**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**May 5, 2025**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allan

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton 12 people in attendance

Mayor Waterman opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The next Board meeting is May 19, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Waterman introduced the following members of the audience: Troy Waffner, County Planning; Keith Ewald, Barton & Loguidice(“B&L”); Scott Sterns, Nine Mile Creek Association; Marshall Winn, Byrne Dairy; John Fatcheric, Town of Camillus Supervisor, and Doug Sutherland, Camillus Mills.

Mr. Ewald gave a presentation on the proposed walking and biking trail from Sims Store to Martisco. A Greenways & Blueways grant application could be submitted on behalf of the Village or a joint application which would provide funds to do more in-depth planning. The applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until funds run out. If the project is of regional significance to the community and its residents the maximum award is $150,000.00 with a minimum 20 percent local match on each award which does not need to be cash but could be in-kind. Discussion was had regarding potential routes, hazards in crossing the roadways, costs involved and applying for different grants available for this type of project. There was a question-and-answer session. Mr. Sterns would like Marcellus to connect to Martisco. Attorney Allan asked why the trail was crossing at Camillus Mills instead of walking down to the traffic light. Attorney Allan asked why the trail crosses three times on Newport Road stating he thought it was a safety concern. Code Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan asked about using the current trail by the proposed Byrne Dairy. Mayor Waterman stated Mr. Winn asked about a crosswalk with a flashing light by Byrne Dairy’s entrance. Attorney Allan stated some of the proposed trails would be on Bill Ryan’s property so someone would need to speak to the private property owners. Trustee Ann Eckert asked if the Blueways grant would cover clearing fallen trees from Nine Mile creek. Mr. Ewald stated the grant could cover the cost of clearing fallen trees from the creek. Mr. Sterns stated he “paddles the creek with a chainsaw” to remove these obstacles. Mr. Fatcheric asked about the trails along the public right of ways and shoulders of the road, who would maintain the trails and if the County would rotate the grant funding. Further discussion was had about grant opportunities which might be made available in the future.

Mayor asked if the Board had any questions. There were none.

Mr. Ewald stated a survey of the trail line should be completed before getting support for the project. Estimated cost for phase 1 to reach the bridge would be about 2 million dollars. The next step would be to submit the grant application and B&L would offer assistance with the grant. We are uncertain if this is a reimbursable grant. Scott Sterns has concerns about the trail reaching Martisco.

Mayor Waterman stated Barton & Loguidice was awarded the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Camillus, including the Village. The grant is $150,000 which includes the Village. Mayor Waterman read a 2007 letter from the Village of Camillus to the residents which requested a survey be completed. Mr. Waterman proceeded to read some of the questions and responses. Mr. Ewald stated the County is partnering with the Town and Village to complete the Comprehensive Plan. This plan will be a joint plan and areas where the Town and Village differ will be separated out. The meetings will be separate, and the Village will have their own chapter. A timeline will be provided in the next week or two. Eventually we will be getting input from the public and stakeholders. Attorney Bob Allan asked who was on the Committee. Mayor Waterman will ask residents for input on the Plan and include information in the newsletter. Mr. Ewald stated there could be a link in the newsletter and the results sent automatically to B&L.

Mayor Waterman asked the Public if there were any questions. There were none. Mr. Sterns stated the Town and Village of Marcellus have begun the Comprehensive Plan process and are working on funding. The Board did not have any questions. Chief Fred Isgar offered the fire department hall for any public meetings pertaining to the Comprehensive Plan.

**Camillus Fire Department**

Chief Isgar stated they have had 148 alarms to date. Chief Isgar and Chief James Hartford, Sr. have discussed overnight staffing at the fire department as many of the members are out of district, which results in slower response times during the early morning hours. The fire department budgeted for five sets of turnout gear, the current gear is being inspected so it can be determined who needs new gear and get it ordered. The vehicle annual inspections will be starting soon.

The fire department will hold a Boot Drive during the Village-wide Sale on May 17, 2025. Chief Isgar stated the DPW needs to spread the dirt at the fire department as soon as possible. Mayor Waterman stated he would hire someone to take care of the dirt. Chief Isgar asked about the DPW dropping off a 50-pound bag of grass seed. The fire department is committed to selling food at the Chamber of Commerce Family Fun Day on July 19, 2025, which will include sno-cones and popcorn.

Trustee Ann Eckert stated Rether’s driveway is now named Rose Lane and has a street sign.

Chief Isgar referred to the summary sheet Mayor Waterman handed out regarding the 2 day, 2 night training class in NYC and stated the fire department is sending four members to the NYSAFC Fire Training at the FDNY Training Academy on May 17 and May 18, 2025. There are two classes. They begin on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. and end on Sunday at 5:00 p.m. The cost for the classes is $495 each for a total cost of $990 per member. The fire department will not reimburse any expenses incurred using personal vehicles as Squad 7 is available for their transportation. The Chiefs need to decide on a per diem for meals. Hotel reservations are not included in the cost of training, but reservations have been made which the fire department will pay for from the training line. Chief Isgar stated the fire department does not have a credit card for their expenses. They are sharing rooms, all at the same hotel. Attorney Allan asked if there was a budget for this training. The event is for three days. The Clerk stated she had provided the hotel tax exempt form to the Clerk at the fire department. Discussion was had about daily parking rates, tolls, receipts, and meal expenses. The Clerk suggested an envelope provided for members to put their reimbursable receipts in as expenses without receipts will not be reimbursed. The training budget has about $1700 remaining and the fire department can submit a budget amendment when all the receipts are turned in. Tolls are not charged for emergency vehicles. Lunch is provided at the training class for two days.

**Code Enforcement**

Code Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan stated there were four permit applications and plan reviews, three permits issued, one construction inspection, nine fire inspections, two complaints, 10 violations, 12 notices and letters, and two meetings.

Apple Auto is consistently over the limit for the number of cars on the premises. After hours, Mr. Reagan has counted 48 cars, and that number does not include any customers or employees who would be present during the day. A discussion was held regarding notices and talks with their attorneys in the past. Mr. Reagan spoke to Apple Auto’s attorney again and she stated she could call them. Attorney Bob Allan will send a letter requesting an appearance at the Village Hall then serve them with papers as needed. Trustee Mark Eckert asked how many years this will take. Mr. Reagan suggested revoking Apple Auto’s special permit to operate. Concerns were raised about the safety issues involving entering and exiting his business by backing in and out because cars have no place to turn around in the lot.

Mr. Reagan stated he has not been able to get in to inspect 2 Feederbank as the family has not responded back to his letters and both owners are deceased. Attorney Allan stated the Village will need to take this to the Surrogate’s Court.

The Clerk stated 4-6 Mechanic Street has not paid for their permit and it is not displayed. Mr. Reagan will issue a Stop Work Order until the permit is paid.

**Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Waterman stated the DPW would like to purchase a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado MD 4WD Regular Cab work truck with plow accessory package for $102,912.27 from Mangino Chevrolet plus any fees charged by our Bond attorney and by our Village attorney. Mangino Chevrolet has the state bid contract. Attorney Allan would like something in writing showing they have the state bid. The Village received quotes from Van Bortel for $113,401.18 and Longley Dodge for $106,302.00. The DPW Supervisor estimates the Village could get $80,000-$100,000 at auction for the existing plow truck. We currently owe about $45,000 with a $15,000 payment due in October. The USDA is still offering grants and low interest loans so the Village should apply for a grant and low interest loan from USDA.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo, the Board approved the purchase of the 2025 Chevrolet Silverado MD 4WD Regular Cab work truck with plow accessory package for $102,912.27 from Mangino Chevrolet, state bidder.

The voting was as follows:

Richard Waterman Mayor Yes

Ann Eckert Trustee Abstain

Martin Rinaldo Trustee Yes

Mark Eckert Trustee Yes

James Lighton Trustee Yes

The motion was duly approved.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved, the Board voted to apply for a USDA grant and low interest loan, the amount to be determined.

Mayor Waterman stated after conferring with Attorney Allan and our insurance representative, the Village decided not to sign the NYSDEC form to grant permission for anglers to use village property to fish. People can fish from the property without the Village’s written approval.

Cross and Moore Line Striping quoted the Village on several options for Main Street as well as Haney Lane diagonal parking lines. The total cost to restripe Main Street and parking spaces on Haney Lane is $9355.00.

Trustee Ann Eckert asked about restriping the line on South Street. Mayor Waterman will call to have the line on South Street added.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved, the Board voted to accept the quote from Cross and Moore Line Striping for $9355.00 to stripe Main Street and the parking spaces on Haney Lane.

**Approval of Vouchers**

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

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

General: $41,731.34

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions regarding April 21, 2025, Minutes. There were none.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the minutes of April 21, 2025, were approved.

**Trustee Reports**

Trustee Lighton will not be at the May 19, 2025, meeting.

Trustee Rinaldo requested the sidewalk crossing signs be placed on Main Street as the mail carrier

reported he had several near misses in the crosswalk. Mayor Waterman stated he is planning to

purchase 3 sets of signs saying “You” “Slow” “Down” to be placed on Elm Street and up the west

hill of Genesee Street. Trustee Rinaldo asked about putting the speed alert trailer on the road.

Trustee Ann Eckert asked about the status of the Village Newsletter she had mentioned in a previous meeting. Mayor Waterman stated the office personnel are currently updating the previous newsletter and he had thought he would hand it out with the Comprehensive Plan questionnaire. Trustee Ann Eckert felt they should be handed out separately.

Mayor Waterman requested an Executive Session to discuss two personnel matters.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss two personnel matters at 7:02 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved by the Board to come out of Executive Session at 7:18 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert, the Board approved Jack Sakran’s application to the DPW as a Laborer at $22.00 per hour with health insurance benefits starting June 1, 2025.

The voting was as follows:

Richard Waterman Mayor Yes

Ann Eckert Trustee No

Martin Rinaldo Trustee Yes

Mark Eckert Trustee Yes

James Lighton Trustee Abstain

The motion was duly approved.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton and unanimously approved, the Board voted to utilize the existing Clerk from the Camillus Fire Department in the Village office as needed and requested by the Mayor.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton, and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Carrie Grooms

Clerk/Treasurer