**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**January 6, 2025**

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.

**Camillus Fire Department**

Chief Fred Isgar stated the Camillus Fire Department ended 2024 with 374 alarms. The Camillus Fire Department members had a busy weekend as they provided honor guard as well as attended the funeral for a member of Howlett Hill fire department. They also provided standby service for Howlett Hill on Friday and Saturday night. They have been asked to standby for Warners Fire department’s banquet next weekend and Marcellus next month. The Camillus Volunteer Fire Department banquet is January 18, 2025, at Lakeside Fire Department.

Engine 10 has been out of service for a week and a half with a coolant leak in the radiator which is not under warranty. They are waiting for a part to arrive to repair the Engine.

The three Chiefs spent their Christmas vacation time working on the fire department installing floors, electrical, plumbing, painting, and hope to have the countertops installed in the next couple of weeks. The drinking fountain has been removed and will be replaced with a coffee/drink nook with a water cooler. Bathrooms will be redone and ADA compliant.

The results of the elections were as follows: Fred Isgar – Fire Chief Car 1, James Hartford Sr – 1st Assistant Fire Chief Car 2, Joseph DiFabio- 2nd Assistant Fire Chief Car 3, Elizabeth Handler Captain, Sal McCarthy – 1st Lieutenant, Kristel Isgar – 2nd Lieutenant, Kyle Raichlin – 3rd Lieutenant, Jared Raichlin – 4th Lieutenant. 2024 has been a pretty good year for new members

Attorney Allan stated gift cards cannot be purchased with fire protection contract money, but the fire department could use their general funds.

Chief Jim Hartford Sr stated the three fire chiefs are in the top ten responders and are leading by example. Chief Isgar stated the 5:00 meetings are difficult to get to. Mayor Waterman stated he could put the fire department later on the agenda.

**Public Comment**

Ken Hunt verified he heard correctly that the fire department responded to 374 calls in 365 days.

Mayor Waterman swore in Fred Isgar as Fire Chief, James Hartford Sr as 1st Assistant Chief, and Joseph DiFabio as 2nd Assistant Chief for 2025.

**Code Enforcement**

Code Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan stated in December there were 2 construction inspections, 10 fire inspections, 8 violations resulting in 3 new notices and letters, 3 government meetings, 28 miscellaneous actions as well as some training.

The DPW received a DIG Safely request for Camillus Mills to expand the dumpster enclosure, but Mr. Reagan has not received a fence permit application or site plan revision. Mr. Reagan will call Camillus Mills tomorrow for more information. Normally the Planning Board would need to review the plans for the expansion as this is a change to the site plan. Mayor Waterman will call Doug Sutherland.

A discussion was had regarding the trash violations at 7 and 9 North Street. Mayor Waterman read a letter from the Village DPW Supervisor to David Wagner, property owner of 7 and 9 North Street. Mayor Waterman read a letter from Mr. Wagner, addressed to the Board, in response to a phone call from the Village DPW Supervisor and the letter sent by the Village DPW Supervisor regarding the need for tipper type cans due to consistently heavy trash cans. The DPW Supervisor recently spoke to Mr. Wagner on the phone regarding the trash being excessively heavy on several occasions and advised he needed to replace his current cans with tipper type cans. The phone call was followed up with a letter reiterating if the trash cans were not replaced with tipper type cans and continued to be excessively heavy, the DPW would stop picking up the heavy trash cans without further notice. Mr. Wagner dropped off his letter and emailed a copy to the Mayor and Clerk. The DPW Supervisor was made aware of the letter and added that current trash cans are broken, without secure lids, and trash is loose, not bagged, in the cans. Mayor Waterman was out of town when he was made aware of the letter and left a voicemail invitation for Mr. Wagner to attend the Board meeting this evening so the problems with his tenants’ trash could be discussed. He did not respond back and did not attend tonight. Mayor Waterman stated he took pictures of the cans and noted that there were now 2 new tipper cans in the enclosure. Mr. Wagner referred to the Village regulations regarding trash, but the Code also states the trash cans must be stored in a storage location not in the front yard and his storage location is in violation as it is in one of his two front yards. Mr. Wagner was advised his storage location was in violation when he first built it, but he did not move it. A letter should be sent advising him his storage location needs to be moved to follow the Code, lids need to be secure on top of the trash cans and schedule a fire inspection for both buildings. Attorney Allan stated the Village never formally adopted the trash and recycling policy sent to property owners in October 2022. The Board was advised to review the policy before the next meeting. A discussion was had regarding the potential changes to the trash law. Mr. Reagan suggested bringing weights in for the DPW to use to determine appropriate weight limits. Attorney Allan will prepare a Local Law with the change in trash weight from 55 pounds to 35 pounds if not in a tipper type trash can. The Board can change the limit at the Public Hearing. Attorney Allan asked if there any Minutes regarding the trash policy. The Clerk stated there were Minutes in 2022 discussing the trash about the same time a former DPW employee was injured when he slipped on trash in the enclosure at 7 and 9 North Street in September 2022.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved, the Board set a Public Hearing to update the trash laws on February 3, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Reagan stated the sidewalk in front of 6 Elderkin Avenue needs to be cleared of the dirt and stones from the former wall which fell onto it long ago and impedes pedestrians. Mr. Reagan has mentioned this in the past but no action has been taken. Trustee Ann Eckert stated she brought this up awhile back and was told it was fine even though a stroller cannot fit down the sidewalk. Attorney Allan asked Trustee Lighton to look at any surveys he might have completed in the area which might show the property line for 6 Elderkin Avenue. Mr. Reagan found a survey for 6 Elderkin Avenue, but it does not show the sidewalk. He will send the survey to Attorney Allan.

**Mayor’s Comments**

Mayor Waterman stated Engineer Bill Morse received a second application from Byrne Dairy for FEMA but there is a correction which needs to be made before the application can be submitted. The letter from Mr. Morse states if the current model is adopted it could affect the flood insurance requirements for existing properties upstream of the project. Mr. Morse is waiting for a response to his letter to Byrne Dairy.

The sewer has been slip lined on Elm Street. Mr. Morse requested a quote from Casinella for a crushed pipe across from 44 Elm Street, a protruding lateral at 40 Elm Street and a protruding lateral at 8 Elm Street. The estimate is $30,0000-$40,000 for each location and will require full M & PT and road restoration along with bypass pumping. The Village spent about $91,000 of the $130,000 from this year which will leave about $40,000 added to the $150,000 for this year.

Mayor Waterman presented a Resolution and Signature document to approve Municipal Cooperation Agreement annually.

**RESOLUTION AND SIGNATURE DOCUMENT TO APPROVE MCA YEARLY**

**RESOLUTION: XXX Approval of the 2025 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 (the "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 (the "Agreement"; effective date of October 1, 2010), and

WHEREAS, Article 47 of the New York Insurance Law (the "Insurance Law") and the rules and regulations of the New York State Department of Financial Services set forth certain requirements for governance of municipal cooperatives that offer self-insured municipal cooperative health insurance plans, and

WHEREAS, the Agreement sets forth in Section Q2 that continuation of the Consortium under the terms and conditions of the Agreement, or 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

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**2025 Municipal Cooperative Agreement (MCA) Signature MCA Effective Date: January 1, 2025**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned has caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date adopted by the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium Board of Directors and subsequently adopted by the Municipal Corporation named below. (Note: E-Signatures are not accepted)

Village of Camillus\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Printed Name of Chief Elected Official or Chief Officer Title

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Signature Date

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to accept and sign the RESOLUTION: Approval of the 2025 Amendment to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement for the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium.

Mayor Waterman presented the following 2024 budget amendments to be approved.

A1990.4 Contingency 20000.00

A1325.407 Computer Expense 1598.18

A1325.411 Office Supplies 1629.25

A1410.41 Codification 3061.00

A5110.43 Striping 1850.00

A5142.41 Truck Repair 6512.56

A5410.403 Sidewalk Repairs 5349.01

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the Board approved the 2024 budget amendments as proposed.

Mayor Waterman updated the Board on the Clean Energy Community – NYSERDA $10,000 Grant. The lighting in the garage was completed but the garage doors we were told would qualify for the grant, do not qualify for the grant. Mayor Waterman has spoken to Albany several times and was told the doors would not qualify and suggested insulating the whole garage at a cost of approximately $26,000 and leaving the leaking doors. Mayor Waterman stated he recently received an email from Michael Boccuzzi, CNY Regional Planning Board, and our liaison for this grant, stating he has confirmed the Village can use the CEC grant funds to upgrade the highway garage doors. He needs to confirm whether the Village needs to do a contract modification or proceed with the upgrades. Jason will work on getting quotes for garage doors again. Trustee Ann Eckert suggested Mike Daoust for a quote.

Mayor Waterman stated the Clerk, and he will be attending a Zoom meeting on January 21, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. to go over the Central NY Community Grant for the ADA accessible sidewalk for Munro Park. Mayor Waterman received a quote of approximately $30,000 from Environmental Paving.

Mayor Waterman received a legal request regarding repairs to the Finger Lakes Railway as the railway crosses through the Village. They will be making repairs to the railway and contacted each municipality in the county. Mayor Waterman stated he attended the first meeting at the Town of Camillus, but Finger Lakes Railway personnel were not present. The next meeting is Thursday, and he will attend as he would like to discuss the trail going past Marcellus Falls as well as the underpass coming into the Village. Mayor Waterman passed out photos he took of the underpass in to the Village to show the current condition, and he would like the Village underpass to be included as part of the grant/financial assistance as the Village was not on the list of repairs. Trustee Ann Eckert suggested the underpass being painted a bright color with the height printed on it to ensure people can see it.

**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 the Board approved Abstract #1 as follows:

General: $44,081.60

Sewer: $70,137.98

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions regarding the December 16, 2024, Minutes. There were none.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Marty Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board approved the December 16, 2024, Minutes.

**Attorney Comments**

Lamar does not own the property where their billboard is by the underpass. When there is a long-term land lease, the accessor divides the taxability status, leaving the same tax map number with a slash (/) at the end. Lamar is paying the taxes on the improvement and the land portion is included in the Finger Lakes Railway taxes.

**Trustee Report**

Trustee Rinaldo asked Mr. Reagan for the status of the trailers on North Street. Mr. Reagan

stated there is still work being done on the property. The fire inspector spoke with the owner but

Mr. Reagan but will follow up with Roman to ensure the trailers will not be stored at the

property on a regular basis.

Mayor Waterman wished Trustee Lighton Happy Birthday with a cake and singing.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Carrie Grooms

Clerk/Treasurer