

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS
REGULAR MEETING
April 18, 2022**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman
Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo
Trustee Ann Eckert
Trustee Cheryl Hutchins (absent)
Trustee Mark Eckert

Attorney: Robert J. Allan

3 people in attendance

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

Mayor Waterman asked for a motion to go into Executive Session immediately.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved the meeting moved into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss Personnel Matters.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the meeting moved out of Executive Session at 6:16 p.m.

Code Enforcement Officer

Trustee Ann Eckert asked Bill Reagan if he could keep an eye on the back of 18 South Street to see if this work gets done. This has been going on for a long time.

Mayor Waterman brought up the banners in the Village. He stated the company sent five samples of military banners and we should pick one. People will sign up for the banner and the put the name and picture of the soldier they choose. The brackets cost \$90 each, the banner cost \$124 each. We have to get the word out on our website and Camillus Connections. He feels that the Village would pay for the bracket because if someone takes the banner down we don't want them taking the bracket.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved the Board moved to go forward with the military banners at a cost of \$125 for the public for the banners and \$90 for the brackets that the Village will purchase.

Mayor Waterman opened the discussion of Nine Mile Creek. We always talked that the Town of Camillus DPW being responsible for cleaning out the banks along Nine Mile Creeks. He attended a meeting with FEMA and they produced a resolution from 1956 by the Town of Camillus proving that the Town of Camillus is in fact responsible for maintaining the creek.

Chief Hartford entered the meeting and Mayor Waterman told him that the Board will be holding a Special Meeting for a Hearing at 4:00 p.m. on April 25, 2022.

Chief Hartford stated he has no report for the Fire Department.

Trustee Ann Eckert told Chief Hartford that his vehicle went over on his 100 gallon allowance. Trustee Ann Eckert stated that Chief McBride has been over his mileage each month.

Upon motion Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert to not allow a Chief's car to go out of Onondaga County. There was no vote.

Trustee Ann Eckert stated that our Procedure on the Use of the Chief's Cars states if any Chief goes over the 100 gallon limit they have to pay for the overage. Trustee Mark Eckert feels an official fire department vehicle should stay in the Onondaga County. Mayor Waterman read the Procedure and it stated the Chief's car should not go over 40 miles from the fire station. Trustee Eckert stated she would like to see the mileage each month. Chief Hartford also suggested the chiefs should also report the conditions of the vehicle. Mayor Waterman stated he will review this document to include these items.

Trustee Ann Eckert had some information regarding AT&T stating that they will not turn any first responder's phone off. She gave the information to Chief Hartford. Chief Hartford asked if all Chiefs get a phone because he does not have one.. Mayor Waterman stated yes and he will put him on the list.

Mayor Waterman updated the Board regarding the Flood Update. He stated that at a recent meeting he went to with FEMA they produced a resolution from the Town of Camillus from 1956 that stated that the Town assumes responsibility for maintenance along Nine Mile Creek. This was agreement which he knew was somewhere but we never knew where it was. Mayor Waterman stated that the Army Corp of Engineers will be viewing the Creek with kayaks on May 18, 2022. He has been having several ZOOM meetings with FEMA and they have agreed to clean out 200 feet from the bridge going north and 200 feet going south. Mayor Waterman obtained a quote from Paragon Environmental Construction for a cost of \$39,000. We went through out records to determine the cost of the Village and the Camillus Fire Department to be reimbursed by FEMA. Mayor Waterman stated he has no idea when this work would be done or when we would be reimbursed.

Mayor Waterman stated he had a couple of proposals from Tony Ross for the new sidewalk. Trustee Ann Eckert stated that the new sidewalks on South Street were just installed a few years ago were pitting. Some of the old sidewalks on South Street were in better shape that the new sidewalks. Mayor Waterman stated he will speak with Tony Ross regarding this.

Mayor Waterman stated that he talked with Jon Tal regarding the sidewalks at the gas station. In order to install the sidewalk they will have to put in forms they will have to sawcut the blacktop 24 inches around the sidewalks. Then when Jon Tal's contractors blacktop the entire gas station they will replace the blacktop. He explained to Jon Tal this is not the Village's responsibility. Maybe we will fill this gap with run-a-crush. Jon Tal stated he will speak with his contractor.

Mayor Waterman opened the discussion of the 2022 Five Year Plan. He stated the 2022 Five Year Plan has been amended because there are two grants available which are new. There is the normal \$50,000 Community Development Grant but now there is an additional grant for \$150,000. Mayor Waterman stated that the DASNY Grant for the tennis and basketball courts

were denied because they claimed it was maintenance and not a capital project. The fencing around the tennis court was a capital project. He would like to apply for our roads for the \$150,000 Community Development Grant which would pave Rolling Hills Road, top of Elderkin from Rolling Hills to the peak, LeRoy from Genesee Street to First Street, First Street from Newport Road to Green Gate Lane, all of Mechanic Street from Genesee Street to the end and all of Joel Lane. This project will cost about \$125,000. Seth Williams stated he will take a swipe in the parking lot also. Because the fencing was a capital project and we were only going to replace part of the fence the Mayor stated we could complete all the fencing in the using the DASNY Grant for a cost of \$69,186.11.

He then switched the Community Development Grant of \$50,000 to redo the basketball and two tennis courts with a quote from Superseal for \$46,000. One tennis court will be turned into four pickleball courts.

Trustee Ann Eckert stated she would like to see electric to the gazebo.

Mayor Waterman stated he would also like to prepare an application for a grant from Congressman John Katko to replace our playground equipment. He asked Councilwoman Mary Luber, Supervisor Fatcheric and Parks Director Eric Bacon to prepare letters of support for this project. This application is for \$174,000 which is the estimate for this playground.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board moved to hold a Public Hearing on May 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to revise the 2022 Five Year Plan and applications (2) to Community Development.

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

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees fully support the Community Project Funding Request R-NY for FY23 to replace the playground equipment located in Munro Park in the Village of Camillus.

The voting was as follows:

Mayor Richard Waterman	Voted – Yes
Trustee Martin Rinaldo	Voted – Yes
Trustee Ann Eckert	Voted – Yes
Trustee Cheryl Hutchins	Voted – (absent)
Trustee Mark Eckert	Voted – Yes

The resolution was duly adopted.

Mayor Waterman stated that next Saturday, April 21, 2022 is Earth Day. The Village will pay for one-half the cost of lunch for the Town Shop kids. The Village will supply plates, plastic ware, napkins, water, plastic bags supply the grabbers.

Mayor Waterman stated that Jackie Floss would like to hold a shoe drive to raise money for Animal Alliance on June 16, 2022. People will drop shoes off and that is how they raise money. He suggested holding this event at Munro Park.

Mayor Waterman opened the discussion of Supplemental Insurance stating he spoke with Andy Miller from UMR. Bob Klein will turn 65 in June and at that time Bob would have to get Plan A and he would pay for Plan B at about \$124.00 per month. The Village would pick up a Supplemental Plan. UMR will not be ready until September. UMR could create a plan just for Bob or the Village could just continue his plan for a few months.

Mayor Waterman stated that Bob could join AARP and the cost is \$300 which does not include dental and prescriptions.

Mayor Waterman stated tomorrow he has a kick off meeting for the pedestrian bridge with the contractor, C & S Company, Engineer Rich Aupperle and the two Fire Chiefs.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved the Board moved to send an Application to Congressman John Katko's Grant.

Mayor Waterman stated the dump truck will be in this Friday.

Trustee Rinaldo asked if there is money in the budget to fix up the white truck and should keep the red truck. Trustee Ann Eckert stated she thought we should sell.

Mayor Waterman stated that there are three drain inlets that are deteriorating, one on North Street at the exit of the Solvay Bank drive through, one on Maple Drive and one on Elderkin Avenue. He stated there is a pipe on Union Street that is completely blocked and has to be dug up. He contacted Derek Tarroli to get an estimate. They charge \$5,375 a day.

Trustee Ann Eckert asked if Jason Fudala could repair the top of these drain inlets. She stated Gary Martin used to do these. Mayor Waterman stated he was not sure if he could do this. Mayor Waterman stated he feels this project at least on Union Street will be very involved. He stated because we are down two people so Jason does not have time now. Mayor Waterman asked if anyone knows of a candidate.

Approval of Vouchers

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the vouchers were approved as follows:

General Fund	\$104,457.90
Sewer Rent Fund	\$ 43.17

Trustee Ann Eckert stated the gas issue with the Chiefs is still a problem. Trustee Mark Eckert stated these Chiefs are abusing the system and it should be addressed. There has to be limits. He stated the Village cannot afford this cost.

Mayor Waterman stated he will revise the Procedure for Use of Chief's Cars. With the cost of gas at this time we don't have it in the budget. Trustee Mark Eckert stated he feels this car can not go out of the county. Our procedure says 40 miles from the fire station because Camillus is not located in the middle of the county. We all know they use the chief's car for their personal business. Mayor Waterman stated he will discuss this at the Mayor's Dinner and see how other Villages handle this issue.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approve the Minutes of April 18, 2022 were approved.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the following Budget Modification was approved to cover the cost of hot patch as follows:

From A1990.4 Contingency	\$380.00	
To A5110.4 Street Maintenance		\$380.00

Trustee Ann Eckert commented that the Village could rent a machine that would sweep the roads and also clean the basins of debris in the storm drains. The cost is \$2500 a week to rent but you have to reserve it in the fall. They train the DPW and we do the work. She will bring the information into the office.

Trustee Rinaldo stated that at 18 Elm Street the stairs were taped off and falling apart. Mayor Waterman stated that this would be the responsibility of the homeowner.

Upon motion of Trustee Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Sharon Norcross
Village Clerk/Treasurer

