be 1500 feet from a church. This law states you cannot use exterior attention-getting devices, including LED signs, flashing light, rope lighting, flags and banners. Mr. Reagan stated they have many signs but not flashing signs. Trustee Rinaldo asked about the hours of operations. He would recommend 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Attorney Allan stated he will continue to work on this law. When he finalizes the law he will give a copy to Dick Kirk and also the owner of the business.

A discussion was had regarding the Soccer Shots Organization. This organization is a for profit organization. They are a legitimate company. Attorney Allan stated he spoke with the local coach who told him Soccer Shots has no problem putting the Village of Camillus on their insurance as an additional insured. Also, they will pay a fee for the use of the field as they do in other municipalities. He stated you should have an agreement with this organization. Attorney Allan wants to check other municipalities to see how much they charge Soccer Shots.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the meeting went into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the meeting came out of Executive Session at 7:33 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the Board approve a raise for Carrie Grooms to $23.75 starting on July 1 as she will take over as the Clerk/Treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Sharon Norcross

Village Clerk/Treasurer

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**May 20, 2024**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allan

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo (connected by phone)

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton 10 people in attendance

Mayor Waterman opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Camillus Fire Department**

Chief Joseph DiFabio addressed the Board with a Letter of Intent to surplus the 2018 Chevy Tahoe Vin # 1GNSKFEC5KR128619. Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved the Board approved the Chevy Tahoe to be sold. Chief DiFabio stated they would like to put a reserve price of $25,000 on the vehicle.

Chief DeFabio presented two copies of the By-laws to be addressed. He stated that one is the existing By-laws and one is the proposed By-laws. Mayor Waterman stated that the Village dropped the ball on these By-laws and he promised they would be addressed at the next meeting on June 3, 2024. Chief DiFabio stated these proposed By-law address the education and training for every officer.

Chief Isgar stated they have had 134 alarms so far. He stated they had the annual building inspection and did much better this year. It appears the main hot water tank will have to be replaced soon, the sprinkler system has not been inspected for several years. There are a few preventive maintenance items to be addressed. Mayor Waterman asked if the heaters were OK. Chief DiFabio stated he was waiting for a reply for proposals regarding the three burners that were not working.

Chief Isgar stated the Boot Drive was very successful. He stated that he would like to have one extra Boot Drive sometime during the year.

Chief Isgar stated all the classes have been completed. They had five firefighters pass FireFighter 1 and two passed their EMT classes.

Chief Isgar stated that the Camillus Fire Department Family Picnic and Award Ceremony will be June 8 and he hopes everyone will come. He said bring your kids and grandchildren, there will be a bounce house and a photo booth and food and drinks for the family.

Chief Isgar stated the drill for tonight is a CSX Transportation class.

Chief Isgar thanked Trustee Rinaldo for taking care of problems in the kitchen. He really appreciates the assistance.

Chief Isgar stated they moved the bench in memory of Michael McBride closer to the fire station.

The engines will have to have the annual inspections.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the Public Hearing for the Joint Curb Cut and Driveway at 48 and 50 North Street was reopened at 5:12 p.m. Both parties signed the “Joint Driveway Agreement and Mutual Easement” and the signatures were notarized. The Village will keep a copy but the originals will have to be filed at Onondaga County.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the Public Hearing was closed at 5:15 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the Board approved the following resolution to wit:

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES' RESOLUTION**

**REGARDING**

**CURB CUT PERMITS FOR 48 NORTH ST AND 50 NORTH ST**

**WHEREAS**, Prime Property Enterprise, LLC is the record owner of residential real property located at 48 North St., tax id # 002.-01-21, and has made written application to the Board of Trustees for a curb-cut permit for the purposes of installing a driveway on and over the property's north side yard; and

**WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing for the foregoing matter having been scheduled for April 15, 2024 at 6 PM, was properly noticed and notice thereof was published as required by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Hearing was opened and conducted on April 15, 2024 and continued to May 6, 2024 and then continued to May 20, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Christine Guindy is the record owner of residential real property located at 50 North St., tax id # 002.-01-22, and has made written application to the Board of Trustees for a curb-cut permit for the purposes of installing a driveway on and over the property's south side yard; and

**WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing for the foregoing matter having been scheduled for May 6, 2024 at 5PM, was properly noticed and notice thereof was published as required by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Hearing was opened and conducted on May 6, 2024 and was continued to May 20, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the properties in question adjoin each other and, at the request of both applicants, the Board of Trustees determined to consider this matter as an application for a single joint curb-cut permit; and

**WHEREAS**, this application is of local concern only and referral to the Onondaga County Planning Agency is not required; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 6, 2024, the Board of Trustees conducted a SEQR hearing on this joint application and made a determination that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts;

**NOW THEREFORE**, following the close of the Public Hearing on May 20, 2024, the Board of Trustees makes the following findings:

* + 1. The proposed curb cut and driveway will have no negative impact on the neighborhood and is consistent with the uses of other properties in the neighborhood.
    2. The proposed curb cut and driveway, by providing off-street parking, will enhance and improve the neighborhood by lowering the need for on-street parking.
    3. Curb cut of up to 12 feet in length is granted, generally as set forth on the hand-drawn map included with the application.
    4. Approximately 1/3 of the curb cut shall be in front of real property of 48 North St. and approximately 2/3 of the curb cut shall be in front of real property of 50 North St.
    5. Any repair or replacement of the existing village sidewalk shall conform to the Village sidewalk specifications.
    6. The applicants shall enter into a bi-lateral shared driveway agreement, which shall be recorded in the Onondaga County Clerk's Office and shall run with the land and a copy shall be filed with the Village Clerk on or before the Code Enforcement Officer issues the building permit.
    7. Prior to commencing any work pursuant to this Resolution, each applicant must provide to the Village with a Certificate of General Liability insurance, with policy limits not less than $ 500,000.00, naming the Village of Camillus as an additional insured.
    8. By accepting the Building Permit from the Village Code Enforcement Officer, each of the applicants agrees to save, indemnify and hold the Village of Camillus harmless from any claims, causes of actions or damages accruing against the Village by reason of the applicants or either of them or their agents or contractors performing any work within the municipal right of way.

Attorney Allan stated that Bill Reagan will have to issue a Permit for a Curb Cut.

Attorney Allan stated that he did not make any changes to the Local Law for Regulation of Smoke Shops and Tobacco Retailers.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved, the Board moved to hold a Public Hearing on June 3, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. regarding regulations of smoke shops and tobacco retailers.

Mr. Reagan stated he would like to have a service mowing 57 North Street. Mayor Waterman will call Yellow Hat Mowers.

Mr. Reagan stated the banks of 7 & 9 North Street is now 3 feet high.

Mayor Waterman stated 10 North Street needs to be mowed also. It is not long enough to send a letter.

Mr. Reagan stated that he cannot reach the owner of 1 Feederbank Road.

A discussion was had regarding the Memorial Day Parade and accessing the Green Gate Parking area. Trustee Ann Eckert stated Bill Reagan and Mayor Waterman will have to speak with Natalia Meyers and answer questions regarding the Villager Apartment before she will allow the Parade to march though the parking lot. She stated that Captain Nightengale has some issues with the Parade going through the Villager Apartment parking lot. Mayor Waterman stated he will call Captain Nightengale.

**Engineer Report**

Mayor Waterman stated that Stephanie Winters verbally opted out of the FEMA Grant for property acquisition.

Mr. William Morse stated that most of Elm Street was televised. There was one issue that he can not find a manhole in the area of Union and Elm Street that was probably covered with pavement. Jason Fudala was going to call Onondaga County to come back and televise the line from a different direction. When he finds out the results we can get a proposal from Tarolli Construction, the county contractor. Tarolli charges by the number of days worked plus the materials used.

A discussion was had regarding Byrne Dairy. Mayor Waterman stated Plumbley Engineering needed information from Bill Morse regarding a berm. Mayor Waterman stated that the look of the building is terrible. He would like Byrne Dairy and Bill Tully to erect a large tarp advertising the “Future Home of Byrne Dairy”. This tarp would cover the gaping hole in the roof.

Mayor Waterman stated he signed the Scanlon Contract. As soon as the shed is down we will be able to see the condition of the concrete floor and if the pole barn can be built.

Mr. Morse stated the plans have been drawn up by Rich Aupperle some time ago.

Mayor Waterman stated that the Village received a NYSERDA Grant for $10,000 to replace the lights in the DPW. He received three bids as follows: Doug’s Electric - $7,500, K & C Electric - $4,250 and Ample Electric & Security $2,800. We cannot do anything until we get the results of the survey that NYSERDA had completed.

Mayor Waterman asked the Board their feelings regarding adding another holiday of June 19th for the employees. No one on the Board thought this was a good idea.

Mayor Waterman brought up the discussion of the property at the end of Wallace which is outside the Village. He stated he spoke with the new owners and they realize that they would have to install a hammer head on their driveway for the snow plow to push the snow and turn the plow around. He may install a septic system or if he ties into the Village Sewer line he would have to build a manhole for the sewer. Attorney Allan stated that the new owner may want to subdivide this property.

Mayor Waterman stated that he received confirmation that the 2024 Main Street Grant has been approved. Out of the six projects five were approved as follows:

TDK Engineering $147,190

Green Gate Inn $ 58,700

Forman (My Town Realty) $ 33,000

The Danforth Building $227,500

Olympus $140,000

Bubble-Up Car Wash Denied

Mayor Waterman stated these projects have to be completed by December 31, 2025. They may not start this project until they received written confirmation from Mayor Waterman.

Mayor Waterman stated Environmental Paving is starting the sidewalks on North Street and have subcontracted with Diamond Construction the week of May 13, 2024.

Mayor Waterman stated the new heaters have been installed in the DPW garage just in time for summer.

Mayor Waterman stated he received a text from Senator John Mannion’s assistant and our approval for the grant for a new playground is close. DASNY is taking one last look at the application.

Attorney Allan opened the discussion of the Soccer Shots issue. He stated Soccer Shots is clearly a “for-profit” organization and he has put together a policy to allow them to use our field. Soccer Shots has insurance and they should provide a Certificate of Liability insurance designating the Village of Camillus as additional insured for a minimum General Liability Insurance of $2,000,000 per each occurrence and $2,000,000 per general aggregate covering dates requested. He feels the Village should charge $25 per hour for using our field. We surveyed other municipalities, and they all charge a fee. They should request a license from the Village Clerk and shall be submitted at least 7 days prior to the entity’s first use.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board moved to pass the following Policy Regarding the Use of Village Athletic Fields and Courts:

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK Policy Regarding**

**Use of Village Athletic Fields and Courts as of May 20, 2024**

The Village of Camillus has adopted the following rules, regulations and fee schedules for the use of the Village's athletic fields and tennis courts which are located on the north side of First Street in the Village of Camillus:

1. The athletic fields and tennis courts are available for use by the public for occasional recreational use during reasonable hours on a "first-come" basis. Use of the tennis courts shall be limited to one hour at a time when there are others waiting to use the court. No prior municipal permission or user fee shall be required for such occasional, individual, non-recurring and non-organized use of these facilities.
2. No entity (including but not limited to an individual, partnership, association, corporation, limited liability company, etc.) shall use the athletic fields or the tennis courts on a regular, scheduled basis without applying for and obtaining a written license from the Clerk of the Village of Camillus.
3. A written reservation request, on a form provided by the Village Clerk

shall be submitted at least seven calendar days prior to the entity's first intended use.

1. Each reservation request shall include a Certificate of Liability

Insurance designating the Village of Camillus as additional insured for

minimum general liability insurance of $2,000,000.00 per each occurrence and $2,000,000.00 per general aggregate covering dates requested, inclusively.

c. Fees.

1. A not-for-profit licensee (with proof of status) shall pay a user

fee of $25.00 for each hour of scheduled use granted.

ii. A community organization licensee (Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions,

Chamber of Commerce) shall pay a user fee of $25.00 for each

hour of scheduled use granted.

iii. No user fee shall be charged to the Town of Camillus for

municipal uses.

iv. A for-profit licensee shall pay a user fee of

$100.00 for each hour of scheduled use granted.

d. Each entity required to submit a reservation request shall be

deemed, by making such application, to save, indemnify and hold the Village of Camillus harmless against any and all claims, losses, injuries and causes of action arising against the Village of Camillus accruing from and out of the entity's use of the athletic fields or tennis courts.

e. Immediately following the conclusion of each licensee's scheduled

use, that licensee shall remove all of its or its patrons' personal

property and shall pick up and remove all trash from the premises.

f. The license granted shall be exclusive to the licensee for the days, times and premises expressly permitted. The license may be revoked by the Village of Camillus Board of Trustees for cause and, in that case, the unused portion of the user fee shall be returned to licensee

Mayor Waterman stated that on behalf of the Village he was going to present Liz and David Beebe with a plaque for their many accomplishments that they have done for the Erie Canal. He will make this presentation on May 29, 2024 at the Sim’s Store if any Village Board Members would like to attend.

Mayor Waterman stated that he feels the money that the Village gets from CHIPS (Consolidated Highway Incentive Program) will be around the same as last year which is around $56,715. He is hoping to complete Joel Lane, Rollings Hills Road and the top of Elderkin Avenue from number 40 Elderkin to Rollings Hills Road. Jason Fudala and Mayor Waterman went to view the Riccelli black top plant and saw a special additive that helps bind black top. They want to be sure this is used on Joel Lane.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved the Board moved to repave Joel Lane, Rolling Hills Road and Elderkin Avenue from number 40 to Rolling Hills Road.

Mayor Waterman stated he received an update on the $230,000 grant from John Mannion for the playground Equipment at Munro Park. This application needs a final approval from DASNY.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Mayor Waterman asked the Board if there were any questions regarding payment of the vouchers. There were none.

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

General Fund $35,163.37

Sewer Rent Fund $128.80

Trust & Agency $145.50

**MEETING MINUTES**

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the minutes of May 6, 2024 were approved.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the meeting moved into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss potential litigation.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved the meeting moved out of Executive Session at 6:44 p.m.

A discussion was had regarding 4 First Street and the AirBNB.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved board stated if this property owner signs a consent order NOT to take anymore rentals than the Village will not fine these 11 specific dates to be in violation of the law at this time. The owner has to sign this consent form.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Sharon Norcross

Village Clerk/Treasurer

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**June 3, 2024**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allan

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo (connected by phone)

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton 6 people in attendance

Mayor Waterman opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Camillus Fire Department**

Fire Chief James Hartford stated the Memorial Day Parade was excellent.

Fire Chief Hartford stated the training is ongoing every Monday.

Fire Chief Hartford stated the response time is falling a little bit.

The apparatus will be going in for the annual inspections. They just had their hose testing for the year.

The fire alarm and burglar alarm are in good shape.

The extractor is installed and all that they are waiting for is the automatic soap dispenser.

Chief Hartford stated the bench that was installed in honor of Chief Mike McBride has been moved closer to the corner of the building. They have installed decorative stone around the flagpole. He stated the light poles will be painted.

Chief Hartford stated the Family Picnic will be this Saturday from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Chief Hartford asked if the Board is ready to approve the By-Laws. Attorney Allan had a few comments. He asked that in Section 3 should there be a quorum requirement in order to elect this very important vote. Chief Hartford stated you have to have at lease 15 members and 8 members can choose a chief.

If no one is qualified to be elected chief, then the existing chief continues until a replacement is qualified and elected.

Attorney Allan stated in Section 5 there is nothing for a provisional appointed chief. Provisional appointments used to be addressed in Section 2, but it was taken out. He stated that in Section 9 all line officers must take the successive training programs that are available. The requirements for a 3rd or 4th lieutenant are they have to take all the required courses plus one of the successive training programs. Each lieutenant must have one additional successive training program.

In Section 2 he feels it should not be the mayor’s responsibility to choose the chief, it should be the Board of Trustees, not the Mayor, by a majority vote.

Trustee Mark Eckert asked why the food purchased for Engine 94 is not purchased with 2% money. Trustee Ann Eckert stated the 2% money should be used for the entire membership.

Chief Hartford stated he will bring these issues to Chief Isgar.

Mayor Waterman opened the discussion of the grant for the playground. He has docu-signed for the contract for the $230,000 grant. He stated that the New York State Senate has approved the money. He presented Joe Denzak and his son, Jordan, to make a presentation to the Board. Mr. Denzak stated they work with Sourcewell, which is a co-op purchasing contract group. Mr. Denzak stated they don’t compare playground equipment because it is not apples to apples. Several municipalities including the Town of Camillus and Onondaga County use Sourcewell. Mayor Waterman called Onondaga County Purchasing stated they don’t get involved with playground equipment. They told him to use Sourcewell. Mr. Denzak stated the company is Play Power which is the parent company of Miracle. The Denzak are a representative of Miracle. Attorney Allan stated he does not want Source Well to run afoul of our Procurement Policy. This playground will have playground equipment and a pavilion with seats for the family. Mr. Denzak stated he will send a link to Mayor Waterman to view this presentation.

Mr. Denzak stated this is a handicapped accessible playground to the extent of budget. They have ramps going from a one foot to two-foot deck. They have a large tower for older kids. They have new swings, benches and trash receptacle. They have new timbers and new surfacing that meet the consumer product safety commission guidelines. You would be able to put at least two wheelchairs in this playground for the dynamic’s lab for sensory events with several panels. They have a therapeutic swing. It includes a tot rock climber for younger kids. The surface is wood fiber which is designed for playground surfacing. It is organic materials. You could add more about every five years. The Clerk asked about pads that would go under the swings and slides. They would prevent the fiber from being moved and creating ruts. Mr. Denzak stated the playground will be delivered four to six weeks after it is ordered.

Mircale is a great product, and they have a great warranty. If anything breaks Mircale will replace free of charge. There is 15 years warranty on the deck, 15 years on the ramp and 1 year on the climber and 10 years on the slides. The pavilion is a 20’x16’ steel building with a steel roof. Mayor Waterman stated he plans on moving two of the picnic tables from our existing pavilion into the new pavilion.

Trustee Lighton asked the overall size of playground. Mr. Denzak stated 87’x39’.

Attorney Allan stated that he will check with NYCOM regarding Source Well.

Mayor Waterman continued the Public Hearing regarding smoke shops.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved, the Public Hearing was continued at 5:38 p.m.

**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 on Monday, June 3, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider the regulation of smoke shop and/or tobacco retailers in the Village of Camillus by amending the Code of the Village of Camillus.

The Public Hearing will be at the Village Hall, 37 Main Street, in the Village of Camillus, at which time all interested parties will be heard.

Information regarding the application is open to inspection at the Office of the 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.

May 20, 2024

RICHARD A. WATERMAN, Mayor

Village of Camillus

Mayor Waterman stated the entire Board has received the newest local law that was amended. This law is regulations for new smoke shops and also existing smoke shops. Dr. Sue Vickers asked if the existing smoke shops will be grandfathered in so they would not have to comply with the new regulations. Attorney Allan stated we are imposing some requirements about the signage, hours and noise but they are grandfather in so they can remain as a smoke shop. This was a valid non-conforming use. Dr. Vicker asked if the Camillus Police monitor if this smoke shop conforms with this local law. Attorney Allan stated no this is not a police matter, it will be handled by our Codes Officer. The smoke shop will have 60 days to comply with these regulations. Attorney Allan stated that he would like to send the business and the landlord a copy of this law and invite them to attend the Public Hearing. Attorney Allan stated he will send to the owner of the smoke shop and landlord by mail a copy of this local law. Mayor Waterman stated we can continue this Public Hearing until June 17, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved the Board tabled this Public Hearing until June 17, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

**Code Enforcement Officer**

Mr. William Reagan stated that in the month of May he had 118 recorded actions, 2 new applications for a curb cut, 8 constructions inspections, 3 complaint inspections, 61 violation inspections and reinspection, 1 storm water inspection, 27 notices and letters went out, 4 meetings, he found a fence that went up without a permit, lots of notices for grass.

Mr. Reagan stated he has started on the Storm Water Compliance in the Village of Camillus. He has to inspect 162 catch basins for EPA and he has inspected 57 so far. When they are done he has to notify the DPW any catch basin that needs attention.

Trustee Mark Eckert asked if there was any action at 5600 Newport Road. Mayor Waterman stated he asked both Chris Burnelle and Bill Tully if they could do this. He has not heard anything yet. Attorney Allan stated that this is actually Bill Tully’s responsibility. Mr. Reagan stated this building is not in compliance with the Property and Maintenance Laws of New York State. He is more worried about kids getting in the building and getting hurt. Mr. Reagan stated he thinks Mr. Tully got a substantial claim and he feels the village should force him to secure the building. Trustee Lighton feels we should push him. Attorney Allan asked if he would give him a list of the violations and he will attempt to contact his lawyer. This building should be boarded up, not a tarp. There should be no trespassing signs.

**Engineer Report**

Mayor Waterman stated he is getting the contractors together (Tarolli and Precision) to talk about costs of repairing sewers on Elm Street.

Mayor Waterman stated that regarding the FEMA Grant we are down to 4 acquisitions and 1 elevation.

Mayor Waterman wanted to talk about the volunteers for the parade. He stated that Ann Eckert does about 80% of the work. She does a great job.

Mayor Waterman stated that Sharon and Carrie went with him to Sims Store to present Dr. David and Liz Beebe with the plaque thanking them for all the work they have done since 1972 on the Erie Canal Park. They were very appreciative.

Mayor Waterman stated there will be a ProHousing Community Program Webinar on June 10 at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Mayor Waterman stated that we should be getting CHIPS money of $54,905.84 plus the sale of the truck should pay for the three roads that Riccelli will be paving. They are planning to start on July 5, 2024.

Mayor Waterman stated the shed will be torn down at the end of this week. Pat Scanlon will do the work.

Mayor Waterman stated that we submitted six applications for the 2024 Main Street Grant and five were approved. Bubbleup Car Wash was not approved.

Mayor Waterman stated he is waiting for the clean energy survey for NYSERDA. The estimate on the lights was $2,879. He would also like to purchase new garage doors if possible. He does not know if garage doors are eligible.

Mayor Waterman stated there was a boat on North Street. We got in contact with the brother of the owner of the boat. He promised it would be out by tomorrow.

Trustee Mark Eckert found a company, Esses Streel Structure Inc., from Cortland, NY that builds metal buildings.

Mayor Waterman stated he spoke with Cory Fonseca from Soccer Shots. Because we had a complaint regarding the creek Mayor Waterman wanted to be sure that we are not liable for any accidents. Attorney Allan stated we are liable if we are negligent on something that we can control, but he did not think her issue of telling us that kids can run into the creek does not alert us to negligence on our part. There is a railing along the creek which New York State installed, and New York State owns the creek. After a lengthy discussion the Board reduced the cost to $50 per hour for a for-profit organization and chose not to charge not-for-profit and community organizations. Each organization will have to supply a Certificate of Insurance naming the Village of Camillus as additional insured.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert the Board moved to change the policy to charge $50 per hour for the use of the field and no charge for not-for-profit and community groups but they will still have to submit an application and certificate of insurance.

Mayor Waterman opened the discussion of the sewer situation at 108 Wallace Avenue. The owners of the house removed a huge tree a few years ago, but the roots are clogging their sewer lateral. The roots are now going into the main sewer line and may affect the house across the street. The lateral is still flowing at this time. Mayor Waterman stated the owner is getting bids to dig and clean up the lateral.

Mayor Waterman stated the people that purchased the land in the Town of Camillus at the end of Wallace Avenue asked to tie into the Village sewer system. Mr. William Morse, Village Engineer stated they would have to run lines and install a manhole which would cost them around $40,000. Mayor Waterman stated they are now thinking of installing a septic tank.

Mayor Waterman stated that we will be selling the white pickup truck as we have a new truck and will use the profit to pay for paving Rolling Hills Road, Joel Lane and upper Elderkin Avenue.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the Board moved to declare the 2012 Form F450 white dump truck Vin #1FDUF4HT5CEC99798 as a surplus piece of equipment with a $20,000 reserve price.

Mayor Waterman stated that he has a special assignment for Trustee Lighton. Solvay Bank has a feather flag flying in front of the bank. This flag is a direct violation of our law. Trustee Lighton has a direct contact with Solvay Bank and will take care of this issue.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Belle Brown stated that because there were so many issues with using the Green Gate parking lot, she recommended that the Village utilize the area beyond the Green Gate parking lot for one day each year for the parade to march from Genesee Street down Green Gate Lane. We would have to request either a curb cut from Onondaga County because they own Milton Avenue or New York State because they approved the reconstruction of this intersection and paid for most of the costs of the intersection. We would have to put up a gate for the other 364 days in the year. Attorney Allan stated someone put a lot of time to configuring this intersection he would doubt if Onondaga County would allow a curb cut. Attorney Allan stated he will take a look at the area tomorrow.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Mayor Waterman asked the Board if there were any questions regarding payment of the vouchers. There were none.

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

General Fund $90,042.21

**MEETING MINUTES**

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the minutes of May 20, 2024 were approved.

The Clerk stated that she has been trying get Gordon Kotars to change the Administrator for the Camillus Fire Department Facebook account.

Trustee Ann Eckert asked about what is going on Route 695. Trustee Rinaldo stated they are putting in larger pipes.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved the meeting moved into Executive Session at 6:41 p.m. to discuss potential litigation.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved, the meeting moved out of Executive Session at 6:45 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approve the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Sharon Norcross

Village Clerk/Treasurer

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**June 17, 2024**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allan

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton 10 people in attendance

Mayor Waterman opened the meeting at 5:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Waterman invited Doug Sutherland to give a presentation on Camillus Mills Phase 3. Mr. Sutherland gave a brief recap on the history of the original plan for Camillus Mills including Phase 2 with 46 apartments and 36 basement enclosed parking spaces. Phase 2 is a few weeks from completion. Phase 3 is meant to look like the old Camillus Cutlery and will have 9 units on 3 floors, some outdoor balconies, and elevator access. A portion of the building is in the flood plain so the building will be raised for potential water to flow under but not high enough for parking underneath. Phase 3 will be fully electric without any natural gas. New York State is pushing for more electricity. Phase 1 has twenty-nine apartments plus Phase 2 has 46 apartments and Phase 3 will have 27 apartments for a total of 102 apartments with 178 parking spaces.

Mayor Waterman asked if there was still an easement for the creek walk and Mr. Sutherland stated there is still an easement for the creek walk. Trustee Lighton asked about a timetable. Mr. Sutherland stated they hope to start construction March 2025 and have it completed by May 2026. Trustee Lighton asked how the construction will affect the current residents. Mr. Sutherland stated there didn’t seem to be any conflicts during the construction of Phase 2, so they are not anticipating any during Phase 3 construction.

Attorney Bob Allan asked if there were 3 parcels. Mr. Sutherland stated there are 2 parcels. Phase 1 and Phase 2 are predominantly electric. Mayor Waterman asked if the Village Board needs to expand Phase 2 and Phase 3 SEQRA. Mr. Tom Blair stated he included a short environmental assessment form as he feels they need an amended SEQRA because they have bumped up the number of apartments. Doug Sutherland stated the original Phase 2 was 60,500 square feet with 58 apartments and 12,000 square feet commercial but is only 46 apartments and no commercial. Phase 3 was originally 7200 square feet of commercial area on two floors with no residential. Attorney Allan asked what the Camillus Fire Departments concerns were last time. It was the power lines. There will be an additional fire hydrant near Phase 3. Engineer Bill Morse stated he did not think there would be any issues with the sanitary sewers. They replaced the sewer through the site to cut down on infiltration, but Mr. Morse will verify with the County what the allowable number of units are.

Dr. Susan Vickers asked what demographics they were expecting to rent to. Mr. Sutherland stated they are anticipating young adults in their 30’s and some older. Tom Blair stated he would like the Board to refer their application onto SOCPA for 239 review and recommendation. He does not need a resolution; it can be a voice vote. He would like the Village of Camillus to announce it is lead agency for a brief SEQRA review (due to an amendment of the Phase 3 scopes and plans) and deem this an unlisted action and set a Public Hearing for the SUP and Site plan components on July 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Chief Fred Isgar joined the meeting.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board to declare the Village of Camillus as lead agency for SEQRA purposes, refer the application to SOCPA, and hold a Public Hearing on July 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Waterman asked about the pilot program. Mr. Sutherland stated the first 8 years are 100% at the pre-development value of $210,000, the 9th year it’s 20% of the end value, then increases to 40%, 60%, and on. Mr. Sutherland stated hundreds of people looked at this property and the winning bid was $210,000. A discussion was had about how the pilot program came about. Mayor Waterman stated for the new buildings in 2019 the taxes showed a value of $366,000, in 2020 and 2021 it was $100,000, then in 2022 the value dropped to $101.00. The $210,000 is on Phase 1 and the $101 is a nominal value the accessor put on the property for Phase 2 and Phase 3. The pre-development property with environmental issues, flood plain issues and the deteriorated state of what was there was not worth the original value assessed to the property. Mayor Waterman clarified that Phase 3 will be incorporated with Phase 2 at a value of $101. Mr. Sutherland stated after the initial 8-year exception period, there is an assessment established based on the initial performance. The agreement with the Town is they will show all their numbers so she can set a value based on its actual performance.

Attorney Allan requested a signed copy of the permit application. Mr. Blair will email a signed copy of the permit application.

**Camillus Fire Department**

Chief Fred Isgar stated the HVAC is not cooling properly and Woodcock has been called to service it. Chief Joe DiFabio emailed the By-Laws with changes. Attorney Allan requested a couple grammatical changes including adding the word provisional in a couple places. Attorney Allan stated the By-Laws could be voted on as amended. Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board, the Camillus Volunteer Fire Department By-Laws were approved with amendments.

Trustee Ann Eckert stated she did not receive the updated By-Laws and the other Trustees agreed, Attorney Allan and Mayor Waterman received the updated copy. Chief Isgar will bring a copy and email the final copy.

Chief Isgar thanked everyone who attended the fire department annual picnic and awards. They came in under budget, the team helped clean and set up. Eleven members made over 28% of the calls with Suzanne Heselton making 82% of the calls.

Chief Isgar stated new Federal OSHA standards could require 300 hours of fire training, if this is passed, the fire department would need to go to the Town for more money and it would probably be the end of volunteer fire departments. This would also potentially result in huge tax increases. Trustee Ann Eckert stated they would also want the fire departments to have a second set of bunkers to switch out after calls. Attorney Allan asked if paid fire departments already meet these standards. Chief Isgar stated they really do because a lot of what is required is administrative stuff.

Chief Isgar addressed the food budget concerns brought up at the previous meeting. Every week the Village receives 4-5 hours of free labor two times a week, cleaning, training, and more and the cost of food for training classes is budgeted and should not have to come out of 2% as not every member is able to participate in drills, ride the fire engine, do training or work around the fire house. The food at the monthly meetings comes out of 2% money because everyone can attend the meeting. Trustee Mark Eckert questioned the voucher for $292 for pizza and calzones adding he thought the fire department was going to cook more. Chief Isgar explained the time constraints when getting off work to getting to the training, adding that members are asked to sign up but don’t sign up and show up or sign up and don’t show up which makes it difficult to determine how much food to prepare. Chief Isgar stated if you give the fire department people to cook, they will cook every night. Trustee Mark Eckert suggested hiring a private chef to prepare meals. Ms. Vickers suggested only serving the members who signed up and they will learn. Chief Isgar stated the members would stop showing up instead of learning to sign up. The 2% is used by everyone for things like picnics and T-shirts for everyone. Trustee Ann Eckert asked about the book Chief Isgar was using for 2% guidelines. There is a difference between the blue book and red book, one has rules for municipalities, and one has rules for private owned. Trustee Mark Eckert asked what happens to the 2% money if it’s not used up. Chief Isgar said they can roll over small amounts of money, but it is meant to be spent. Trustee Mark Eckert stated his understanding of 2% was that it needed to be available to everyone. Attorney Allan will review the 2% book and report back in July.

Mayor Waterman continued the Public Hearing regarding smoke shops.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved, the Public Hearing was continued at 6:01 p.m.

Attorney Allan stated the Public Hearing was continued to allow the owner and landlord the opportunity to comment. Neither are present.

Mayor Waterman asked for any discussion from the Board. There was none.

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions. Chief Isgar asked what kind of smoke shop?

Mayor Waterman stated any new smoke shops would need a special permit and operating hours would be 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo, and unanimously approved by the Board to close the Public Hearing.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve Local Law # 2 “A local law to amend the Code of the Village of Camillus by adding a new Chapter 89 for the regulation of smoke shops and tobacco retailers in the Village of Camillus”

The voting was as follows:

Richard Waterman Mayor Yes

Martin Rinaldo Trustee Yes

Ann Eckert Trustee Yes

Mark Eckert Trustee Yes

James Lighton Trustee Yes

The motion was duly approved.

**Village of Camillus,** Onondaga County, New York

**Local Law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the year 2024**

**A local law to amend the Code of the Village of Camillus by adding a new Chapter 89 for the regulation of smoke shops and tobacco retailers in the Village of Camillus.**

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees as follows:

The Code of The Village of Camillus shall be amended by adding a new chapter, 89. Regulation of Smoke Shops and Tobacco Retailers, as follows:

“Chapter 89”

**REGULATION OF SMOKE SHOPS AND TOBACCO RETAILERS**

**§89-1 - Purpose.**

In accordance with New York State Public Health Law §1399-ii, the Village of Camillus intends to limit the concentration of smoke shops and tobacco retailers, as defined herein below, within the Village. The regulations herein are intended to further the goals of New York State’s tobacco use prevention and control program, due to the known adverse impacts of tobacco and nicotine use. In furtherance of the State’s goals, the Village finds that:

1. Smoke shop and tobacco retailer density is associated with higher rates of

tobacco use in both youth and adult populations; and

1. Adolescent brains are vulnerable to the effects of nicotine and to nicotine

dependency; and

c. Tobacco use leads to preventable death and disease in New York State; and

d. Restrictions on smoke shop and tobacco retailer density will reduce the

availability of nicotine products to residents, and in particular young residents,

thereby reducing risk to the public’s health, safety, and wellbeing.

**§89-2 - Consistency with New York State Laws, Rules, and Regulations.**

1. All smoke shops and tobacco retailers within the Village shall comply with the applicable New York State laws, rules, and regulations in addition to those contained herein.
2. Where the regulations of this section may be in conflict with a state law, rule or regulation, the more restrictive shall apply, unless such local regulation is otherwise preempted by New York State law.

**§89-10 - Definitions.**

1. Smoke Shop and/or Tobacco Retailer – any entity, such as a sole proprietorship, corporation, limited liability company, partnership or other enterprise in which the primary activity is the sale, manufacture or promotion of tobacco, tobacco products and accessories, either at wholesale or retail, and in which the sale, manufacture or promotion of other products is merely incidental.

**§89-20 - Permit Requirements**.

1. All smoke shops and tobacco retailers within the Village of Camillus, after

the effective date of this local law, must obtain a special use permit and site plan approval from the Village of Camillus Board of Trustees in accordance with the Code of the Village of Camillus.

1. A special use permit for a smoke shop or tobacco retailer shall be valid for a

period of 12 months from the date of issue and must be renewed prior to its expiration for the property to continue to be used for such purposes.

1. The renewal of a permit for existing smoke shops or tobacco retailers with no

changed conditions may be reviewed and approved by the Village of Camillus Code Enforcement Officer or Mayor of the Village of Camillus.

1. The renewal of a permit for existing smoke shops or tobacco retailers with

changed conditions shall be reviewed and submitted to the Village of Camillus Board of Trustees for approval.

1. A special use permit issued for a smoke shop or tobacco retailer is not

transferable to a new owner. A new owner of a smoke shop or tobacco retailer must submit a new application in accordance with the terms of this local law if such property is to continue to be used as a smoke shop or tobacco retail operation.

1. After three verified violations of this local law or any violation of relevant federal or state laws, the special permit issued to the retailer may be revoked by the Village of Camillus Board of Trustees, after written notice to the retailer and to the property owner, and an opportunity to be heard.

**§89-30 - General Regulations.**

1. It is unlawful for a smoke shop or tobacco retailer to knowingly allow or permit a minor not accompanied by his or her parent or legal guardian to enter or remain within any smoke shop or tobacco store.
2. Smoke shops and tobacco retailers shall post clear signage stating that minors

may not enter the premises unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Said Signage shall be placed in a conspicuous location near each public entrance to the smoke shop or tobacco store. It shall be unlawful for smoke shops and tobacco retailers to fail to display and maintain said signage.

1. Exterior attention-getting devices, including but not limited to LED signs,

flashing lights, rope lighting, flags, and banners, shall be prohibited. Attention-getting devices located within the building shall not be readily visible from the public right-of-way.

1. All smoke shops and tobacco retailers must comply with the sign regulations

contained in the Code of the Village of Camillus. e. Business hours shall be permitted to occur between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., only. §89-40 - Location. Smoke shops and tobacco retailers may be eligible for a special use permit in, and only in, any zoning district of the Code of the Village of Camillus that allows for retail establishments or retail sales and service uses, provided that: a. No part of the property line containing the smoke shop or tobacco retailer is located within 1,500 feet from the nearest point of the property line of one or more existing licensed smoke shop or tobacco retailer; and b. No part of the property line containing the smoke shop or tobacco retailer is located within 1,500 feet from the nearest point of the property line of a school, playground, childcare facility, public library, place of worship or municipal park.

**§89-80 - Existing Smoke Shops and Tobacco Retailers.**

1. Smoke shops and tobacco retailers that are legally existing on the effective date of this amendment, may continue to operate as legal nonconforming uses and shall not be required to obtain a special use permit, but shall be required to comply with all other regulations in this local law.
2. Any change or expansion of the legal nonconforming use or change in ownership shall require the new owner or agent to obtain a special use permit.
3. Any nonconforming sign or attention getting device shall be removed or altered to comply with the provisions of this section not later than 60 days after the effective date of this local law."

**Code Enforcement Officer**

Code Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan stated he has been sending out notifications about tall grass, abandoned cars, and there have been a couple building permits. Mayor Waterman stated Beverly Whalen lives in Florida and has apparently deeded her house at 509 Timber Ridge to her sons who are apparently renting it to someone who is not mowing the lawn. The gentleman who mows the lawn for the neighbor used to mow this lawn until the renter moved in, now he mows the front yard out of kindness to the neighbors but is not mowing the backyard. The neighbors are complaining about concerns with ticks. Mr. Reagan stated he can notify the owner to mow then put the cost on their taxes if the Village must mow it. Mayor Waterman stated he will have the Clerk call Ms. Whalen on Tuesday.

Mr. Reagan stated he has been inspecting catch basins and taking photos for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and will give the reports to the DPW on which catch basins need cleaning.

Trustee Rinaldo stated there are bags of trash outside of 73 Main Street and trash on the ground. Mayor Waterman will call the owner. Mr. Reagan stated Mechanic Street had numerous long grass problems he was addressing.

**Engineer Report**

Mayor Waterman stated they had a meeting Nick Casinella, took over for Derek Tarolli, and Precision Trenchless to discuss slip lining on Elm Street to the Village line. Bill Morse stated most of the road can be slip lined. There is a tree that Precision Trenchless may be able cut out and slip line. Traffic directing is not part of their job, and they charge $6300 a day. Sharon will be calling Joseph J. Lane Construction. The work will be completed in the fall.

Mayor Waterman. stated the storage shed has been removed and they had a meeting with Rich Aupperle to discuss changing the drawing to a pole barn. There will not be a rear door but there will be a man-door instead. There will be roof vents, windows, and electricity for lights. Mr. Morse stated the floor slab is in good condition. Scanlon was trying to remove a tree trunk next to the garage but there was a gas line there and the trunk began to lift the slab, so they left it alone. All the trees have been removed and we will grind out the tree trunk, all the roots, add topsoil and seed it. Jason would like to hire Mike Ciciarelli to remove the tree trunk and repair the property at a cost of $1400.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board to hire Mike Ciciarelli at a cost of $1400 to repair the property at 4 Feeder Bank Rd.

Trustee Ann Eckert asked if the salter box would go into the new garage. Trustee Mark Eckert asked about a gantry in the new garage. Yes, there will be a gantry.

Mayor Waterman gave an update on the $10,000 NYSERDA grant. The lowest quote for new lighting in the garage was from AMP Electric is $2897.50. The lowest cost quote for 2 rear doors is $8990 each which means $1896.50 not reimbursed by the grant. We are not voting on this at this time as we are waiting for final approval.

Town Councilman Steve James spoke to Mayor Waterman at a meeting about the possibility of putting a half moon mirror at Munro Rd and Genesee St. A resident had told him about nearly having an accident at this location because of limited visibility around the curve under the bridge. A discussion was had regarding the change in striping done by the County coming down the east hill near the underpass. Trustee Ann Eckert stated the yellow line should be moved back to where it used to be, so it is no longer two lanes. Mayor Waterman will investigate this and call Marty Voss.

Mayor Waterman stated the Village has received final approval to go ahead with the new Munro Park playground. Attorney Allan stated Miracle is contracting with Sourcewell to buy the playground equipment. The Clerk has gone over the quote and compared the prices Miracle provided with the pricing on Sourcewell’s price list and they are the same. Attorney Allan stated the Village needs to pass a local law to avoid competitive bidding over $35,000.

There will be a Special Meeting on June 21, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Village Hall to approve the contract with Sourcewell. Mr. Denzak will attend this meeting.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Mayor Waterman asked the Board if there were any questions regarding payment of the vouchers. There were none.

Upon the motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract #12 was approved as follows:

General Fund $61,268.92

Sewer $21.80

Trust Fund $24.25

**MEETING MINUTES**

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the minutes of June 3, 2024, were approved.

**ATTORNEY**

Attorney Allan stated the new local law for Sourcewell could go in the Codes book under the General or Administrative section.

Attorney Allan stated he noticed the Adult Use Establishments is currently listed under Administrative and should be moved to Chapter 34 or 36. He stated this was his error and he will call General Codes on Tuesday.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approve the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Carrie Grooms

Village Deputy Clerk

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**June 21, 2024**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allan (ABSENT)

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton (ABSENT) 2 people in attendance

Mayor Waterman opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Waterman stated the Village received final approval notice for the $230,000 Munro Park playground grant. Mayor Waterman asked if anyone had any questions regarding Sourcewell. At Attorney Allan’s request, the Clerk compared the quoted equipment from Miracle with the pricing on Sourcewell and the pricing matched perfectly. The Village does not need to go out for competitive bidding.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the contract for Sourcewell. Mayor Waterman asked about the six friction wear mats and if these would also go under the old swings. The friction mats are for the new swings and slides. The Village will need surfacing under the old swings and may need to replace the swings and possibly the chains. Mayor Waterman stated Mr. Denzak was able to get the price quote of $233.000 down to $230,000 equal to the grant. The contract includes playground equipment, installation of playground equipment, removal and disposal of existing playground equipment, installation of fiber engineered wood safety surfacing and fiber safety surfacing, Icon shelter, installation of the concrete platform, installation of Icon shelter, site work and site restoration. The payment will be Net30 after the product is shipped. The Village will pay $145,381 for the product after it’s shipped, freight of $4600, $7500 for the fiber engineered safety surfacing and then pay $72,000 for installation at a later date.

Mayor Waterman stated the Board needs to choose colors for the playground and the steel pavilion. Colors were selected for the playground and Mr. Denzak will email color choices for the pavilion. There will be two picnic tables and a trash receptacle. Trustee Rinaldo asked if the tables were moveable. Mr. Denzak stated there was a municipality who used eye bolts to hold their tables in place with a cable. The ground will need to be leveled out and they need to be careful of the drains in the parking lot that empties into the field area. Mayor Waterman signed a copy of the quote, and copies were made. The playground equipment should arrive in 6-8 weeks.

Trustee Mark Eckert asked if there had been any response from the owner or landlord regarding the tobacco shop Local Law.

Mayor Waterman stated he had been looking into the Genesee Street and Munro Rd striping issue which was brought up at the last meeting. Engineer Bill Morse had photos going back to 2006, 2012, 2014, and you can see the change in the striping. There is no longer a stop bar or a turn arrow. Bill Reagan suggested calling Patricia Jesky who put Mayor Waterman in touch with the engineer who was aware of the change in striping but did not remember why it was changed. He agreed if it was changed back, it would give a better view under the underpass. He will review the area and suggested it might have been the striper who made the change. A discussion was had about the traffic issues caused by the current striping. Trustee Rinaldo stated he was on the Gorge Road and stated he noticed the mirror on that road created a glare. Trustee Ann Eckert stated she thought the motorcycle place had installed the mirror. Trustee Ann Eckert stated they get dusty. Trustee Mark Eckert stated he thought these mirrors were popular in Europe.

Mayor Waterman stated the shed is down, we have new drawings, and there will not be an automatic door as Jason said we only need a man door. Trustee Ann Eckert suggested they put the brackets in for rear doors in case they change their mind in the future. The iron bar is being stored at Scanlon’s and the hitch is here. Mayor Waterman stated the Village would like to put the garage out to bid. Engineer Bill Morse will put together bid packets which can be picked up on July 9, 2024, and have the bid opening on July 25, 2024. Mr. Morse will add a recommendation that the cost not exceed $65,000.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board to advertise the pole barn, to have the pole barn books ready for bid on July 9, 2024, and a bid opening on July 25, 2024.

A discussion was had regarding all the work being completed at 1 Genesee Street.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board the additional vouchers for Abstract 12 were approved.

Mayor Waterman stated there is a meeting on June 29, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. for Camillus Mills with Doug Sutherland for approval of the third building. Chief Fred Isgar, Code Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan and Mayor Waterman will attend this meeting. Mayor Waterman mentioned that he voiced his opinion on the Pilot program and the tax Camillus Mills is paying for Phase 2 and Phase 3 is unfair to the Village. Out of the $ .65 comes fire protection and use of the roads.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Carrie Grooms

Village Deputy Clerk

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**July 15, 2024**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman (phone) Attorney: Robert J. Allan

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton 9 people in attendance

Deputy Mayor Rinaldo opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Camillus Fire Department**

Chief Fred Isgar stated Lifetime Member, Martin Rinaldo, received an award for 50 years of service to the Camillus Fire Department and Lifetime Member, Buddy Rhoades, received an award for 60 years of service. Congratulations and thank you to both members for their many years of service.

Chief Isgar stated the fire department has had some serious maintenance issues to address. The 100-gallon water tank broke and will cost an estimated $5,000-$8,000 to replace unless they go with two tankless water heaters which should cost less. The air conditioning unit broke and while estimates were coming in for a replacement, the second unit was working harder and broke. The estimated cost to replace both the air conditioners and the water tank is about $50,000-$60,000. Chief Isgar asked Mayor Waterman to reach out to Senator John Mannion. Mayor Waterman asked if the estimates included the cost of a crane for removal and installation. Chief Isgar stated they will be looking at their line items to see where they can get money to cover the cost. Chief Isgar stated they are waiting for three companies to come back with quotes. The only company not returning their call is Woodcock and Armani who the fire department contracted with for annual service. Mayor Waterman will also contact Congressman Brandon Williams and request about $75,000. The lack of heat and air conditioning will affect the early voting in October. Engineer Bill Morse asked about any grants for heat pumps and water heaters. Bob Allan stated not having hot water was considered an emergency and did not require competitive bidding. Chief Isgar stated they have hot water in the kitchen just not for the bunk houses and downstairs.

The voting was as follows:

Richard Waterman Mayor Abstain due to not being noticed

Martin Rinaldo Deputy Mayor Yes

Ann Eckert Trustee Yes

Mark Eckert Trustee Yes

James Lighton Trustee Yes

The motion was duly approved.

Chief Isgar also stated the roof is leaking in another section of the building, but they anticipate the repair to be covered by the warranty. A door handle fell off Engine 4 due to corrosion and is being replaced. Chief Joe DiFabio stated they are working on using the current budget to pay for the needed maintenance repairs and will need to reallocate funds. Chief DiFabio stated they need to start working on next year’s budget and discuss a vehicle replacement plan. They will also bring a list of personnel changes that have been executed and will see if we must get the police department involved in the return of the fire department’s items. Everything has been communicated through certified mail, the first four letters were all returned because of address changes or not picking up the mail. The vehicle that will be surplus is still in process. A discussion was had regarding the personnel changes, including that members have been given 45 days’ notice, which is more than the required 10 days’ notice.

Trustee Ann Eckert stated Car 2 is over the 120-gallon fuel limit. Chief Isgar stated he and Chief DiFabio have spoken to Chief Hartford numerous times and suggested the members of the Board address the issue. A discussion was had about involving the Town of Camillus Highway department to cap the fuel at 120 gallons. Trustee Ann Eckert will see if this is possible.

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**July 15, 2024**

Deputy Mayor Rinaldo opened the Public Hearing at 5:19 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and approved by the Board to waive the reading of the Public Hearing notice.

The voting was as follows:

Richard Waterman Mayor Abstain due to not being noticed

Martin Rinaldo Deputy Mayor Yes

Ann Eckert Trustee Yes

Mark Eckert Trustee Yes

James Lighton Trustee Yes

The motion was duly approved.

**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”), on June 17, 2024, an application for Site Plan Review of the Camillus Mills Phase III development project creating a three-story, 27-unit residential building of approximately 26,000 + square feet. The building will contain 19 one-bedroom and eight two-bedrooms units (the Project).

**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 Project relating to all site plan and SEQRA issues at the Village Hall located at 37 Main Street in the Village of Camillus on July 15, 2024 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 Project 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.

June 17, 2024

RICHARD A. WATERMAN, MAYOR

Village of Camillus

Attorney Allan stated the Village Board needs to make a SEQRA decision tonight. At the previous meeting, the Village was declared the lead agency. Attorney Tom Blair stated they are amending the principal design, not the external design, with less building space than was previously approved by the Board. Phase 2 has shrunk in size, but Phase 3 has increased a little in size. Regarding the 239 review, there is only one recommendation, and the rest are just comments. Attorney Allan stated the recommendation from the Onondaga County Planning Board recommends the applicant submit a copy of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan and Traffic Study to the Onondaga County Department of Transportation for review. The municipality must ensure any mitigation as may be determined by the Department is reflected on the project plans prior to, or as a condition of, municipal approval. Attorney Allan asked if Engineer Bill Morse had read the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan. Mr. Morse stated he had just received the document at 11:00 this morning after having asked for it a couple of times prior to the meeting date. He does not feel the Board should be providing Site Plan approval tonight. Mr. Blair stated he would be happy with conditional approval if that helps. Mr. Morse stated a SEQRA determination could be completed. Mr. Blair stated Mr. Ryan completed the recommendation and turned it into the DOT and we just need to get the letter to Attorney Allan. Attorney Allan completed the SEQRA determination with all the answers being no except for #2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land? The response was “Moderate to large impact may occur.” #7 Will the proposed action impact existing: a) public/private water supplies? The response was “Moderate to large impact may occur.” b) public/private wastewater treatment utilities? The response was “Moderate to large impact may occur.” The proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts. Mr. Morse stated he should have the review completed by Friday and usually only finds minor problems, nothing major. Attorney Allan stated the Board could call a Special Meeting.

Deputy Mayor Rinaldo asked the Public if there were any questions. There were none.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Ann Eckert and approved by the Board to continue the Public Hearing until August 19, 2024, with the understanding we may call for a Special Meeting when the review is completed.

The voting was as follows:

Richard Waterman Mayor Abstain due to not being noticed

Martin Rinaldo Deputy Mayor Yes

Ann Eckert Trustee Yes

Mark Eckert Trustee Yes

James Lighton Trustee Yes

The motion was duly approved.

Mr. Blair will get the DOT letter to Attorney Allan tomorrow.

Engineer Bill Morse stated he should be able to have the review completed by Friday. Attorney Allan suggested setting a Special Meeting for July 23, 2004, at 4:00 p.m. Mayor Waterman stated he should be able to appear in person on July 23.

**Code Enforcement Officer**

Code Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan he received 2 permit applications with fees of $45, 3 construction inspections, 3 complaint inspections, 15 violation inspections, 2 stormwater inspections with 90-100 catch basins inspections, 14 notices, and 21 miscellaneous actions. He has not seen a survey for the fence on Genesee Street and you need a survey to get a variance. He is about to tell them to take it down as it is 6’ feet high but more like 9’ with the grade. Trustee Mark Eckert stated there is tall grass on Union Street. Deputy Mayor Rinaldo stated the lawn at 74 Main Street is 2’ long. Trustee Lighton stated he has received complaints about the lawn behind the Villager. Trustee Ann Eckert stated the sidewalk in front of Mission Hope Church is broken. Mayor Waterman stated he spoke to them and told them it needs to be at least 5” thick and the church is aware and will repair the sidewalk. Mr. Reagan stated he could use a Fire Inspector.

**Engineer Report**

Engineer Bill Morse stated DPW Supervisor Jason Fudala called about a manhole near 210 W. Genesee Street settling. The bricks are settling and need solidified and lined inside. The clerk will call Shamrock on Tuesday.

**Mayor’s Comments**

Deputy Mayor Rinaldo stated the playground is scheduled to arrive August 14, 2024. Mayor Waterman stated he will need to meet with Mr. Morse and Joe Denzak to discuss a location for the new pavilion.

Mayor Waterman stated he has been speaking with Patricia Jesky, from Onondaga County, regarding the lane change by the railroad bridge. They understand there is a problem, which is what Trustee Ann Eckert had stated regarding the one lane heading out of the Village and they are working on it this week.

Deputy Mayor Rinaldo stated there is a NYSERDA Zoom meeting on July 17, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. which is about the study and how we can spend the $10,000 grant.

Deputy Mayor Rinaldo asked about the pole barn. Attorney Allan stated it has been advertised and the bid opening is July 25, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. The Clerk reported 2 bid books had been requested.

Deputy Mayor Rinaldo asked if Attorney Allan had sent the Smoke Shop a letter after the Local Law was passed. Mayor Waterman stated we should tell them what signs need to be removed. He has not sent a letter and is not familiar with the signs, but he will send them a copy of the Local Law that was approved and the Mayor can enforce it later.

Deputy Mayor Rinaldo stated the bids on the 2012 F450 truck closed with Auction International at $16,700. A discussion was had by the Board as to what the minimum bid is that they would accept. The Board would like Auction International to counteroffer the high bidder with a minimum of $20,000. If we cannot get $20,000 from Auction International, we will put the 2012 F450 white truck out front of the Village Hall for closed bidding. The truck was previously declared surplus.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton and approved by the Board to accept a minimum bid of $20,000 from Auction International, if not received, the white 2012 F450 truck will be put in front of the Village Hall for closed bidding.

The voting was as follows:

Richard Waterman Mayor Abstain due to not being noticed

Martin Rinaldo Deputy Mayor Yes

Ann Eckert Trustee Yes

Mark Eckert Trustee Yes

James Lighton Trustee Yes

The motion was duly approved. DPW Dylan will call Auction International on Tuesday.

**Public Comments**

Belle Brown asked what was happening with the former TK Tavern property. Mr. Reagan stated if the building is boarded and secured, that should take care of the public nuisance. Attorney Allan has not been in contact with the owner. Mayor Waterman stated he spoke to Bill Tully about 3 months ago and he extended the deal with Byrne Dairy until the end of October. Chris Brunelle is still working on the FEMA paperwork with his architect. This is the owner’s responsibility and not Byrne Dairy’s. Trustee Lighton stated the contract could keep being extended. Attorney Allan will draft a letter for the Special Meeting so the Board can decide how strongly they want the letter worded. Mr. Reagan stated securing property against people and securing against wildlife is different and tarps are not enough to keep people and wildlife out. A discussion was had about the possibility of having the building torn down. Mr. Reagan stated we would need an administrative search warrant and does not feel the building is unsafe enough to have it torn down. Attorney Allan stated the Judge may decide it is safe and does not need to be torn down but might order the owner to secure the building better than it is.

**Approval of Vouchers**

Deputy Mayor Rinaldo asked the Board if there were any questions regarding payment of the vouchers. There were none.

Upon the motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and approved by the Board, Abstract #14 was approved as follows:

General Fund $14,563.49

Sewer $5.00

The voting was as follows:

Richard Waterman Mayor Abstain due to not being noticed

Martin Rinaldo Deputy Mayor Yes

Ann Eckert Trustee Yes

Mark Eckert Trustee Yes

James Lighton Trustee Yes

The motion was duly approved.

**Meeting Minutes**

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rinaldo and approved by the Board, the minutes of June 17, 2024, were approved.

The voting was as follows:

Richard Waterman Mayor Abstain due to not being noticed

Martin Rinaldo Deputy Mayor Yes

Ann Eckert Trustee Yes

Mark Eckert Trustee Yes

James Lighton Trustee Yes

The motion was duly approved.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approve the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Carrie Grooms

Village Clerk

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**July 23, 2024**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allan

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton 3 people in attendance

Mayor Waterman opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Waterman stated this meeting is to address the Site Plan for Phase III of Camillus Mills.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board reopened the Public Hearing of July 15, 2024.

Mayor Waterman stated that the Village Engineer, Mr. William Morse, had several items to be addressed. Mr. Doug Southerland stated Vincent Ryan will address these items.

Mr. Morse stated the emergency fire hydrants should be checked and if functional we will put a note in the drawings. Also, there were comments about adding the well screen to the intact valves that enter into Nine Mile Creek. There were strong concerns that there was a curb along the Phase III building but this was a low point so they will put a curb cut so the parking lot will drain. Mr. Morse stated that a sewer lateral did not show up on the “as built” drawings when they redid the sewers. He said you should open the manhole to see if it’s there. If it is not there then there is no problem. Mr. Ryan stated as part of the construction set, we will investigate to see if that lateral is there and if it is in good condition they will probably use it but if not they are still proposing two new laterals. SOCPA did mention that a sanitary offset may be necessary. We have to get county approval for the new connection to tie into their sewer main. There were general notes about sleaving for the pipes that are coming through the foundation walls. There was a comment that most of the parking to the east of the new building is under the 100-year flood elevation. They recommend that Camillus Mills set up an alarm system perhaps based on this level on a large catch basin area located under the new building to warn residents if the water rises to the level of 407 so they can move their cars.

SOPCA had a comment about the tree planting along the future creek walk. There is a revised planting plan that shows planting along some of the creek walk. Some of this property is owned by the Department of Transportation so we will have to have coordination with DOT. They have already provided plantings that the DOT approved with the traffic study and the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).

Attorney Allan stated if the Board is going to approve this tonight on the condition that Bill Morse’s comments are approved then we will pass the resolution however there is one comment that is still open which is about the alarm system. Mr. Morse stated MCK is taking this comment into consideration. He does not know if the Board wants to make this a condition for approval. Mr. Morse stated there would be a float in the catch basin and if the water reaches 407 some sort of alarm would notify the tenants. Mr. Doug Southerland stated they will have a full-time management person and another full-time fix it person.

Mr. Ryan stated Bill made this a recommendation in his letter and the Board could make it a condition for approval. Mayor Waterman stated he is comfortable if they say they will set up an alarm system for flooding.

Mayor Waterman mentioned he sat near Troy Waffner from Director of Onondaga County Planning at a meeting and Mr. Waffner mentioned the walking trail from Sims Store. He would like to come to Camillus and view it with Mayor Waterman.

Mr. Ryan stated he included an e-mail from James Fensken from Onondaga County DOT who stated they have no issues with this project.

Mayor Waterman mentioned that there were no persons from the public in attendance.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Public Hearing closed at 4:11 p.m.

A resolution was offered by Trustee Mark Eckert who moved for its adoption, seconded by Trustee Lighton to wit:

The Board of Trustee approved the site plan based on the June 28, 2024, drawings with only one condition being the plans include all of the comments of WM Engineering dated July 19, 2024 with the exception that the alarm system has not been finalized and was a recommendation only.

The voting was as follows:

Martin Rinaldo Trustee Voted – Yes

Ann Eckert Trustee Voted – Yes

Mark Eckert Trustee Voted – Yes

James Lighton Trustee Voted – Yes

Richard Waterman Trustee Voted – Yes

The resolution was duly adopted.

Mayor Waterman stated the bidding for the 2021 Ford 450 white truck did not meet the minimum of $20,000. The high bid was $16,700. He asked the Board what they would like to do. Chris Jones from Diamond had offered $20,000. The Board recommended that Mayor Waterman call Chris Jones to see if he still wants this truck.

Mayor Waterman stated the trees behind the Kayak Shop look terrible. He stated the Town DPW had said they would help take these trees down. Trustee Ann Eckert stated these trees will ruin the concrete wall if they don’t come down. Mayor Waterman stated he will try to decide who owns the property. Everyone agreed the trees are junk trees. He will speak to Jim Farrell regarding these trees.

Mayor Waterman stated there is a bad manhole in the road at 210 Genesee Street. We got a quote from Shamrock of $7,400 to repair this manhole. This project will take 2 to 3 days. The high cost of this project is because Genesee Street is owned by New York State, and you will have to use the proper signage and flagmen during the construction. Mayor Waterman and Jason Fudala will speak to the New York State DOT Engineer at DeVoe Road to see about the procedure. Trustee Mark Eckert stated that Mayor Waterman could contact the Camillus Police for flaggers.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved, the Board moved into Executive Session at 4:33 p.m. due to possible litigation.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved, the Board moved out of Executive Session at 4:38 p.m.

Attorney Allan presented a letter to be sent to Bill Tully, owner of 5600 Newport Road for the Board to review. This letter is regarding the obvious condition of the burned building. Since the fire, the building has been an attractive nuisance to the neighbors. The building must be brought into building code compliance. The building is unsafe, and animals are entering. Attorney Allan asked Bill Tully what his intentions were for this building and requested a response by August 6, 2024. The Board approved this letter.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Sharon Norcross

Clerk/Treasurer

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**BID OPENING**

**July 25, 2024**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allan (absent)

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo (absent)

Trustee Ann Eckert (absent)

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton (absent) 5 people in attendance

Mayor Waterman opened the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Engineer Bill Morse opened the bids as follows:

Smith Structures Inc $72,000

7399 Taft Park Drive

East Syracuse, NY 13057

McGinnis Nelson Construction $95,000

4833 Appletree Ridge

Manlius, NY 13104

Construction, Design, and Mgmt Inc $109,000

9055 Brewerton Road

Brewerton, NY 13029

SJ Thomas Co. Inc $116,723

300 Burnet Ave

Syracuse, NY 13203

Mr. Morse will send out the Notice of Award to the low bidder.

The Village Board will hold a Special Meeting on August 1, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. to approve the Award of the Contract.

The bid opening ended at 11:03 a.m.

Carrie Grooms

Clerk/Treasurer

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**August 1, 2024**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allan (absent)

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton (absent) 2 people in attendance

Mayor Waterman opened the special meeting at 4:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Camillus Fire Department**

Chief Joe DiFabio stated he and the other Chiefs have gone over the 2024 budget to figure out where to cut spending to free up money to cover the costs of the infrastructure upgrades which include the tankless water heaters and new heating and air conditioning units. Grants would be nice, but they take time which is not possible at this time. The ARPA funds received from the Town last year for turnout gear really helped. The budget amendments are as follows:

A3410.22 Rescue Equipment $4500

A3410.427 Exterior Bldg Maintenance $6000

A3410.433 Office Supplies $4500

A3410.447 Retainment & Recruitment $3000

A3410.465 EMS Training $2500

A3410.471 Turnout Gear $13,500

A3410.474 Gloves, Hoods, & Helmets $5000

A3410.480 New Pagers $4000

A3410.484 Bottled Water For Fire Scene $1000

A3410.26 Firefighting Equipment $2500

A3410.25 Building Equipment $46,500

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions. There were none. Trustee Ann Eckert stated she had just texted Chief Fred Isgar and stated her niece suggested contacting Lowe’s for a water heater as Lowe’s has to give money back to the community and she was not sure if Camillus Lowe’s had done so yet. Chief DiFabio stated Chief Hartford has all the numbers for the water heater but stated they had acquired two tankless water heaters and installation for $7500 with the emergency approval of $8000 for water heaters but he will keep Lowe’s in mind for other projects that may come up. Trustee Rinaldo stated the Chief Isgar had said the water heater in the kitchen is old and starting to leak. Chief DiFabio stated unfortunately it has been 30 years of nickel and diming and it is catching up.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to accept the budget amendments as requested by the Camillus fire department totaling $46,500 to be put into A3410.25 Building Equipment.

Chief DiFabio passed around two quotes for air conditioning units. The fire department received numerous bids and the vendors were all quoting on 12.5-ton units and included crane rental. The quotes varied and the low bidder was Neivel Precision Plumbing, and they can start the work within the next week or two. The warranty is 1 year on parts and labor, 5-year parts warranty, and 10-year extended warranty.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board for the fire department to accept the bid from Neivel Precision Plumbing to install 2 Diakin 12.5-ton 2 cool 1 heat RTU’s with downflow economizers at a cost of $34,291.

Chief DiFabio stated the fire department’s preventative maintenance program for the large apparatus has fallen behind because of the vendor they traditionally use. They have reached out to four different vendors for service and have three bids and would like to move forward with the lowest quote from Vander Molen who will pick up the vehicles and return them to the fire department. Vander Molen has umbrella insurance which will cover the vehicles.

Chief DiFabio did quite a bit of research getting bids and comparing bid. Trustee Ann Eckert asked if the fire department still has credit with Har Rob. Chief DiFabio stated the fire department has credit and continues to work with Har Rob, but these vehicles need to be serviced now.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board to authorize Vander Molen to service Truck 8, Engine 10, and Engine 4.

Mayor Waterman stated Chief Isgar had mentioned wanting to hold a Boot Drive during Towpath Day on August 10, 2024. Mayor Waterman suggested he verify it was okay with Lisa Wiles and Chief Isgar just confirmed she’s okay with the Boot Drive. Chief DiFabio stated members will probably stand in the driveways of the N.Y.S. DOT and not in the road.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board for the fire department to hold a Boot Drive during Towpath Day on August 10, 2024, at the Erie Canal.

Mayor Waterman stated he thought the Clerk of the fire department should be receiving copies of the quotes.

Mayor Waterman suggested that Chief Hartford fuel Car 2 with two tanks of gas and pay for the third tank himself. Trustee Ann Eckert stated the Town has put in place a shut off at 120 gallons, but this is new, and she is not positive it will work. Chief DiFabio will talk to Chief Hartford again. The Clerk stated that A3410.443 Engine Fuel and A3410.4755 do not have enough money left to finish the year and asked if she should take from A3410.476 Chief Car Fuel when the other two lines are zero. Also mentioned was a $34 increase per month for Spectrum cable boxes and the promotion expiring which will cause a shortage in A3410.42 Cable TV and other bills have been paid from A3410.415 Computer Maintenance which was originally for BOCES and there is an anticipated shortage of approximately $800. A discussion was had regarding the fire department budget anticipated shortfalls. The Village Clerk will continue to keep the fire department Clerk informed and when the lines are zero, the Village Clerk will give the BOCES and fuel invoices to the fire department Clerk so she can consult the Chiefs.

Trustee Rinaldo asked about the fire department past chief car auction. Chief DiFabio stated the auction closed on July 30, but the reserve was not met at $25,000. The high bid was $20,200 which is $8000 more than the dealership was going to give. After a discussion with the other Chiefs, they decided to allow the truck to go to the highest bidder, which closes tonight. If it is not accepted the auction will start over again. The money was earmarked for NYCLASS but could be used for operational expenses.

Mayor Waterman stated last year the meeting with the Town was at the end of August so he will call Supervisor Fatcheric to see if a date has been set yet. Chief DiFabio mentioned the Chiefs are looking at staffing in the future. There is a smaller number of people able to make daytime calls due to work schedules and living out of the area. The Town was receptive to the idea last year and our hope is that they are still receptive this year. Trustee Mark Eckert asked if there would be animosity between members if you hired some members and not others. A discussion was had regarding paid members of fire departments and the different fire departments with career fire people or in the process of hiring paid fire people.

Mayor Waterman stated Attorney Bob Allan composed a stern letter to the owner of 5600 Newport Road about the condition and the need to secure the location or tear it down. There are animals getting into the building. Mayor Waterman suggested a large tarp with a photo that says Future Home of Byrne Dairy.

Trustee Rinaldo stated people are living in Phase 2 of Camillus Mills. Chief DiFabio stated the only concern the fire department had was the narrowness of the driveway and getting an engine in there.

**Mayor’s Comments**

Mayor Waterman stated we held the bid opening on Thursday, July 25, 2024, and the lowest bidder was Smith Structures, Inc at $72,000. Engineer Bill Morse stated the references checked out. Attorney Allan approved the bid. Mayor Waterman stated the portion of the work already completed can be submitted for reimbursement now and the Clerks have submitted about $30,000 for reimbursement with DASNY. We will be going over the $100,000 grant as we will have to hire an electrician. Smith Structures Inc knows they need to add the metal panel. The estimated cost the Village will have to cover is about $10,000. Trustee Mark Eckert asked about the extra money from cleaning out the canal and Mayor Waterman stated we still have those funds to use.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert and seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board to accept the bid of $72,000 from Smith Structures Inc for rebuilding the garage.

Trustee Mark Eckert asked when the work would begin. Mayor Waterman stated Smith Structures has to be notified before we get a start date.

Mayor Waterman stated the NYSERDA grant has limited us on what we can do as the doors for the garage are not part of the grant, but we could insulate the DPW side of the building for about $28,000. Mayor Waterman asked what else we could use the grant for and was told battery powered equipment. Mayor Waterman wondered about a runaround cart like a golf cart, and this would be covered. For now, we will just put in the lights. We could install wifi thermostats, but we don’t really need those. We have three years to use the remaining funds.

Mayor Waterman stated the white truck has been sold but not at the auction. The best price on the auction was $16,700 and nobody would raise the bid. We contacted Chris Jones from Diamond and was told he had just purchased another truck then agreed to his original offer of $20,000 for the truck so it is sold.

Shamrock will be repairing the manhole near 210 Genesee Street at a cost of $7400. They will need to hire two flaggers as it is a state road, and they need four different levels of awareness.

Family Care Medical is having contract disputes with Excellus BCBS. This is the same as what WellNow went through a few months back. Tompkins County Consortium feels that this will be worked out as 30% of BCBS business is with Family Care Medical. Trustee Ann Eckert stated she had spoken with someone from CSEA and was told the provider does not want to leave Excellus and they are hopeful this will all work out. She stated she was told to flood Excellus with calls voicing her concerns. Mayor Waterman stated they are anticipating a 10-14% increase. There was a brief discussion about passing some of the increase on to the employees. The Village employees currently pay 10% and the Town of Camillus employees pay 15%.

**Approval of Vouchers**

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions regarding the vouchers. There were none.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to approve Abstract #15 as follows:

General $12,603.76

Sewer $ 389.42

Mayor Waterman read the letter Attorney Allan wrote to the owner of 5600 Newport Road.

**Trustees Comments**

Trustee Rinaldo asked who owns the trees by the creek. A discussion was had about trimming the trees along the creek and whether it was the Town’s responsibility to remove the trees.

Trustee Ann Eckert stated she is going to trim the weeds and leaves along the first section of the fence by the animal clinic as it blocks the line of sight up Genesee Street. She was going to do two sections of the fence, but the owner said to do the first section and see if she has a better line of sight.

Mayor Waterman stated he has not heard back from Patricia Jesky about the underpass and turning left. Trustee Rinaldo stated they repainted the arrows incorrectly.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Carrie Grooms

Clerk/Treasurer

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**REGULAR MEETING & TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**August 19, 2024**

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. Mayor Waterman stated the date for the next meeting is September 16, 2024, at 5:00 pm.

**Camillus Fire Department**

Chief Fred Isgar stated the fire department is holding a live fire training tonight with multiple fire departments. He presented three membership applications for the Board to review. The fire department members accepted all three members.

Chief Isgar stated the tankless water heaters and air conditioning units were installed, however one unit arrived from the factory in non-working condition. The company states they first must try to repair but will replace the unit if they cannot repair it. Chief Jim Hartford stated he would prefer a replacement, but they must try repairing it first. The fire department will need to replace the upstairs water tank next year. Trustee Ann Eckert suggested Lowe’s for a donation. Chief Isgar stated it is a huge process and another member is currently working on donations from them right now. It is usually about a three-month process, but they will consider them for the water heater next year.

Last week the fire department had an Executive meeting to discuss members coming off the roster. There will be a list of members to remove from the roster and insurance. One member is in question as he has not been in the fire house in two years, and he has a doctor’s note which prevents him from returning to the fire department until after surgery, yet he has returned to his full-time job as a tow truck operator. Chief Isgar gave Attorney Bob Allan a copy of the letter sent to the member. Attorney Allan requested a copy of the doctor’s note. The member’s key fob and I’m Responding have been shut off as he cannot even attend a meeting so there is no reason for him to have access to the building. The fire department sent the member a letter who came down to the station with his doctor’s note.

Chief Isgar stated the three Chiefs have spent at least 20 hours working on the 2025 budget discussing the past two years since they joined and where the fire department is, where they want to see the fire department go and all the unforeseen expenses that keep accumulating. The three topics were the building costing about $50,000 a year, apparatus and engine truck needing rehabs for about $700,000, and personnel including the possibility of adding two part-time caretakers to help with the daytime response time.

A discussion was had regarding the options of selling the ladder truck which has been taken out 12 times in 3 years or rehabbing. The current value is about $500,000, new it would be $2,000,000. The money could be used toward the rehab of the engine truck. If we keep the ladder truck and need to rehab the engine, the fire department will need to set aside $40,000 a year to be able to bond because we are still paying $100,000 on Engine 10 for the next 7 years. Trustee Ann Eckert stated the ladder truck does not fit on many of the streets in the Village. If they decided to hire two part-time caretakers, they will also be responsible for building maintenance such as cleaning, painting, repairing drywall, helping the Village with plowing if needed. The three Chiefs have not finalized which plan to go with. Mayor Waterman stated fire departments around us have ladder trucks. Chief Isgar stated if they received $500,000 for the ladder truck, they could use $300,000 to rehab Engine 4 and buy an inexpensive pumper or tanker to keep the ISO rating up. Chief Isgar stated they need apparatus and personnel. Mayor Waterman stated the Town of Camillus is wanting the fire department’s budget now. Chief Isgar stated this is not possible due to vacation schedules. Mayor Waterman suggested a 3-year plan as Fairmount has a 5-year plan. Chief Isgar stated a 3-year plan would be great if the Town will consider it. Mayor Waterman stated Supervisor Fatcheric would like the fire department to put their proposal in a cover letter instead of meeting in person. The ladder truck is a 2009 and usually needs rehab after 15-20 years. Attorney Allan asked what buildings in the Village would require the ladder truck if it does not fit well down the streets. Chief Isgar stated it would have been for the Cutlery, which Bill Reagan stated now has sprinkler systems, and the Village block but if you set up the ladder truck, no other vehicles will be able to get past due to the wingspan. Chief Isgar stated ladder trucks are rarely used anymore because it uses too much water in a portable pond. You would use it for a block fire, but your mutual aid would be spraying water also. A discussion was had regarding where the ladder truck was used in the past 3 years. Chief Isgar stated members are not going to be happy either way as some members really like the ladder truck and others will not be happy about paid staff. A discussion was had about incentives for members. Howlett Hill gave out gift cards to top responders, but they are incorporated, and Camillus cannot do that out of the budget or their 2%. They provide events, t-shirts, and food but being a volunteer is tough. Chief Hartford stated the ladder truck is an expensive piece to go to a parade and there are currently 9 members who can drive the ladder truck. The market for a used ladder truck is great now. The consensus of the Board was an agreement to sell the ladder truck, but the fire department has not committed to that decision yet. Attorney Allan asked if the fire department would be short trucks if one is sold and one is down for rehab. Chief Isgar stated they have two engines, and they could purchase a used pumper to cover them during the rehab. Further discussion was had about the proposed budget options.

Trustee Lighton asked about the remaining funds and the hiring personnel. Chief Isgar stated personnel would come out of the budget. They are hoping to submit a budget based on if the truck is sold or whatever budget option they decide to present. Engine 4 is a rescue pumper; Engine 10 is a straight pumper with extrication tools. Camillus is half of Fairmount’s budget, and they do not run that many more calls than Camillus and have one more truck than Camillus. Trustee Lighton asked why the budget amounts were so different. Mayor Waterman stated the fire department is on an austerity budget due to the $48,000 in repairs they just made. Chief Isgar asked how the Board felt about part-time staff. Many other departments have already gone to part-time staff. They would not be members. The thought would be 30 hours a week at $18-$20 per hour without benefits as they would be part-time. Mayor Waterman stated this proposal would need to be presented in person to the Town. Chief Isgar anticipates numerous applications to be caretaker. There would be oversight to make sure there is work being done during the day. Trustee Mark Eckert asked how many members would leave due to paid staff. Chief Isgar does not anticipate a large loss of members as many understand many cannot make daytime responses and that there is a need. Further discussion was had about adding part-time personnel. Attorney Allan stated he thought the increase in the budget should be for personnel and not squeeze the budget to include the personnel.

Attorney Allan asked if the Board needed an Executive Session to discuss any member applications. Trustee Ann Eckert stated Destini Ayers did not have a driver’s license. Chief Isgar stated she had not needed a license until now and will be getting a license.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board Destini Ayers was approved as an EMT for the Camillus Fire Department.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board, Gregory Zacholl was approved as an Active Firefighter for the Camillus Fire Department.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board Zach Bosco was approved as an Active Firefighter for the Camillus Fire Department.

Mayor Waterman stated we will not be renewing the fire department contract with Woodcock and Armani and he will send a letter in September to cancel. They have been unresponsive except for changing out filters.

Chief Isgar stated the Chiefs would have a budget proposal ready for the Town by September 9, 2024. The Boot Drive brought in a small amount of funds during Towpath Day. The next Boot Drive will be September 7, 2024, during the Village Wide Garage Sale.

**Code Enforcement**

Code Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan stated in July there were 4 applications, 3 building permits issued, 3 construction inspections, 4 complaint inspections, 13 violation inspections and re-inspections, 1 storm water inspection, 13 miscellaneous notices and letters, and about 6 miscellaneous actions. The permit fees totaled $175.

Mr. Reagan stated there was an unregistered car on North Street with four flat tires and it has been sitting there for 2 months. He needs to provide the vehicle information to the police as they will not come down to get it themselves.

Attorney Allan contacted the Smoke Shop, and they are under new management. Mr. Reagan will follow up with them. A discussion was had regarding the City of Syracuse winning their court case against cannabis shops who were shut down for illegally selling cannabis. The Smoke Shop in Camillus had a police presence recently and a sign was posted on their door by the police, however they are still open for business. Mr. Reagan will email the ruling to Attorney Allan. Mayor Waterman asked if the Smoke Shop was in violation with the sign law. Mr. Reagan will compare the sign to the law and see if there is a violation. If there is a violation, he will speak to the business owner and then send a notice to the owner and the landlord with a reasonable amount of time to comply. If they do not comply, then a ticket to court will be issued.

The lawn is being mowed regularly at 53 North Street; 22 Union Street needs to be mowed as well as 7 Union Street needs to be mowed. Mayor Waterman will call the owner of 7 Union Street and tell them to mow the right side of the rear lawn. Mr. Reagan stated 4 Mechanic Street is overgrown and has mattresses, box springs, and trash alongside the house. He sent them a certified Notice to Remedy by this Wednesday August 21, 2024, to mow the lawn and get the trash cleaned up. Mr. Reagan sent the owner a copy of the notices. Mr. Reagan stated we will have a Public Hearing on September 16, 2024, to put the cost to mow and clean up the property on his taxes. Trustee Rinaldo asked about 57 North Street and the overgrown lawn. Mr. Reagan asked about charging the people for the administrative costs. 57 North Street has already been noticed this year so the Village can send someone in to clean up the yard without sending another notice. Mr. Reagan will call the owner as a courtesy prior to ordering the mowing.

Mayor Waterman stated 7 Union Street mowed the front yard but not the rear. The Clerk asked about the administrative fees. Mr. Reagan stated he thought it was 15% or 20% of the cost. Attorney Allan does not recall but will investigate the fee. The Clerk asked about people not paying for their permits. Mr. Reagan asked for the list of unpaid permits, and he will follow up with them. People have trouble getting to the office to pay during work hours and the Village does not accept credit cards.

The Clerk asked about the fence at 216 Genesee Street. Attorney Allan needs to contact the Zoning Board to set a Zoning Board date, and the members need to look at the 216 Genesee Street fence. Mr. Reagan stated we have everything we need except the survey. Attorney Allan has not seen the application for the Zoning Board appeal. Mr. Reagan stated he may not have forwarded the application since he had not received the survey.

Mr. Reagan will be on vacation next week but plans on spending at least half a day in the Village. Engineer Bill Morse asked if 1 Feederbank Rd is hooked up to the sanitary sewer. Previously it did not matter as they were considering tearing it down but now people are living in it. Mr. Reagan will call the owner.

**Engineer Report**

Engineer Bill Morse sent out a letter to get appraisals for 2 homes. Two companies got back to him with the same cost of $500 per house. One was too busy to give estimates at this time. Attorney Allan said to go with Jane Moscow.

Trustee Rinaldo asked about 5600 Newport Road. Attorney Allan stated he received a letter from Todd Oudemool stating they will work on a punch list including replacing roof tarps and fire ventilation holes with plywood and paint similar color as roof shingles, painting the charred façade so it is close to matching the original color, and maintain general orderliness of the property. They did not mention painting the wood around the windows. Mr. Reagan stated all bare wood should be painted.

Mayor Waterman asked about the status of the work on the garage. Mr. Morse has not heard back yet but he will call tomorrow. The company was waiting to get their insurance certificates back. Mr. Morse will try to get a start date as the Village is hoping to have it built before the snow falls. The company has 120 days once they are notified.

Mr. Morse stated he had contacted the county to see if they had any other contracts the Village could do the work under but they did not appear to have anything that would cover maintenance and protection of traffic for Elm Street. The Village may need to go out to bid. Mr. Morse mentioned the possibility of negotiating with the bidder to include maintenance and traffic. Attorney Allan stated the Local Law up for approval tonight would allow the Village to negotiate with a bidder.

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**August 19, 2024**

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

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to open the Public Hearing at 6:31 p.m. to consider a local law to amend the Code of the Village of Camillus by adding a new chapter regarding best practices in procuring purchases, public works and service contracts.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board to waive the reading of the Public Notice 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 on Monday, August 19, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider a local law to amend the Code of the Village of Camillus by adding a new chapter regarding best practices in procuring purchases, public works and service contracts.

The Public Hearing will be at the Village Hall, 37 Main Street, in the Village of Camillus, at which time all interested parties will be heard.

Information regarding the application is open to inspection at the Office of the 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.

July 15, 2024

RICHARD A. WATERMAN, Mayor

Village of Camillus

Attorney Allan stated you no longer will need to select the lowest bidder. This will allow the Village to compare warranty terms, quality of craftsmanship, reputation of repairs, and other aspects involved in deciding. The Village will need to verify the bidder did the type of bidding and analysis that New York State still requires the Village to do in their bidding. We did this when we approved the playground equipment. Attorney Allan needs to get the Village a letter for the file that states the company did the right process when the low bidder contracted with the company who is providing the equipment.

Mayor Waterman asked the Public if there were any questions. There were none.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board to come out of the Public Hearing at 6:37 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board to pass the local law to amend the Code of the Village of Camillus by adding a new chapter regarding best practices in procuring purchases, public works, and service contracts.

The voting was as follows:

Richard Waterman Mayor Yes

Ann Eckert Trustee Yes

James Lighton Trustee Yes

Mark Eckert Trustee Yes

Martin Rinaldo Trustee Yes

The motion was duly approved.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo, and unanimously approved by the Board to open the Public Hearing at 6:38 p.m.

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**August 19, 2024**

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

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to waive the reading of the Public Notice 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 on Monday, August 19, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider updating the Code of the Village of Camillus by amending Section 53-5(d)(5) of the Code Enforcement Program.

The Public Hearing will be at the Village Hall, 37 Main Street, in the Village of Camillus, at which time all interested parties will be heard.

Information regarding the application is open to inspection at the Office of the 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.

August 5, 2024

RICHARD A. WATERMAN, Mayor

Village of Camillus

Attorney Allan stated a paragraph was left out when the local law was previously passed.

Mayor Waterman asked if the Public had any comments. There were none.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board to come out of the Public Hearing6.40 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board to pass the local law to update the Code of the Village of Camillus by amending Section 53-5(d)(5) of the Code Enforcement Program.

The voting was as follows:

Richard Waterman Mayor Yes

Ann Eckert Trustee Yes

James Lighton Trustee Yes

Mark Eckert Trustee Yes

Martin Rinaldo Trustee Yes

The motion was duly approved.

**Mayor’s Comments**

Mayor Waterman stated he has a meeting with Joe Denzak Friday, August 23, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the playground placement and place stakes in the ground. The equipment will be delivered on September 4, 2024, and the meeting will also include where to have the equipment delivered.

Mayor Waterman stated he spoke to Patty Jeske a couple times which resulted in an investigator coming out to look at the lines painted on West Genesee Street to the bridge at the intersection of Munro Rd. The lines have all been repainted exactly as they were before, so Mayor Waterman called to find out why they were not changed. He was not given an answer other than an Engineer was sent out to look at the lines and in 2014 Mary Ann Coogan approved the lines.

A lengthy discussion was had as to whether the intersection was the Town’s or the Village’s. Mayor Waterman asked the Board how they wanted him to proceed. Trustee Ann Eckert stated the line needs to be moved and the Village should go to the Town and let them know the County will not change the lines. Mayor Waterman will go to the Town to discuss as it was a Town Councilman that brought up the complaint.

Mayor Waterman stated the 3 years are about over for the original military banners, do we want to give the flags to the people who ordered them or charge a renewal fee to keep using the same flag. A discussion was had about charging a renewal fee of $50 a year.

Mayor Waterman presented the Community Development and CHIPS proposal for 2025 stating that a couple streets that were on the list for 2025 were completed this year, so he has revised next year’s plan. Originally, First Street, Leroy St and Rolling Hills Road were to be done in 2024, but we ended up doing Rolling Hills Road, top of Elderkin, and Joel Lane because the equipment was there and needed it more than the other streets. Next year we plan on paving 37 First Street to Newport Rd and Leroy Street. If we receive Community Development funds of $50,000 and $27,380 and the estimate stays about $77,380, we will have about $26,535 in CHIPS remaining to use for 2 sets of crossing guard light sets at a cost of $18,800. This would leave a balance of approximately $7,735 which might be needed if the estimate from Seth Williams is higher for paving. We would install one set in front of the bank and one set by the Methodist Church. Our Village DPW can install the lights.

Mayor Waterman stated he received a complaint regarding the traffic flow on Leroy Street between First Street and Main Street. The resident requests that Leroy Street be made a one-way street. A discussion was had, and the Board determined Leroy Street should stay the way it is.

**Approval of Vouchers**

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions regarding the vouchers. There were none.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to approve Abstract #16 as follows:

General $50,825.23

Sewer $ 171.38

Trust $ 800.79

Mayor Waterman stated the cement on the Main Street bridge is eroding. He asked the State if there was a bonding agent that could be used to hold the concrete in the bridge together. This is not in the apron; it is on the other side. It is not serious or deep. A discussion was had regarding the needed repairs and who is responsible for making the repairs.

**Attorney Comments**

Attorney Allan stated his assistant could not find in the records where the Board approved the meeting dates for 2024, so she is asking for the Board to approve the meeting dates from now until the end of the year.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board the following Village Board meeting dates were approved for the remainder of 2024: September 16, October 7, October 21, November 6 (Wednesday due to the General Election), November 18, December 2, and December 16, 2024.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions regarding the July 25, 2024, Bid Opening Minutes. There were none.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the July 25, 2024, Bid Opening Minutes.

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions regarding the August 1, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes. There were none.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the August 1, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes.

**New Business**

Mr. Reagan read a statement from Mayor Ben Walsh regarding the Supreme court case involving the alleged illegal cannabis sales. “The local cannabis law is not preempted by New York State Law and the city’s case against THC can proceed to trial.” A further discussion was had regarding the licensing law. Mr. Reagan asked if the Board put something in the zoning law about opting out of the sale of cannabis. Attorney Allan stated it should not be opting out, but it should be to prohibit the sale of marijuana. Attorney Allan will look at the City Of Syracuse case.

**Trustees Comments**

Trustee Ann Eckert stated the sidewalk at the Baptist Church is marked on one side, but the other side of the driveway was broken by their machine and is not marked. Mayor Waterman will call the minister. The trees on Green Street and in front of 9 Main Street need to be trimmed as there are quite a few dead branches. Mayor Waterman stated he mentioned Green Street to the DPW. Trustee Rinaldo stated there are trees on Button Ave which also need trimming.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Carrie Grooms

Clerk/Treasurer

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**September 16, 2024**

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 Waterman opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed three students from Marcellus High School observing the Village Board meeting. Mayor Waterman stated the date for the next meeting is October 7, 2024, at 5:00 pm.

**Camillus Fire Department**

Chief Fred Isgar stated the fire department is at 263 calls for the year. The AC unit which arrived damaged has been completely replaced. The third AC unit is starting to cause problems. There are currently four AC units. Next time the units are serviced they will ask the company to look at this AC unit. The larger trucks have all been annually serviced. Chief Isgar stated they received a message from Fairmount Fire Department requesting to put Camillus Fire Department on their box for the Camillus ladder truck. The fire department will hold off selling the ladder truck at this time as it is more beneficial to the Camillus residents to hold on to it a bit longer. Drills for the next month will be with the ladder truck to make sure everyone is up to speed. The boot drive was rained out. Saturday, September 21, the Camillus Fire Department will set up at the Camillus Police Department for their Open House from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

The fire department 2025 budget has been submitted to the Town of Camillus and the Chiefs are waiting for approval. Duty shifts will be Tuesdays and Thursdays instead of Wednesdays. There will also be Sunday morning drills and Monday daytime duty shifts starting this Monday for six hours. There were some daytime duty shifts last week and they got a ton of calls which made the response times go down.

Trustee Lighton asked how many calls Fairmount receives for the ladder truck. Chief Isgar stated Fairmount runs it on everything, but Camillus Fire should only be called for structures, maybe 12-20 calls. It is difficult to determine if keeping it will be cost effective at this time.

**Code Enforcement**

Code Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan stated he completed approximately 170 catch basin inspections. The GIS mapping completed by interns in 2016 was completely wrong, so he taught himself how to do it and he now has the most accurate map he’s ever had.

In August there was 1 application review, 4 construction inspections, 3 fire inspections, 1 complaint inspection, 18 violations resulting in 9 new notices, 3 different meetings, 18 miscellaneous actions, and zero permits. There were a couple of things completed without permits so they should be coming in. 4 Mechanic Street has been written up for tall grass, litter, weeds, peeling paint and the Village DPW had to clean up the property as the owner failed to respond. Apple Auto has 35 cars on site, which is more than the allowed 34 and there weren’t any employees or customers present when he counted cars. 7 Union mowed their lawn, the Smoke Shop removed their LED signs but felt it was not fair that the bar can have LEDs, but they cannot. Trustee Rinaldo stated TK Tavern looks nice. Attorney Allan will send a letter to Bill Tully’s attorney thanking him for taking care of the requested repairs. Mr. Reagan stated he was unable to get onto his computer. The Clerk will contact BOCES. Attorney Allan stated there is a Zoning Board Public Hearing tomorrow at 4:00 p.m.

Trustee Mark Eckert asked if Mr. Reagan looked at the basin in front of 21 South Street. Mr. Reagan did look at the basin and will be providing the DPW with a list of basins needing work. He also asked if there were any new problems with 53 North Street. There have not been any new problems. Camillus Mills says they have the number 52 on their building, but Mr. Reagan stated if it is there, it is not easily visible. He will call Camillus Mills tomorrow.

**Engineer Report**

Mayor Waterman stated there are three homes left as part of the Acquisitions and they have hired someone to inspect the homes. Jordan Teal had his home inspected and had some questions but has not responded to emails to set up a meeting to discuss his questions.

**Mayor’s Comments**

Mayor Waterman stated we must select colors for the storage shed tonight. A discussion was had regarding the colors. Green was selected.

Caroline Morris sent an email about current Smoke-Free policies for the Village. After some discussion, the Board decided not to pursue a smoke-free policy as the Village is not tobacco free.

Mayor Waterman stated this is the third year for the Military Banners after which we were going to give them back to the buyer. Some flags have not been up for three years yet. Trustee Ann Eckert suggested renewing it for another three years and replacing it if needed. Mayor Waterman asked what the renewal price would be. Trustee Lighton asked what other municipalities do. Mayor Waterman will ask the Town what they do. A discussion was had but no decision was made. We will revisit this.

The new playground equipment arrived, and the Parks department helped move the equipment as our equipment could not move the 600-pound pallets. We will have a meeting Wednesday morning to map out the pavilion and the playground. I should take about three weeks from the time they get the concrete to the time it is complete. Mayor Waterman stated he has a lead on a grant with the CNY Foundations for an ADA accessible five-foot-wide sidewalk from the parking lot past the current pavilion to the playground. Danielle Johnson will put the Village in for the grant in spring 2025 and sees no reason why we should not get the grant. We will get a quote from Tony Ross for the sidewalk.

Mayor Waterman stated next year we will have $50,000 in Community Development and probably $54,905 in CHIPS which is what we had this year. We will mill and pave Leroy Street from Genesee Street to First Street and First Street from Green Gate Lane to Newport Road for a Riccelli quote of $67,950 which leaves $36,955 of which we would like to purchase three pedestrian crosswalks for a total of $28,174.85. One crosswalk by the bank, one by Newport Road, and one by the Methodist Church. We will still have about $8,880 remaining for other roads.

Mayor Waterman stated we did not do a SEQR for the Community Development sidewalks and learned that we should have done one, but we had not been notified. Attorney Allan explained what a State Environmental Quality Review is. A Type 2 action is a replacement or reconstruction of a structure or facility in kind in the same site, maintenance or repair of existing structures with no substantial changes, and repaving existing highways not involving adding more travel lanes.

The SEQR is to determine the replacement of 1728 square feet of concrete sidewalk on North Street.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the Type 2 action for the 1728 square feet of concrete sidewalk on North Street.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board to amend the previous motion to reflect this is a Type 2 action and there will not be a substantial negative impact on the environment

The Board needs to set a Public Hearing to override the Tax Cap.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board to set a Public Hearing for the purpose of overriding the Tax Cap on October 7, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Waterman stated the Clerks and Jason will go over budget the week of the 7th and we can hold a budget meeting with the Board on October 22, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

**Public Comments**

Belle Brown stated the future site of Byrne Dairy looks a lot better since the letter was sent.

**Approval of Vouchers**

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions regarding the vouchers. The Clerk will make a correction.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract #17 was approved as follows:

General: $109,037.17

Sewer: $9,149.49

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions regarding the August 19, 2024, Minutes. There were none.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the August 19, 2024, Minutes.

**Attorney Comments**

Attorney Allan stated he would like to call for an Executive Session for potential litigation and would like to invite the Code Enforcement Officer.

**Trustees Comments**

Mayor Waterman stated the Town had a presentation from a company wanting to put in a solar farm just past Bennetts Corners. They will bring in sheep to mow the lawn and beekeepers who put bee hives in the solar farms. Trustee Ann Eckert stated the one on VanAlstine Road looks terrible.

Trustee Ann Eckert stated the sidewalk at the Baptist Church has not been replaced. The tire marks are still visible across the stonework. Trustee Ann Eckert stated the gas station was sold to Sonny Singh from Albany, is under new management and open 24 hours. The house next door is being repaired and will be rented for the employees to live in. Mr. Reagan stated he will stop by the gas station. The front of the building next door cannot be converted to residential.

Mayor Waterman stated Ross Ireland has purchased 16 Genesee Street and is redoing the apartments. They are beautiful inside. Mr. Reagan asked about any plumbing or electrical as he has not received a permit application. Mayor Waterman stated there is tree on Mr. Ireland’s property which overhangs the library and Mr. Ireland told the library they could take it down. There was discussion about a fence by the library. The building will be painted, and new windows installed. Mr. Reagan will contact Mr. Ireland.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board to go into Executive Session at 5:51 p.m. to discuss potential litigation.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board to come out of Executive Session at 6:05 p.m.

Attorney Allan will complete the USDA compliance survey after the Clerk fills in the current vehicle information on page one.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Carrie Grooms

Clerk/Treasurer

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**October 7, 2024**

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 Waterman opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The date for the next meeting is October 21, 2024, at 5:00 pm. Trustee Mark Eckert introduced guest speakers Onondaga County Sheriff Toby Shelley and Onondaga County Sheriff Deputy Matt Fischer.

Sheriff Shelley gave a brief description of his background. Mayor Waterman stated the Village has a problem with people speeding through the Village and on Elm Street and asked if the Sheriff’s department could spare any deputies to enforce the speed limit in the Village. Sheriff Shelley stated the Sheriff Department has 18 new hires which should be ready by January 2025 and should be able to assist with the local speed control concerns in our Village. Mayor Waterman asked about the ticket revenue breakdown. Sheriff Shelley stated the state gets the biggest portion and the Sheriffs do not have ticket quotas to meet. Attorney Bob Allan asked about the police and troopers overlapping on calls. Sheriff Shelley explained there are enough calls for both departments. The department is trying to get 40 body cameras in the booking room at a cost of $157,000. Body cameras help protect the officers and provide a recording of what takes place in the event there is a problem. Mayor Waterman asked about License Plate Readers. Sheriff Deputy Fischer gave a talk on License Plate Readers and included other technical devices available to the department. They can enter information about a vehicle including the make, model, approximate year, color, and include details such as a broken left taillight and the system will find that vehicle anywhere in the nation. A discussion was had about the benefits of the Flock camera system. Chief Isgar asked about FOIL requests. There are two people qualified to complete FOIL requests as information must be redacted if it does not pertain to the FOIL request. The Sheriff department would like to purchase a new $6.1 million dollar helicopter as the current helicopter is out of date. Trustee Lighton asked about people being arrested and let out the same day to go back and commit the same crime again. Mayor Waterman thanked Sheriff Shelley and Sheriff Deputy Fischer for their informative discussion.

Chief Fred Isgar stated since Sheriff Shelley took office, he has noticed the troopers and fire departments seem to work better together and asked if it was because of a new policy in place or just additional training. Chief Isgar stated the Camillus Fire Department lets the Camillus Police department use the hall at no charge and offered use of the facilities to the Sheriff’s department. A discussion was had regarding early voting concerns, traffic, and parking control on Election Day.

**Camillus Fire Department**

Chief Fred Isgar stated the fire department has 281 alarms for the year. There is one new application, but it has not been voted on by the fire department members. Camillus Fire Department assisted with the Home Depot fire prevention program this past weekend. Chief Isgar states they will request a donation from Home Depot in the future. The fire department has applied for the Lowe’s Heroes $2500 grant and feels that the fire department has a good chance of getting this grant to use for renovating the dispatch room.

Chief Isgar stated Engine 4 had an exhaust issue which we should be seeing the bill for soon. Saturday, October 12, is the Camillus Fire Department Fire Prevention Open House, 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. There has been quite a bit of advertising. The fire department will have auto extrication, a helicopter, smoke trailers, car fire, canines, ambulance, and much more. October 13, 2024, is the Camillus Fire Department Craft Show. Chief Isgar stated the Girl Scouts had asked to sell their products at the fire department on Election Day and he asked about the possibility of having a Boot Drive during the early election or on Election Day. Attorney Allan felt the fire department should call the Board of Elections. Helen Kiggins, Board of Elections, had told the Village that the Girl Scouts were fine to sell products if they did not interrupt voting. Mayor Waterman will ask about a Boot Drive. They would also like to consider a Boot Drive on Black Friday in the Village. Mayor Waterman agrees Black Friday would be good as the September 2024 Boot Drive was rained out.

Mayor Waterman stated the playground is about to be completed and there is concrete and dirt to dispose of if the fire department can use it at the end of the parking lot. Chief Isgar does not want concrete but is all for clean fill if it can be dumped there but has concerns about the wetlands. Code Enforcer Bill Reagan stated the maps would show the wetlands. Mayor Waterman stated the Village will investigate where the wetlands are. Chief Hartford Sr stated the dirt might be able to go near the bridge as fill. Chief Isgar stated there is a Boy Scout who would like to build a patio with pavers for the fire department’s picnic tables as part of his Eagle Project. It would be built between the railings but not full length and would be paid for entirely by the scout’s fundraising. This will probably be built in the spring. Chief Isgar stated the fire department is considering selling memorial bricks as a fundraiser for the fire department and to use for the patio. Attorney Allan asked about insurance and feels the Board should see the plans and be able to approve them. Fred will ask for a sketch with dimensions. Trustee Ann Eckert mentioned the Tree Lighting ceremony on December 7 and asked if Chief Isgar has anyone to be on the committee. There is a possibility of having a basket auction to help raise funds for next year’s tree lighting. Trustee Ann Eckert will let Chief Isgar know the dates and times for the meetings and Chief Isgar will ensure someone is here. Chief Isgar will ensure the chair is available for the tree lighting ceremony.

**Code Enforcement**

Code Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan stated there were 2 new applications in September, 3 permits, 1 was from an August application, 4 construction inspections, 0 fire inspections. John Roflowski is the new Fire Codes Inspector, and they will be working tomorrow and all-day next Tuesday. There were also 2 new complaints, 10 violation inspections, 3 days of catch basin inspections, 15 various notices, 2 meetings, and 20 miscellaneous actions. 4460 Milton is supposed to have all the trees in the back corner cleaned up. 4-6 Mechanic is getting cleaned up. Trustee Ann Eckert offered help on the catch basins if Mr. Reagan needs assistance figuring them out.

**Engineer Report**

Mayor Waterman stated Engineer Bill Morse is absent. Mayor Waterman stated the foundation is in, the walls are up on the shed and they are waiting on the trusses, siding, and anticipate being completed by the end of next week.

**Mayor’s Comments**

Mayor Waterman stated the sewer tops on Elm Street were popping up and he figured out it was Hourigan’s trucks, so they called Hourigan, and the drivers are straddling the sewer covers which has eliminated the problem.

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**October 7, 2024**

Mayor Waterman opened the Public Hearing at 6:13 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board to waive the reading of the Public Notice.

**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 on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider a proposed local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c.

The Public Hearing will be at the Village Hall, 37 Main Street, in the Village of Camillus, at which time all interested parties will be heard.

Information regarding the proposed local law is open to inspection at the Office of the Village Clerk by appointment, and communication, in writing, in relation thereto may be filed with the Board of Trustees either before or at the hearing.

September 16, 2024

RICHARD A. WATERMAN, Mayor

Village of Camillus

Attorney Allan explained the purpose of overriding the Tax Cap. Mayor Waterman asked the Public if there were any questions. There were none.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to close the Public Hearing at 6:14 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c.

The voting was as follows:

Richard Waterman Mayor Yes

Martin Rinaldo Trustee Yes

Ann Eckert Trustee Yes

Mark Eckert Trustee Yes

James Lighton Trustee Yes

The motion was duly approved.

Mayor Waterman stated the fibar has been laid at the new playground. The pavilion installation will begin tomorrow. The installers will plant grass seed and place straw after they finish the pavilion. The Village should hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on October 19, 2024, time to be determined. Mayor Waterman will contact Senator John Mannion to see if he is available and to set a time.

Mayor Waterman has information on a grant for a sidewalk to be installed from the parking lot to the playground in the spring. It is a CNY grant, and it sounds like the Village has a good chance of getting the grant. He will get a sidewalk quote from Environmental Paving.

The Clerk suggested hanging the Military Banners for a fourth year and sending a letter to the current participants letting them know the banners were still in good condition, so we hung them for a fourth year. In November 2025, after Veterans Day, the banners will be taken down and available for pick up. The current participants will be given the opportunity to purchase a new banner with the same photo or a new photo with a deadline after which the opportunity will be given to the public if there is still availability on Main Street. We would like to keep the banners exclusively on Main Street as opposed to adding on to the side streets and purchasers would not be able to request specific poles. The Board agreed this was a good idea.

Mayor Waterman stated Byrne Dairy has made progress. Their architect finished the FEMA presentation and sent it to Mr. Morse who had to send it back for additional information. Once Mr. Morse gets it back it will go to Mr. Reagan and then on to FEMA. Trustee Ann Eckert asked if the rise issue was resolved. Mr. Reagan stated it has been corrected.

The current Rental Registration fee is $25 every 3 years. We would like to increase it to $50 every 3 years. Mr. Reagan stated Liverpool raised their fee to $50 about a year ago and no one has complained. The Clerk asked how to enforce getting the information forms filled out and returned. Mr. Reagan stated the top of the letter states the form must be returned within 30 days or a $5 late fee per unit will be added, if it is not returned then a strongly worded letter should be sent.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to increase the Rental Registration fee from $25 every three years to $50 every three years effective April 1, 2025.

Mr. Reagan stated if anyone complains about the fee, explain to them it works out to about $1.38 a month over the 3-year period.

Mayor Waterman stated there is a beautiful painting on the side of Copper Top and wondered if we should approach Jim Farrell at 24 Main Street about putting a painting on the side where the old VFW sign was. We would need to get a grant. Mr. Reagan stated Mr. Farrell just painted his building.

**Approval of Vouchers**

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions regarding the vouchers. There were none.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract #18 was approved as follows:

General: $288,984.60

Sewer: $89.00

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions regarding the September 16, 2024, Minutes. There were none.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the September 16, 2024, Minutes.

**Attorney Comments**

Attorney Allan stated he has a Revocable License Agreement for 72 Main Street which he is presenting for the Board review. The Village granted 61 Main Street a Revocable License Agreement for the work being down at her business and now Richard Kirk is requesting a Revocable License Agreement for 72 Main Street for work that is being completed as part of the 2023 Main Street Grant. Mr. Kirk is extending his front deck. The deck will be 4’ wide, 14’ long, and 3’ high. The agreement states if the Board ever decides they want the deck removed, Mr. Kirk will remove it. Trustee Lighton asked why the Board had not seen plans before this. Mayor Waterman stated Mr. Kirk has changed his 2023 Main Street grant plans a few times and the work needs to be completed by the end of 2024.

Mayor Waterman asked if there was any further discussion. There was none.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to grant the Revocable License Agreement for 72 Main Street.

The voting was as follows:

Richard Waterman Mayor Yes

Martin Rinaldo Trustee Yes

Ann Eckert Trustee Yes

Mark Eckert Trustee Yes

James Lighton Trustee Yes

The motion was duly approved.

**Trustees Comments**

Trustee Ann Eckert stated we should start having meetings for the Village Tree Lighting. There are funds in the Celebration account, but she would like to discuss ways to increase the funds. Mayor Waterman stated we got a free tree from Cornell Co-op which was planted outside the hall. Trustee Ann Eckert stated that the tree should be fine for the tree lighting.

Mayor Waterman requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 6:34 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board to come out of Executive Session at 6:56 p.m.

Upon motion of Mayor Waterman, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board to reimburse prescription safety glasses, one time, every three years up to $200.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Carrie Grooms

Clerk/Treasurer

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**October 21, 2024**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allan (Absent)

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton 7 people in attendance

Mayor Waterman opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The date for the next meeting is Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Elections will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

**Camillus Fire Department**

Chief Fred Isgar stated the fire department has 301 alarms for the year. There are two new applications to be voted on and several background checks for applications they have not reviewed or interviewed the applicants yet. The Board reviewed the applications for Nicholas Colman, Firefighter, and Kenzie Schuldt, Support Member.

Chief Isgar stated the fire department was awarded the Lowe’s Heroes Grant, and the first shipment of supplies arrived today which included, 3 countertops, ceiling tile, flooring. The cabinets have been ordered and they still have $1000 to use. The supplies will be used to renovate the dispatch room, hallway, bathrooms, and Chiefs office. Work will begin late fall to early winter.

The Open House was a tremendous success, and they received 10 applications. This past weekend, the fire department assisted with the funeral for the past Chief of Howlett Hill, helped the Village set up for the playground grand opening, and responded to numerous calls.

Chief Hartford Sr and Chief Isgar are looking at a program called First Due. This is an inventory program to help track vehicle maintenance, SCBA checks and more. Chief Isgar will meet with the sales representative on Wednesday and is estimating the cost to be about $2500 and stated there will be an additional setup cost. Currently everything is completed on paper, and this will be a cloud-based program.

Belle Brown asked about Boot Drives. Chief Isgar stated the fire department would like to hold a Boot Drive on Black Friday for about 4 hours, and someone will be sitting with a boot during Election Day to help raise funds for programs like First Due. Mayor Waterman asked if the fire department needed permission for each Boot Drive. Ms. Brown stated the boot used to be out at all the fire department dinners in the past. A discussion was had about a blanket boot drive approval with the suggestion not to exceed 6 boot drives a year.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board to approve a Boot Drive for November 29, 2024 (Black Friday).

Trustee Mark Eckert asked about vehicle inspections. Chief Isgar stated he brings them every month. The Clerk asked about reviewing cancer insurance eligible members before mid-November. Chief Hartford stated he will go over the list with Chief DiFabio.

Trustee Rinaldo asked if BOCES had taken care of the backup battery problem. The Clerk stated Ray, BOCES, had installed the battery backup and the fire department had to pay to replace BOCES battery. The fire department received an email from Chris Pedley to select the $80 battery or the $800 solution but was not advised that they needed the more expensive option, and the lesser will not do the job. This information was learned after the less expensive solution was ordered. The Clerk stated she has heard that BOCES will not be servicing the fire department emails next year. Chief Isgar confirmed this and stated he was told it could cost them thousands. Mayor Waterman asked the Clerk to check with Syracuse Technologies which also services the Village of Camillus. Chief Isgar estimates 7 or 8 emails are needed.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to hold no more than 6 Boot Drives a year.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to accept Nicholas Colman as a Camillus Fire Department Firefighter.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board to accept Kenzie Schuldt as a Support Member of the Camillus Fire Department.

**Code Enforcement**

Code Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan stated he stopped by the new duplexes being constructed on Glade Ridge and asked them to clean up the dirt in the road and plant grass or install a silt fence before winter. Mr. Reagan stated he had heard a discussion about Smoke Shops and reminded the board that Smoke Shops are allowed if it is not the principal use.

Mayor Waterman passed a revised Rental Registration form the Clerk adapted from another municipality which includes the increase of the per unit registration fee from $25 every three years to $50 every three years. The Clerk explained if the registration fee is not received then the fee is added to the next year’s tax bill. Many landlords do not return the registration form which includes pertinent information as to how to reach them if there is a problem or concern. The Clerk would like the Village to implement a late fee if the form is not returned within 30 days. The proposed fee is $5 per unit per month. Mr. Reagan stated the Village would need to send a certified letter to the landlord prior to implementing this fee which would cost about $10 and the $5 per unit/per month proposed fee for the first month would not cover that cost. Discussion was had regarding the fee. Trustee Mark Eckert proposed $50 per unit per month which would cover the cost of the certified letter. Trustee Ann Eckert suggested $5 per unit per month plus $10 for certified mailing. The Clerk will work with Mr. Reagan to include the Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide Detector Affidavit as is currently on the Village Rental Registration. Mr. Reagan stated the fee has worked in the Village of Liverpool and that most of their registrations are returned timely. Mayor Waterman will discuss the proposed fee with Attorney Bob Allan.

Trustee Rinaldo asked if 216 Genesee Street had a deadline to cut the fence down. Mr. Reagan stated Mr. Bashaw indicated he would be working on the fence and mowing the lawn over the next two weekends. Trustee Ann Eckert stated the rear section of fencing was removed.

Mr. Reagan stated he has been working on the continuing problems with the dumpster at the Villager apartments. Whenever Mr. Reagan checked, the dumpster was fine, but he did receive a recent photo from Mayor Waterman showing an overflowing dumpster. Mr. Reagan called the property manager, and he had the dumpster picked up and trash removed the same day. Mr. Reagan stated he cannot take legal action unless he receives photos with times and dates showing the dumpster overflowing. Mr. Reagan suggests a second dumpster opposite the Villager complex. Natalia Meyer, owner of the Green Gate Inn, read a statement she had prepared in regard to the Villager dumpster and her frustrations over her perceived lack of action on the part of the Village to enforce the opaqueness and height requirement for the current enclosure and the consistent overflowing trash which her patrons are forced to view when they are seated on her deck at the Green Gate Inn. Ms. Meyer also stated Code Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan called her October 8, 2024, to say the dumpster problems had been resolved as he had been checking the dumpsters and they were not overflowing. Mr. Reagan also asked to schedule a fire inspection. Ms. Meyer proceeded to list several questions she would like a response to and cited portions of the Village Code that pertained to her complaints. Mr. Reagan stated he had not seen the trash overflowing the dumpster in months and therefore felt the issue was resolved. Until he received the Mayor’s dated and timed photo last week, he had not received any photos from anyone, in months, with a date and time he could use to follow up on the complaints. Mr. Reagan stated the dumpsters’ previous location was on the residential property line, the current location is 90 feet from the property line. He has received numerous complaints from the Villager regarding the Green Gate’s concrete blocks and questions on how they were allowed by Village Code and how they qualify as screening or fencing. He has also received complaints about the Green Gate lights shining illegally into the sky. Mr. Reagan reiterated that he needs proof with dates and times to take the Villager to court. Mayor Waterman asked Ms. Meyer if the Villager were to put an opaquer enclosure and raised the enclosure by a foot would that be acceptable. Ms. Meyer stated yes as that would be to Code and they would not have to see it. Trustee Mark Eckert asked how high the current enclosure is. The previous dumpsters were smaller, but the new dumpsters are larger and taller, the fence is six feet, and the dumpsters were 44.5” but the new dumpsters are taller. Mr. Reagan stated his concern with raising the enclosure higher is that it encourages trash to be piled higher. Further discussion was had regarding the dumpsters, and it was suggested to have the dumpsters emptied more often. Mayor Waterman stated Ms. Meyer needs to allow the fire inspection as that is a different issue than the dumpsters. Mayor Waterman asked the Board for their opinion. Trustee Lighton stated that maybe someone can monitor the dumpsters 24/7 to get enough information and verify that they are overflowing more often and then take them to court or put a second dumpster in another location. A discussion was had about the concrete blocks on the Green Gate property. Trustee Ann Eckert stated a second dumpster should be placed in another section. Discussion was had about putting additional dumpsters next to the Danforth building. Mr. Reagan is waiting for a return call from the owner of the Danforth building. Trustee Rinaldo agreed with a second dumpster location then mentioned tractor trailers parked along the Green Gate. Trustee Rinaldo will send photos of the tractor trailers next time he sees them. Trustee Mark Eckert stated raising the height of the enclosure is reasonable and adding a second dumpster location. Mayor Waterman stated he will ask the DPW to report the dumpster if they see it overflowing. Trustee Lighton suggested the dumpsters be emptied every other day. Mr. Reagan stated he will send a letter tomorrow and include the Village wants the existing enclosure to be higher and install the gates he was already told to install. Mayor Waterman told Ms. Meyer to send all her photos to the Clerk and the Village will print them out with the times. Ms. Meyer and her son exited the meeting. Further discussion about the dumpster continued. Mr. Reagan stated before last week, Ms. Meyer stated the dumpster was overflowing 2 weeks prior. Doug Shepherd went through the videos for 2.5 weeks and did not see the dumpster overflowing. Mr. Reagan reiterated he needs photos with times and dates for proof.

**Mayor’s Comments**

Mayor Waterman stated the shed is up and siding has been ordered and the roof will be installed possibly next week. Trustee Mark Eckert suggested Rich Ghezzi and Trustee Rinaldo suggested Doug’s Electric for electricians.

Mayor Waterman stated work will begin on the Elm Street sewer in mid-November.

The engineer for Byrne Dairy is finishing a second proposal that is needed, and Bill Morse should have it this week and if approved it will go to Bill Reagan for approval and then on to FEMA.

NYSERDA wants the Village to complete the grant before they reimburse the $3000 in LED lights we already installed. NYSERDA suggested battery powered equipment so Jason, DPW Supervisor, put together a list of battery-operated tools and suggestions about upgrading current appliances to energy efficient and the Clerk emailed it to the Village liaison for NYSERDA. We are still waiting to hear back if any of the items were approved for purchase.

The Board needs to set a Public Hearing for November 6, 2024, for the 2025 Budget.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board to hold a Public Hearing for the 2025 Budget on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

**Approval of Vouchers**

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions regarding the vouchers. There were none.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract #19 was approved as follows:

General: $7574.34

Sewer: $8528.75

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions regarding the October 7, 2024, Minutes. There were none.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the October 7, 2024, Minutes.

Mayor Waterman stated an Executive Session has been requested for the DPW.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board to go into Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. for the DPW.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to come out of Executive Session at 6:50 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Carrie Grooms

Clerk/Treasurer

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**SPECIAL MEETING, PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING**

**November 6, 2024**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allan (Absent)

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. Mayor Waterman sworn in Carrie Grooms as the Clerk/Treasurer and had her sign the Oath of Office. The date for the next meeting is Wednesday, November 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Richard Kirk stated he would like to take down the eight-foot sign on the side of 75 Main Street and install a smaller four-foot sign in front of 55 Genesee Street at Krabby Kirks. He would use the new pixel sign to advertise other businesses like Granger Home Goods next door. Code Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan stated he liked the idea of helping other businesses with the sign but right now Mr. Kirk could not advertise another business unless they change the sign law. Advertising for a non-profit is acceptable. Mr. Reagan states Mr. Kirk may need to talk to Attorney Allan. The sign would be ten feet above the sidewalk and cannot exceed one foot candle. Trustee Mark Eckert asked what direction the sign would be facing. It would be visible for people driving down the street. Trustee Rinaldo asked if there was a size limit. Mr. Reagan stated he did not believe the Village had a size limit. Trustee Lighton asked if it would hang in the right of way. The sign would hang about 12 feet above the sidewalk. Mr. Kirk would need a variance and adhere to the Village sign laws.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the new sign but reserved the ability to advertise other businesses until the Village Attorney is consulted.

Mayor Waterman stated Jay at 45-47 Main Street has revised his 2023 Main Street Grant several times and was originally going to tear down the roof over his property leaving his roof exposed on the side because of the rainwater coming down. There used to be a gutter that ran along 55 Genesee and 47 Genesee Street, and the downspout was illegally funneling water onto the sidewalk, but no one was aware it was illegal. Jay is taking down the gutter, so the water will drip onto the sidewalk. Attorney Allan would like the gutter down before the snow and ice arrives. Richard Kirk plans to take down his half of the gutter before the end of the month, but his problem is trying to find someone to do the work.

**Camillus Fire Department**

Chief Fred Isgar stated everything went well with Election Day. Chief Isgar stated he emailed the contract for the software company the fire department will be hiring, First Due Fire Services, to the Village Clerk and Mayor. He would like the Village Clerk to set up an account for payment purposes after the contract is signed. Mayor Waterman asked Chief Isgar to explain what the company does. Chief Isgar stated First Due is a software asset inventory management program which is used with tablets to manage all the major inventory in the firehouse including truck checks, SCBA checks, PPE and EMS checks. Further description and details were provided regarding the First Due program and how it will improve the fire department. There are a couple community members who will volunteer their time to help build the software and input the equipment. Initial cost is $2800, then $1900 a year, renewed annually. Chief Isgar will purchase a couple tablets on Amazon to be kept at the station for use with this system. Chief Isgar does not know which budget line this system will come out of, but it will be purchased this year.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board for the Camillus Volunteer Fire Department to sign the contract with First Due.

Chief Isgar stated the fire department has had 322 alarms to date. The fire department members will be holding a Boot Drive on November 29, 2024, Black Friday, about 8:00 a.m.

In February, the Camillus Fire Department will be holding a 6-hour driver training course which will be open to all the Board Members and fire department members at no cost, family members can pay to take the course. It is usually two nights on a Tuesday and Thursday. It is good to let the insurance company know all these members have taken the course.

Chief Isgar met with the insurance representative, and they decided to increase the coverage on the two engines. The building is insured for $6.4 million. Chief Isgar requested an Executive Session for the next meeting on November 18, 2024, to discuss fire department matters. Elections are coming up. There may be a change in the By-Laws regarding the meeting after the Elections.

Mayor Waterman stated the Village Tree Lighting will be December 7, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The Village would like the Camillus Volunteer fire engine to bring Santa and the Santa Chair. A discussion was had about who Santa would be. Christina, One Love Salon, asked Scott Glover about being the DJ but we do not have an estimate yet. Christina will talk to the businesses about being open and possibly a decorating contest. There is a plaque that rotates between the businesses. They changed the name, and it stays with the business for the year. Last year Christina hosted face painting by the Town Shop and hair braiding. Trustee Ann Eckert asked if the fire department would provide popcorn and sno-cone machines, and she would provide the paper products. Chief Isgar will have the items to the Village Thursday night before the Tree Lighting.

Mayor Waterman stated Chief Isgar met with someone last week from the DEC to discuss the wetlands and she referred Chief Isgar to Sarah Clay, Cortland Office. Mayor Waterman read a letter from Ms. Clay stating the fire department would need a wetland delineation to determine if expansion is possible. The fire department can hire a private company to do the delineation or be put on a waiting list for about a year, and her department could do it for free. Discussion was had about the potential wetlands at the fire department and the 100-year buffer. Chief Isgar said they do not want to build a training facility, but they want to build fire props. Trustee Lighton mentioned Michael Fishman in East Syracuse is a Biologist who does this work. Chief Isgar stated the fire department can wait for the free service unless the Village is willing to pay for a private company. They are not planning on building anything for at least 2-3 years. Engineer Bill Morse sent a survey to the Clerk which the Mayor shared. Mr. Morse thought the property wetlands were known but was not sure if they had been delineated. Chief Isgar stated people have dumped a lot of junk over the edge over the years including construction material, bathtubs, toilets, and more. Trustee Lighton stated the survey does not show wetlands and it needs to be delineated by the DEC or a biologist and located by a surveyor. DEC will then let you know what you can or cannot do. They may tell you to move the wetlands, if you take them out you need to put them somewhere else even if it is on a different property. Trustee Ann Eckert reminded the fire department about the drainage pipe. Chief Isgar stated that pipe is a concern with the dirt that was dropped off as he doesn’t want it accidentally pushed over the edge and cover the pipe. Mayor Waterman will call Michael Fishman.

Chief Isgar mentioned the email the Village Clerk sent to Chief Isgar about purchasing emails. Chief Isgar stated he needed a price on approximately 50 emails to be used with the First Due program. There is a chance they could get free emails through Google Docs for fire departments. There are people looking into this and will get back with him. The fire department has not been happy with BOCES. The contract expires in February, so the fire department is looking at other options. A discussion was had about email options. Mr. Reagan suggested emails through the Village website. The Clerk will investigate this.

**Code Enforcement**

Code Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan stated there were no applications or permits issued this month, 4 construction inspections, 13 fire inspections, 3 fire re-inspection, 3 complaint inspections, 8 violations and re-inspections, a day of stormwater mapping, 4 new notices, and 22 miscellaneous actions. The fence at 216 Genesee Street is being worked on. The Villager dumpster has been fine. Doug, Vilager, stated they are working on a new design to bring it up to the Village standards. The note Mr. Reagan put on the tractor trailer parked on the street seems to have worked as it is gone. The cars at Apple Auto need to be counted. Trustee Ann Eckert asked if Mr. Reagan can tell 4 South Street to change the batteries in their smoke detectors as they have been beeping for a month. Mayor Waterman will call Will Chamberlin.

**Engineer Comments**

Mayor Waterman stated the garage is about complete and the electrical is being installed. Mr. Reagan asked about a third-party electrical inspection and a roof truss certificate. The clerk stated she believes they are coming out on Friday. Mayor Waterman stated National Grid does not charge to re-install the electrical. Jason will be building shelves inside the garage. Mayor Waterman has requested a quote for matching steel around the rest of the building and steel roofing. He has put in a call to John Mannion to see if there is any more funding to disperse. We will also get a quote for 3 new doors. A discussion was had about the middle building and the lack of working electrical, but the wires are in place. Jason stated there is no power or gas in the building, the new truck is on the good side of the building where the wall is not leaning. The garage was written up for a lack of working power but there is no power in the building. The wires should be removed.

Mr. Morse stated Byrne Dairy had submitted their survey with no net rise but there was not a grading plan for the site. Mr. Morse requested the grading plan, but it does not match the cross sections. Byrne Dairy proposed an additional side channel along the creek which should work. Mr. Morse is waiting to hear back from Byrne Dairy.

Mr. Morse passed out maps for the Elm Street sewer repair project. Nick Casinella quoted $20,400 for repairs in front of 70 Elm Street under the driveway. We will have to notify the owners of 70 Elm Street about the repairs even though it is in the Village right of way. The second quote of $45,300 is for the intersection of West Genesee Street and Elm Street and the work to be completed is outside the road so should not require paving. There may be additional costs up to $19,200 for change orders that may occur. Mr. Morse would like approval to do the work this year. Mayor Waterman stated Precision Trenchless’ estimates $77,200.40 for their portion of the repairs to be completed. These funds are coming from the $300 per unit sewer charge added to the 2024 taxes and are continuing with the 2025 taxes. There will still be $53, 312 in the sewer fund for any emergencies that arise. Mr. Morse stated there are 3 other repairs which need to be done before they can line the whole area. A discussion was had about changing the order of what is planned to be completed.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the Casinella quotes including the potential change orders up to $84,900.

**Mayor’s Comments**

Mayor Waterman stated he received a call from the Marcellus Mayor about a meeting to discuss the future of the trail from the Sim’s Store to Martisco. Mayor Waterman verified there is an easement with Camillus Mills for the trail to pass through their property. Mayor Waterman stated the following people attended the meeting: Troy Waffner, County Planning Director, Allison McMann, project manager, an ESF student and a high school resource teacher both of whom have been working on the trail from the Sim’s Store to Marcellus, Scott McClurg, and the Mayor of Marcellus. The County will make a map and decide on which sections to work on.

The Village needs to apply annually for the Tree City designation which requires an Arbor Day celebration. The Village will hold an Arbor Day celebration on November 8, 2024, at noon and Mayor Waterman will read a Proclamation.

The Village of Camillus has received Pro-Housing certification, but the letter arrived with the Town of Camillus address and Mayor Waterman’s name. A new letter has been requested. Trustee Mark Eckert asked what Pro-Housing was. Mayor Waterman read the letter from Home and Community Renewal and stated the Village will now be eligible for certain grants. Mr. Reagan stated they want houses to add apartments to increase residences in the municipalities.

The Village of Camillus Christmas employee party will be on December 20, 2024, at noon.

**Clerk Comments**

The Clerk handed out a copy of the revised proposed 2025 3-Year Rental Registration letter for review. A discussion was had regarding the challenges of contacting the property owner when the rental registration is not returned. The letter also includes a “no short-term rentals” and the smoke detector and carbon monoxide acknowledgement. Mr. Reagan stated if the property owner does not return the registration form, we could also put a letter on the tenant’s door saying the owner does not have a Certificate of Occupancy and the tenants may have to move.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board to change the rental registration fee from $25 per unit every 3 years to $50 per rental unit every 3 years and impose a late fee of $50 per unit if the registration form and payment are not returned within 30 days and any unpaid fees will be added to the next tax bill.

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**SPECIAL MEETING and PUBLIC HEARING**

**November 6, 2024**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allan (Absent)

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton 5 people in attendance

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to open the Public Hearing and Special Meeting to consider and adopt the 2025 Budget of the Village of Camillus at 6:28 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to waive the reading of the Public Hearing.

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING and PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Camillus, Onondaga County, New York, has canceled the regular scheduled meeting on Monday, November 4, 2024.

**FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Camillus, Onondaga County, New York will conduct a Special Meeting and Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 6, 224 at 5:00 p.m. to consider and adopt the 2025 Budget of the Village of Camillus.

The Public Hearing will be held at the Village Hall, 37 Main Street, in the Village of Camillus, at the date and time stated at which time all interested parties will be heard.

The tentative budget is available for inspection at the Office of the Village Clerk and may be inspected during normal office hours.

**FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Section 5-508 of the Village Law that the following are the proposed salaries for the Village officers:

Mayor $5100

Trustees $1873

October 21, 2024

RICHARD A WATERMAN, Mayor

Village of Camillus

Trustee Lighton verified the changes discussed at the Budget Workshop had been made.

Mayor Waterman asked the Public if there were any questions. There were none. Mayor Waterman asked the Board if there were any questions. Trustee Ann Eckert stated she did not agree with a second raise halfway through the year. Trustee Mark Eckert agreed with Trustee Ann Eckert. Mayor Waterman stated he had proposed second raises as the Village of Camillus is behind other municipalities in salaries. Trustee Ann Eckert stated the County does not make as much as the Village employees. Trustee Mark Eckert asked about matching the Town of Camillus salary rate. Mayor Waterman stated the job descriptions were different so they could not be matched.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board to come out of the Public Hearing at 6:33 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and approved by the Board to adopt the 2025 Budget of the Village of Camillus as proposed.

The voting was as follows:

James Lighton Trustee Yes

Ann Eckert Trustee No

Richard Waterman Mayor Yes

Martin Rinaldo Trustee Yes

Mark Eckert Trustee No

The motion was duly approved.

Mr. Morse stated when the County finished the trail by Reed Webster Park, quite a few people began using the trail and it has become quite popular.

**Approval of Vouchers**

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions regarding the vouchers. There were none.

Upon motion of Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract #20 was approved as follows:

General: $65,140.46

Sewer: $618.87

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions regarding the October 21, 2024, Minutes. There were none.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the October 21, 2024, Minutes.

The Clerk stated PetSmart contacted the Village with an offer of three bags of stuffed animals to be given out by Santa at our Village Tree Lighting. They will be dropped at the office at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

Mayor Waterman stated an Executive Session has been requested for the DPW.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to go into Executive Session at 6:38 p.m. for the DPW.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to come out of Executive Session at 7:06 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board for the DPW Supervisor to leave the Village DPW phone at the Village office evenings and weekends and the Mayor will take emergency sewer calls for the next month as a test.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Carrie Grooms

Clerk/Treasurer

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**November 18, 2024**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allen

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton 1 person in attendance

Mayor Waterman opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Code Enforcement**

Code Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan stated the new Fire Codes Enforcement Officer John Raflowski is doing a good job. Trustee Lighton asked the status of the Green Gate Inn fire inspection. Mr. Reagan stated Mr. Raflowski is calling weekly and documenting that he is leaving messages but there has not been a fire inspection yet. If there is no inspection set by the end of November, a letter will be sent revoking their operating permit in December. Trustee Rinaldo and Mayor Waterman have been keeping an eye on the dumpster and it has not been overflowing. Mr. Reagan agrees when the dumpster is overflowing it is unsightly.

**Engineer Comments**

Mayor Waterman stated Nick Casinella, Casinella Excavating, repaired the end of Elm Street at 70 Elm Street. The work was being completed at the corner of Elm Street and the driveway at 77 Main Street. They had to stop working when they discovered the band that connects the state pipes was rotting underneath the pipe they were replacing, and the rotted band must be replaced before the repair is completed. The state will pay for their repair and Mr. Casinella should be finished with the work in the next couple of days.

The Village received a quote from Precision Trenchless for slip lining. An explanation of the quote and a discussion was had regarding the work to be completed. Attorney Allan asked if Precision Trenchless had the County bid. Mayor Waterman stated Engineer Bill Morse stated they are County approved.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Mark Ecker and unanimously approved by the Board to accept the Precision Trenchless quote for $65,142.90 to be paid from Sewer Rent Construction costs G8120.42.

The voting was as follows:

James Lighton Trustee Yes

Ann Eckert Trustee Yes

Richard Waterman Mayor Yes

Martin Rinaldo Trustee Yes

Mark Eckert Trustee Yes

The motion was duly approved.

The Village tree lighting is December 7, 2024. Trustee Ann Eckert stated she has dropped letters requesting donations from businesses and has received a donation of two dozen donuts from Dunkin Donuts. She has a request into Wegmans and will submit a request to Costco. Mayor Waterman stated we have a large supply of plush toys and Trustee Ann Eckert stated Santa is all set.

The Village office party is on December 20, 2024. Senator Mannion has said he will attend if he is not called out of town. Mayor Waterman stated we have received over $500,000 in grants from Senator Mannion for which the Village of Camillus is very appreciative. Mayor Waterman has asked if there is a possibility of an additional $47,500 in grants to finish the other half of the garage siding and roof before Senator Mannion leaves office. Attorney Allan suggested the mayor invite Senator Mannion’s successor, Chris Ryan.

**Mayor’s Comments**

Mayor Waterman stated the Town and Village received $150,000 in grants for the Comprehensive Plan. The Village portion is $25,000 and the Village will pay 20% which equals about $5000 and we budgeted $8000. The Comprehensive Plan was put out to bid through county purchasing and the lowest bid was Barton and Loguidice with $149,459. The other bids were Colliers Engineering at $151,060, Fisher Investments at $149,920 and EDR at $373,510. Mayor Waterman stated questionnaires will most likely be sent out to residents to get their opinions about the Village. Mr. Reagan stated he assumes as part of the comprehensive plan, the zoning will be reviewed including the overlay district and signage. He is willing to be involved but cannot commit to attending every meeting. A discussion was had regarding Pro-housing. Trustee Lighton stated zoning would have to change dramatically to put more apartments in the Village as most of the Village is Residential 1. Mr. Reagan asked how long the Village is eligible for grants under Pro-Housing qualifications with the Camillus Mills additional apartments, is it a year or ten years because they add 27 units. Mayor Waterman will ask.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to approve Barton and Loguidice to do the Comprehensive Plan for $149,459.

The voting was as follows:

James Lighton Trustee Yes

Ann Eckert Trustee Yes

Richard Waterman Mayor Yes

Martin Rinaldo Trustee Yes

Mark Eckert Trustee Yes

The motion was duly approved.

**Approval of Vouchers**

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions regarding the vouchers. Trustee Mark Eckert asked if the tipping fee from the Town of Camillus could be negotiated. The Clerk stated some of the tipping fees charged to the Village are reimbursed by the residents who rent the Village truck to dispose of their household debris and pay for their tipping fee. Trustee Mark Eckert asked if there was a reduced rate for the Village to dispose of the Village debris instead of the $39 a ton we are currently being charged. The Clerk and Mayor will research this.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract #21 was approved as follows:

General: $16,127.63

Sewer: $850.25

Trust: $468.79

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions regarding the November 6, 2024, Minutes. There were none.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the November 6, 2024, Minutes.

**Attorney Comments**

Attorney Bob Allan stated the sign the Board approved for Krabby Kirk at the previous meeting will stick out over the sidewalk. The sign cannot be used to advertise other businesses without a variance. The sign up the street at 75 Main Street should not have been approved. Mr. Reagan stated this would be the only sign sticking out over the sidewalk as his other sign sticks out over the ramp. Richard Kirk would need a variance as he is in the overlay district, and he would need to comply. A discussion was had about the proposed sign and placement. Trustee Rinaldo asked if Mr. Kirk could bring a picture of the sign to a meeting. Mr. Reagan stated he understands Mr. Kirk would like a digital sign like the one on 75 Main Street but smaller and sticking out from the deck over the public sidewalk. Mayor Waterman asked about the sign being over the roof or perpendicular to the building which would be away from the sidewalk. Mr. Reagan asked about enforcing the overlay and double check about signs being hung above the first story. Attorney Allan stated the overlay wants signs at the top of the first floor. Trustee Mark Eckert asked if there could be a shut off time such as 8:00 p.m. Trustee Lighton stated we would be setting a precedence for other businesses. Attorney Allan will send Richard Kirk a letter.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board to table the Krabby Kirk sign at 55 Main Street for a future meeting.

Mr. Reagan stated the LED sign at 75 Genesee Street is not working, can we time it out? Attorney Allan stated you can pass a time out, but you would have to give the owner a couple of years. Attorney Allan stated there is something about abandoned signs which it sounds like this could be if not in working condition. Mr. Reagan stated it is not abandoned but he does not want the owner to put money into a repairing a sign the Village will later time out.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to set a Public Hearing for a proposed local law regarding billboard signs on December 2, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

**Camillus Fire Department**

Trustee Rinaldo stated he and the fire department clerk purchased the supplies for the Village Tree lighting out of the General Funds. Mayor Waterman read an email from Syracuse Technologies regarding the fire department’s email request. A discussion was had whether the fire department has their own domain. Chief Fred Isgar stated Gmail emails are not an option. Microsoft has free offers Chief Isgar is looking into.

**Old Business**

Trustee Lighton asked how the DPW cell phone being left at the Village is working out for sewer calls. Mayor Waterman stated he has not received any calls, so it does not seem to be a problem.

Trustee Rinaldo asked if there was anything new about Byrne Dairy. Mayor Waterman stated he has not heard anything from Byrne.

Chief Fred Isgar requested an Executive Session to discuss fire department personnel matters.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Camillus Fire department personnel matters at 5:55 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board to come out of Executive Session at 6:56 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Carrie Grooms

Clerk/Treasurer

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**December 2, 2024**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allen

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton 4 people in attendance

Mayor Waterman opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, He stated he received an email regarding license plate readers the Town was putting in with a request to put one in the Village. Mayor Waterman invited Police Chief Mike Schreyer to discuss the new license plate reader cameras the Town of Camillus is getting with grant funding. Police Chief Mike Schreyer stated the Camillus Police will be getting 8 cameras from Flock Safety at a cost of approximately $3000 a year for 3 years to be placed around Camillus on utility poles or the company’s poles. Many municipalities are installing these cameras in their towns and villages. The cameras are being used by Destiny, Target, Walmart, and other retailers because of retail theft. The cameras will capture the front or rear profile of the vehicle, record the license plate, and will generate the color, make of the vehicle, and potentially the year. The cameras will be able to distinguish bumper stickers and damage to the vehicle but will not take pictures of people in the vehicle and cannot gauge a vehicles speed. Chief Schreyer delivered the Flock Safety presentation stating it is pro-active policing with real-time alerts. Flock Safety tries to put the poles and cameras on private party with the owner’s permission to avoid the D.O.T. permitting process. A discussion was had about potential locations for cameras to be placed and how soon they would be placed.

Trustee Ann Eckert stated the police cars used to have plate readers and people started foiling where their car was read, will people be able to FOIL request the data. Chief Schreyer stated people might be able to FOIL the data, but information is only available for 30 days. Trustee Mark Eckert asked the cost to the Village if the Village wanted to get a second camera. Chief Schreyer estimated $3000 to $5000 a year per camera. Trustee Lighton asked if these cameras would eventually be used to enforce speed. Attorney Allan stated people are being billed for offenses in areas their car has not been so the technology is not always accurate. Mayor Waterman will verify if the email he received was asking for permission to install a camera in the Village.

Chief Schreyer stated the Police department is down six people due to medical and family leave and is still looking to fill vacancies. The 2025 police budget did not include the original Sergeant and Officer position he had requested, and they cut money for some added equipment, but they approved the use of ARPA funds for those items. Chief Schreyer stated he has passed on the information regarding parking on Main Street to the patrol officers. Mayor Waterman thanked Chief Schreyer for his detailed Flock Safety presentation and his time.

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**December 2, 2024**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allen

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton 4 people in attendance

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees to open the Public Hearing to consider a local law to require the eventual stopping of billboard signs that are used improperly at 5:54 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to waive the reading of the Public Hearing notice as follows:

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Camillus, Onondaga County, New York will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, December 2, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. to consider a local law to require the eventual stopping of billboard signs that are used improperly.

The Public Hearing will be held at the Village Hall 37 Main Street, in the Village of Camillus, at the date and time stated above at which time all interested parties will be heard.

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.

November 18, 2024

RICHARD A. WATERMAN, Mayor

Village of Camillus

Attorney Bob Allan stated Richard Kirk’s billboard on 75 Main Street was previously approved under the former previous administration and records do not show that the sign was approved for advertising services or products that are not on that site which is what the sign has been used for these past few years. Attorney Allan stated it appears Richard Kirk received approval for the sign but not for use as a billboard. The only approved billboard in the Village is at the end of Munro Road. When Attorney Allan prepared the proposed Local Law, he was under the assumption that Mr. Kirk’s permit, given by John Williams, allowed him to advertise on site. The proposed local law allows someone to cease using the sign improperly. Attorney Allan received the permit application from the Village Clerks and stated Mr. Kirk does not have the right to advertise illegally. Mr. Kirk thinks he can advertise his other businesses.

Mayor Waterman asked about the difference between charitable organizations and profit organizations. Attorney Allan stated there is no difference for charitable organizations. Mile long garage sale can be advertised on the church sign as well as community events and other non-profit organizations. Attorney Allan stated the proposed local law should read as follows:

Billboards constructed or installed on or after April 4, 2004, and before January 1, 2024 (or choose whatever date the Village Board wants), with or without municipal approval, shall not be utilized in violation of Section 110-31(I)(2) after July 31, 2026.

Mr. Kirk believes he received consent from John Williams to advertise off site which is why the Board will give him a window of time to keep the billboard if he wants to. Mayor Waterman asked the Board for their opinion on the date. Attorney Allan asked if there were any other billboards like Mr. Kirk’s in the Village. The Methodist Church and the gas station. The gas station advertises only their products. Mr. Kirk stated the church advertises other things like support for Ukraine which is not in the Village or with the church. Attorney Allan stated that is part of the exceptions, but the church cannot advertise events like the dinners at the Elks. Mr. Kirk stated he would not have paid $17,000 for the sign on 75 Main Street if he had not been able to advertise Krabby Kirk’s or his apartments occasionally. Attorney Allan stated the specifications for advertising would not have been listed on the permit as they were already in the Codes. A discussion was had regarding the sign and potentially sunsetting the billboard at 75 Main Street. Mr. Kirk proposed removing the damaged sign at 75 Main Street and putting up a smaller, similar sign in front of Krabby Kirk’s at 55 Main Street. Mr. Kirk stated he is not going to pay the $13,000 required to repair the sign just to take it down in 2026 and proposed keeping the sign until he sold the building and having the sign sunset when the building changes ownership. Code Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan stated the Board is not asking him to take down the sign at 75 Main Street, just not to use it to advertise Krabby Kirk’s. Trustee Lighton stated sunsetting the sign when the building ownership changed might be a better option if he is not going to put a sign in front of Krabby Kirk’s.

Mayor Waterman asked the public if there were any questions. There were none.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board to come out of the Public Hearing at 6:11 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to table the Public Hearing at 6:12 p.m.

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**December 2, 2024**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allen

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton 4 people in attendance

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees to open the Public Hearing to consider a local law to regulate and/or prohibit signs that hang or project from the structure to which they are attached by replacing Village Code Section 110-31 (B) at 6:12 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board to waive the reading of the Public Hearing notice as follows:

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Camillus, Onondaga County, New York will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, December 2, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. to consider a local law to regulate and/or prohibit signs that hang or project from the structure to which they are attached by replacing Village Code Section 110-31 (B).

The Public Hearing will be held at the Village Hall 37 Main Street, in the Village of Camillus, at the date and time stated above at which time all interested parties will be heard.

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.

November 18, 2024

RICHARD A. WATERMAN, Mayor

Village of Camillus

Attorney Allan stated the Board gave approval for a sign for Mr. Kirk at the last meeting, however it would not meet the Code. Mr. Kirk had stated if he were allowed the sign at 55 Main Street, he would take down the sign at 75 Main Street. The existing code does not allow a sign to go over the property line in a commercial zone. A discussion was had regarding sign requirements and the ways the Zoning Board could override the sign law. The Village Board could overrule the sign law in the Village for properties in the Village overlay district as written in Section 110.28.1 which has standards for the development of properties and the standards for the aesthetic appeal of properties in the commercial district. If you enforce these standards and overrule the other code requirements, the Board is supposed to think of what the Village would have looked like with the 1900’s aesthetics with shops on the first floor, residences, or offices on the second floor and signage and colors should be similar. The proposed application for a projecting four-foot overhanging sign in the commercial overlay district will need a variance from the Zoning Board unless the Village Board grants it and takes into consideration all the factors which the Board may not have considered. Mayor Waterman asked about a sign projecting from the top of the building instead of from the first floor of the building. Attorney Allan stated Mr. Kirk’s surveyor miscalculated the width of the road so there is confusion as to where the property line is and whether it is the front of his building or where his porch is. Mr. Kirk stated the width of the road, and the center line of the road has changed over the years. Mr. Kirk would prefer the sign at the top of the porch rather than the top of the building. Mayor Waterman stated the current sign meets the requirements. Mr. Kirk stated people do not look at his side of the street and he needs a lighted pixel sign to change advertised specials and possibly advertise the shop next door to him to bring her business. Attorney Allan suggested the possibility of changing the billboard code to reflect advertising on the billboard for any property owned by the owner of the sign.

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions. Trustee Lighton stated concerns over other businesses wanting to add a lighted projecting sign. Trustee Ann Eckert stated she has not seen any signs like that. Mr. Kirk stated he could ask the sign guy for an address she could view similar signs. The Board asked about seeing a sample of what the sign would look like on the street. Attorney Allan suggested tabling this discussion and the revision to the local law.

Attorney Allan stated the proposed local law states that a sign could be lighted but not blinking and flashing. Mr. Kirk will provide a visual for the next meeting.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board to come out of the Public Hearing at 6:33 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to table the proposed local law until December 16, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

**Camillus Fire Department**

No Chiefs present. Chief Isgar was at a funeral. Mayor Waterman stated the Chiefs had sent the proposed changes to the By-Laws.

**Code Enforcement**

Code Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan stated there were 2 building permit applications approved for $7200 which resulted in $126 in fees, 3 construction inspections, 9 commercial fire inspections, no new notices, 6 violation inspections, 12 miscellaneous actions, some catch basin work, 4 government meetings, and a storm coalition meeting. Mr. Reagan and Mayor Waterman have been discussing the ongoing problems with the Villager dumpster. The gate was left open possibly by the company who dumps the dumpsters. The dumpster itself was overflowing with 5 or 6 trash bags on the ground. Mr. Reagan suggested inviting the property manager and/or owner to a Village Board meeting or have Attorney Allan send them a letter. Mr. Reagan has sent several letters and had conversations with the property manager, and they intend to remedy the situation, however they have had quite a bit of time and this needs to be resolved in a timely manner. Attorney Allan asked Mr. Reagan to send him the information. BOCES installed the new computer for Codes today.

Trustee Rinaldo mentioned 10 North Street. Mr. Reagan will call them tomorrow. He is still sorting drawings upstairs.

**Engineer Comments**

Engineer Bill Morse stated the digging repairs are completed. The 48” State storm sewer had a broken band so the state will be paying for a portion of the repair, and it did not require traffic control so the Village will save money there. Mr. Morse has requested a quote for slip lining an additional section this year.

**Mayor’s Comments**

The Village tree lighting is December 7, 2024. Trustee Ann Eckert stated she has dropped letters requesting donations from businesses and has received a donation of two dozen donuts from Dunkin Donuts and $100 from Wegmans.

The Village office party is on December 20, 2024.

**Organizational Meeting**

Mayor Waterman appointed Trustee Rinaldo as the Deputy Mayor for the year 2025. Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved Martin Rinaldo was approved as Deputy Mayor for 2025.

Mayor Waterman appointed Attorney Robert Allan as the Village Attorney for the year 2025. Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved Robert Allan as the Village Attorney for 2025.

Mayor Waterman appointed William Reagan as Code Enforcement Officer for the year 2025. Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved Robert Allan as the Village Attorney for 2025

Mayor Waterman appointed William Morse as Engineer for the year 2025. Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved the Board moved to accept William Morse as Engineer for the year 2025.

Mayor Waterman appointed Syracuse Post Standard as Official Newspaper for the year 2025. Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved, the Board moved to accept Syracuse Post Standard as Official Newspaper for the year 2025.

Mayor Waterman appointed Solvay Bank and New York Class as the bank Depositary for 2024. Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved the Board moved to accept Solvay Bank and New York Class as the bank Depositary for the year 2025.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the Board moved to accept the Regular Meetings will be held the first and third Mondays of the month at 5:00 p.m. with the date as follows:

January 6, 2025 May 19, 2025 October 20, 2025

February 3, 2025 June 9, 2025 November 5, 2025

March 3, 2025 June 23, 2025 November 17, 2025

March 17, 2025 July 21, 2025 December 1, 2025

April 7, 2025 August 18, 2025 December 15, 2025

April 21, 2025 September 15, 2025

May 5, 2025 October 6, 2025

The first meeting in November will be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, due to the General Elections.

Mayor Waterman stated mileage will be paid at $.50 per mile. Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved, the Board moved to accept mileage will be paid at $.50 per mile for the year 2025.

Mayor Waterman stated approval of advance payments of claims such as utilities, postage, and freight for the year 2025. Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board moved to accept approval of advance payments of claims such as utilities, postage, and freight for the year 2025.

Mayor Waterman stated the Procurement Policy will remain the same as 20243 for 2025. Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved, the Board moved to accept the current Procurement Policy.

Mayor Waterman stated the military banners will be displayed through 2025 with a letter being sent to the purchasers giving them the option to pick up the banner in December 2025 and the first opportunity to purchase a new banner if they choose. Discussion was had about mixing military banners with business banners if there are available poles on Main Street. We will get new pricing when the time gets closer. Attorney Allan asked about opening the poles up for lifetime firefighters as well as veterans if you have additional space.

Mayor Waterman stated the DPW does not have winter jackets. The Village bought rain jackets for the DPW about 3 years ago. The jackets the DPW are looking at cost $143.99 on Amazon and are heated. Trustee Ann Eckert asked why the DPW was not using their $400 allowance for next year as she realizes they are out of funds this year. Mayor Waterman stated this would be a one-time purchase from Snow Removal Contractual Expenses A5142.2 and feels it is the Village’s responsibility to provide the winter jackets. The jackets would be Village property if there was a separation. Trustee Ann Eckert thought they should pay for their own jackets. Trustee Lighton stated the DPW is often asking for something. Discussion was had about who should pay for the DPW jackets, what has been worn the past few years, and what happens if the batteries are damaged.

Mayor Waterman put forth a motion for the Village of Camillus to pay $143.99 each for 3 jackets out of account A5142.2 Snow Removal Contractual Expenses.

There was no second. The motion was not approved.

Further discussion was had with the option of the DPW paying approximately $75 out of pocket and approximately $75 being paid out A5142.2. Attorney Allan asked who would own the jackets. Trustee Lighton stated it would be good for safety purposes. Trustee Mark Eckert asks who will replace it if it is damaged. Mayor Waterman stated the DPW employees would be responsible for replacing it.

Mayor Waterman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo to approve the one-time purchase of 3 orange heated reflective safety jackets at $143.99 each from Amazon, DPW will personally pay any taxes, the jackets will belong to the Village upon separation, from account A5142.2 Snow Removal Contractual Expenses.

The voting was as follows:

James Lighton Trustee Yes

Ann Eckert Trustee No

Richard Waterman Mayor Yes

Martin Rinaldo Trustee Yes

Mark Eckert Trustee No

The motion was duly approved.

Trustee Lighton stated he does not want to hear anything about the jackets not working.

**Approval of Vouchers**

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

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract #22 was approved as follows:

General: $28,115.47

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions regarding the November 18, 2024, Minutes. There were none.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the November 18, 2024, Minutes.

**Attorney Comments**

Attorney Bob Allan asked about the health insurance reimbursement. Mayor Waterman stated we have received all the funds.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Carrie Grooms

Clerk/Treasurer

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**December 16, 2024**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allen

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert (Absent)

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.

**Camillus Fire Department**

Chief Fred Isgar stated there have been 362 alarms this year. Chief Isgar signed the three-year fire contract with the Town of Camillus.

Santa Detail is Sunday, December 22, 2024, throughout the Camillus Fire District. The Village of Camillus tree lighting went well. The fire department has three new member applications for the Board to review.

The Camillus Volunteer Fire Department banquet is January 18, 2025, at Lakeside Fire Department. Invitations have been sent out. Chief Isgar stated First Due would be conducting a teleconference on Friday to begin setting up the new system.

Mayor Waterman read the proposed change to the By-Laws for the Village Board to vote on. Chief Isgar discussed potential changes to be made to the By-Laws.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the By-Laws as presented.

Chief Isgar asked the Board how the fire department could use the general fund to present gift cards to members as incentives and appreciation in addition to a plaque. Attorney Allan stated he thought the banquet and awards could be paid out of the general fund and wondered if it was broad enough to include gift cards. Attorney Alan will investigate this. Trustee Mark Eckert asked about paying for the food at the monthly meetings, which are open to everyone, out of the 2% money. Chief Isgar stated they would not have any money remaining if they paid for monthly meeting food out of 2%.

Chief Isgar presented three applications for the Board to vote on. Timothy Delano is a past member, lives in the Village, and works for the ambulance company. He is applying to be an active firefighter.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved, the Board approved Timothy Delano as an active firefighter.

Chief Isgar presented an application for Cameron Lantry for Restricted Active Membership, RAM. He is 16 and lives in the Village.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board approved Cameron Lantry as an active RAM.

Chief Isgar presented Francesca Fan for membership as an active EMT.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the Board approved Francesca Fan as an EMT.

Chief Fred Isgar stated he received Employee of the Year at his company.

**Code Enforcement**

Code Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan introduced Brandon Garrigan, Property Manager for the Villager Apartments. Mr. Garrigan stated they have on order tarp-like material to go above and around the enclosure with the company logo. A discussion was had regarding solutions for keeping the doors closed. Trustee Rinaldo asked about installing larger dumpsters. Mr. Garrigan stated the Villager has the largest dumpster the company offers. Mr. Reagan asked about adding two additional dumpsters with a barrier in the previous location. The reason for moving the dumpster to its new location was because the trash would blow into the neighbors’ yards when the dumpster overflowed. Mr. Reagan stated the overhead light illuminates the garbage in the dumpster through the gate. Attorney Allan asked about installing a motion detector on the light, so it is only on when people are near the dumpster instead of on all the time. Trustee Lighton stated the only way to resolve the problem is to add another dumpster in the previous location and if that does not work, increase the number of times the trash is picked up during the week from two times to three times. Mr. Reagan stated if one dumpster is for trash, and one is for cardboard there are not enough dumpsters for 40 apartments. Mr. Garrigan will share these suggestions with Doug Shepard and see what they decide on, but nothing will be done until after January 1, 2025. Attorney Allan stated Mr. Garrigan should advise them that something needs to be done, or the Code Enforcement Officer and Attorney will cite them and take them to court.

Mayor Waterman stated Dave Manzano owns 69 Main Street and has applied for a Main Street Grant and part of the grant was for a new lighted sign to project from the building. Mayor Waterman invited Mr. Manzano to attend the meeting this evening as we are continuing two Public Hearings about signs.

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**December 2, 2024 (continuation)**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allen

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert (Absent)

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton 4 people in attendance

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees to re-open the Public Hearing from December 2, 2024, to consider a local law to require the eventual stoppage of billboard signs that are used improperly in the Village of Camillus at 5:36 p.m.

Attorney Allan stated Richard Kirk believes he received a permit about 12 years ago which allows him to advertise other things outside his property at 75 Main Street which violates the Billboard law. Attorney Allan states the approval Mr. Kirk received did not give Mr. Kirk permission to advertise things not on his site although he does have a valid sign permit. The proposed local law will “sunset” the billboard to July 31, 2026, in that Mr. Kirk will only be able to advertise the Smoke Shop or whatever shop that is there. Trustee Lighton asked how the 18 months length of time was determined. Attorney Allan stated he made a change to the proposed local law to read:

“Signs constructed or installed on or after April 4, 2000, and before January 1, 2024, with or without municipal approval, shall not be utilized in violation of Section 110-31 (I)(2) after July 31, 2026.”

Mayor Waterman asked the Public if there were any questions. Dave Manzano, 69 Main Street, stated he has concerns about the Smoke Shop. Discussion was had about the Smoke Shop. Mr. Reagan stated the sign on 75 Main Street would only be able to advertise the Smoke Shop and smoke shop signs cannot be blinking.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board to come out of the public Hearing at 5:47 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board to approve Local Law #6 - 2024 to amend the Code of the Village of Camillus by adding a new section to require the stoppage of billboard signs that are used improperly in the Village of Camillus.

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**December 2, 2024 (continuation)**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allen

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert (Absent)

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton 4 people in attendance

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees to re-open the Public Hearing to consider a local law to regulate and/or prohibit signs that hang or project from the structure to which they are attached by replacing Village Code Section 110-31 (B) at 5:49 p.m.

Attorney Allan stated signs cannot go beyond the property line unless you get a variance from the Zoning Board. Mr. Kirk feels the front of his property is his porch. Attorney Allan believes the front of 55 Main Street is the building. Mr. Kirk cannot put a projecting sign over the sidewalk without a variance from the Zoning Board. A previous Village Board passed the overlay district that has standards that try to make the Village look like a 1900s Village. The Village Board can overrule the Zoning Board and approve changes that might fit the standards even though they do not fit the setback requirements. The proposed law states projecting signs cannot encroach beyond the property line. The sign cannot have pixels or blinking lights. Attorney Allan read several excerpts from the Code of the Village of Camillus which pertained to the overlay district and sign laws.

Mayor Waterman asked Mr. Manzano what kind of sign he is proposing for 69 Main Street. Mr. Manzano passed out photos of examples stating he wants a sign like they have in Armory Square which is classy, not blinking or flashing, with his logo lit up. The pole he would like to hang the sign from has been there for an exceedingly long time, so he is not adding a pole. Discussion was had about the Main Street Grant Mr. Manzano put in which included lighting for the outside of his building and a sign. Mr. Reagan asked, since the sign pole has been there a long time, is there a chance of being grandfathered in as opposed to Mr. Kirk who would like to do something new. Attorney Allan stated the ability to grandfather in is lost after a period of non-use and there has not been a sign at 69 Main Street in a couple of years.

Trustee Lighton suggested reviewing each application and reviewing a picture of the proposed sign before the Board makes a determination. Mr. Manzano stated his proposed sign would not have pixels and would be plastic with lighting. Further discussion was had regarding signs in the overlay district. Mr. Reagan read subsection 4a under Signage in the Village Codes which states translucent backlit signs should be discouraged. Mayor Waterman asked about putting a sign against the face of the building instead of protruding. Mr. Manzano feels that would be unnecessary as he has signs in his windows. He would like a lit sign to draw attention to his business at night but in a tasteful way.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to come out of the Public Hearing at 6:26 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Mark Eckert, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve Local Law #7 – 2024 to amend the Code of the Village of Camillus by repealing existing Section 110-31 (B) and replacing it with a new Section 110-31 B).

Discussion was had regarding the Smoke Shop.

Trustee Rinaldo stated there is a tractor trailer parked behind the pickleball courts.

Mayor Waterman stated the slip-lining on Elm Street is complete and they are moving on to Main Street.

**Mayor’s Comments**

The Village Holiday party is on December 20, 2024, at noon and several dignitaries have been invited.

**Approval of Vouchers**

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

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved the Board approved Abstract #23 as follows:

General: $43,730.10

Sewer: $27,413.94

Trust: $504.25

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions regarding the December 2, 2024, Minutes. There were none.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the Board approved the December 2, 2024, Minutes.

Mayor Waterman stated the new building inspection for the garage is Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Reagan stated the Board should wait for the inspection report before paying the final bill.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Carrie Grooms

Clerk/Treasurer