

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS
REGULAR MEETING
April 4, 2022**

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

Attorney: Robert J. Allan
14 people in attendance

Mayor Waterman opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Waterman asked for comments from the public. There were no comments.

CAMILLUS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Rob Currier stated that May was a low volume. They are planning Recruit New York on April 24, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. He stated that Engines 4, 5 and 10 went out for the New York State Inspections which are valid to 2023. Chief James Hartford, 2nd Assistant Chief is doing his job well with training.

Chief McBride stated that the bench for the front of the fire station has been ordered. He stated that the New York State Health Department inspected the kitchen at the fire station and they did very well.

Mayor Waterman stated that there are several firefighters are here and if they want to speak they should do so now. They will not be invited into Executive Session.

Mr. Jared Raichlin addressed the Board stating in 2019 he wrote up Austin Mersfelder for being intoxicated and he does not know if this was addressed.

Ms. Elizabeth Handler, 3rd Lieutenant of the fire department, addressed the Board who stated that she was the Committee Chairman of the Recruit New York day and during one of the committee meeting she received a text message looking for assistance in the kitchen for the Train Show. She stated this meeting was scheduled three months in advance and she did not know that kitchen help was needed for the Train Show. President Hutchins stepped in stating she wanted early notification of this meeting as she should attend all committee meetings as the president of the fire department. Ms. Handler did state she forgot to notify President Hutchins until that morning. Chief McBride stepped in complaining that no one was helping in the kitchen. Ms. Handler stated she felt berated and put down. She wrote Chief McBride up for this behavior and asked for an apology. Chief McBride did apologize and then acted unprofessional.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Waterman asked about the banners for the Village. He stated we should come up with one design or a general theme. Do we want to have the same type banner, different designs or military banners. He stated if you have one set up the cost is around \$100, the actual banner is around \$100 and the Brackets are around \$100.

Mayor Waterman updated the Board regarding the flooding in the Village. He has had over three conversations with FEMA, New York State Homeland Security and WEP. They were discussing looking at doing dredging and getting dead trees off the banks. More importantly they are looking at the houses. The owners could sell their homes to the government, the houses would be knocked down and no one would be able to build on this property again or the government could raise the houses up and move everything to the first floor. This group has decided to investigate the entire valley. Mayor Waterman had to write a letter to Basil Seggos, New York Department of Environmental Conservation. He stated he used their template for this letter. Ms. Shannon Harty, Director of WEP was supposed to prepare a similar letter because the sewer transfer station on First Street was also flooded and overflowed.

Mayor Waterman stated he received a letter today from Ronald Polaski from DHSES Mitigation Team. They are planning on preparing a planning application for DR4480.

Mayor Waterman stated he has Community Development and Chips for sidewalks. He would like to replace the sidewalks from the gas station to the Methodist Church. Also, he would like to replace the sidewalks on the south side of Genesee Street from Mechanic Street up as these sidewalks are broken up. He stated that at the gas station they have to make forms to pour the sidewalks and the concrete has to be _____ inches thick. It will be Jon Tal's responsibility to pave along the sidewalks where the form will be removed. Attorney Allan stated he would like to look at the survey of the gas station.

Mayor Waterman stated the week of May 15 he is having the streets swept. On Saturday, May 21, 2022 is the Mile Long Garage Sale, and on Sunday the Camillus Fire Department is going to hose down the parade route. The following week we will have the road striped. He received two estimates, but the least bid from Cross & Moore is \$5295 and an estimate from Apex for \$7200. The \$5295 includes the yellow lines at the fire station of \$250.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Hutchins and unanimously approved the Board approved Cross & Moore for striping for \$5045 for Genesee Street and \$250 for the Camillus Fire Department.

Mayor Waterman stated we need a resolution to accept the delivery of the new 2021 F-450 Plow Truck.

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

A Resolution that the Village of Camillus is accepting delivery of the 2021 F450 Plow Truck and authorize the final payment upon closing.

The voting was as follows:

Richard Waterman	Mayor	Voted – Yes
Martin Rinaldo	Trustee	Voted – Yes
Ann Eckert	Trustee	Voted – Absent
Cheryl Hutchins	Trustee	Voted – Yes
Mark Eckert	Trustee	Voted – Yes

The resolution was duly adopted.

Mayor Waterman opened the discussion of the pedestrian bridge. He recapped that the total bid is \$355,000, \$100,000 is from DASNY from John DiFrancisco, \$40,000 from Onondaga County from Ryan McMahon and \$122,000 from Federal Assist money from the Village. The remaining \$93,000 from a bond.

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 April 4, 2022.

PRESENT: Richard Waterman, Mayor
 Martin Rinaldo, Trustee
 Cheryl Hutchins. Trustee
 Mark Eckert

ABSENT: Ann Eckert

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

BOND RESOLUTION, DATED APRIL 4th, 2022, OF THE VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS, ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE “VILLAGE”), AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$93,000 IN SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE LOCATED AT THE CAMILLUS FIRE DEPARTMENT, 5801 NEWPORT ROAD, CAMILLUS, NEW YORK 13031 INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION OF A RETAINING WALL, STEEL PIPE RAILINGS, CONCRETE SIDEWALKS AND A CONCRETE CATCH BASIN WITH COVER (“PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE”).

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Camillus has determined that the replacement of a pedestrian bridge located at the Camillus Fire Department, 5801 Newport Road, Camillus, New York 13031 including the installation of a retaining wall, steel pipe railings, concrete sidewalks and a concrete catch basin with cover for the use of the Village for a

total estimated cost of \$355,000 and the financing of such purchase through the issuance of serial bonds of the Village in a maximum principal amount not to exceed \$93,000 is in the best interest of the Village; and

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 issue \$93,000 principal amount of bonds pursuant to the provisions of the New York Local Finance Law (the “Law”) to finance the estimated cost of the Pedestrian Bridge, or as otherwise authorized by law. It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of the aforementioned specific object or purpose is \$355,000, said amount, to the extent not previously appropriated, is hereby appropriated therefor and the plan of financing thereof shall consist of (i) the issuance of \$93,000 in serial bonds or other obligations of the Village authorized to be issued pursuant to this resolution, or bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of such serial bonds or other obligations, payable over not more than five years; (ii) State and Federal grants in the sum of \$262,000; and (iii) the levy and collection of taxes on all real property in the Village to pay the principal of said bonds or other obligations and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness for the aforementioned specific object or purpose is twenty (20) years pursuant to subdivision 10 of Section 11.00(a) of the Law.

SECTION 2. It is hereby determined that the replacement of a Pedestrian Bridge 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 temporary use of available funds of the Village, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Law, for the capital purposes described in this resolution. This resolution shall constitute a declaration of “official intent” to reimburse the expenditures as part of the projects described herein with the proceeds of the bonds, bond anticipation notes or other obligations authorized herein, as required by United States Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

SECTION 4. Each of the bonds or other obligations authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds, bond anticipation notes or other obligations authorized herein shall be general obligations of the Village, payable as to both principal and interest by a general tax upon all the real property within the Village without legal or constitutional limitation as to rate or amount. The faith and credit of the Village are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal and interest on said bonds, bond anticipation notes or other obligations and provisions shall be made annually in the budget of the Village by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds, bond anticipation notes or other obligations authorized herein to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

SECTION 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law, pursuant to the

provisions of Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds, bond anticipation notes or the renewals of said obligations, and of Section 21.00, Section 50.00, Section 54.90, Sections 56.00 through 60.00, Section 62.10 and Section 63.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Village Board of Trustees relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents as to the sale and issuance of bonds herein authorized, including without limitation the determination of whether to issue bonds having substantially level or declining debt service and all matters related thereto, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of the Village (the "**Village Treasurer**"). Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be prescribed by said Village Treasurer consistent with the provisions of the Law. Such bonds or notes shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be prescribed by said Village Treasurer consistent with the provisions of the Law.

SECTION 6. The Village Treasurer is hereby further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the bonds or other obligations authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from gross income for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "**Code**") and to designate the bonds or other obligations authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, if applicable, as "qualified tax-exempt bonds" in accordance with Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Code.

SECTION 7. The Village Treasurer is further authorized to enter into a continuing disclosure undertaking with or for the benefit of the initial purchaser of the bonds or notes in compliance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

SECTION 8. 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 affect the issuance of the aforesaid bonds or other obligations or bond anticipation notes without resorting to further action of this Village Board of Trustees.

SECTION 9. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be contested only if:(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village of Camillus is not authorized to expend money; or (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

SECTION 10. This resolution shall take effect immediately and the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing resolution, or a summary thereof, together with a notice attached in substantially the form as prescribed in Section 81.00 of the Law, in the official newspaper(s) of the Village (a) for such publication, and (b) for the

publication of the notice of sale in connection with any bonds or other obligations issued pursuant to this resolution.

Mayor Waterman opened the discussion of the tennis and basketball courts stating the bad news. He received an E-mail from Sean Rosney who stated he reviewed our application and he feels this project is mostly repairs and maintenance not a capital project. Mayor Waterman immediately called Senator John Manion who said he will do everything possible to restore this grant or find another type of grant.

Mayor Waterman stated there were three storm drains that need to be repaired. One at the top of Elderkin Avenue, one on North Street where the driveway from the bank enters North Street and one on Union Street. He received a bid from Wilkins Construction for one drain for \$9,800. Mayor Waterman stated Tarroli Construction charges \$5,370 per one day.

Mayor Waterman stated the Village does not have a policy regarding if an employee got COVID he would lose his sick time. We have had three people who had COVID. One was not vaccinated but the others were. Should the employee who was not vaccinated count his COVID time as sick time. Mayor Waterman feels it should be the same for everyone.

Mayor Waterman stated he was going to notify the businesses in the business district the change in the sign law.

Code Enforcement Officer

Mr. Bill Reagan stated there were no building permits last month, there were 3 commercial fire inspections performed, 4 complaints, 23 violation inspections, 6 new notices of violation, 1 meeting and 10 miscellaneous actions.

Mr. Reagan stated in 1983 the property at 100 Genesee Street had a variance for two offices and two apartments. It is going up for sale and the appraiser called and stated there were two offices and three apartments. There was no approval for three apartments. He will be inspecting this house this week.

Attorney Allan stated that he spoke with Tom Blair and Tom acknowledged that they are still working on the second building. Mr. Blair does realize that he has to amend his site plan and the SEQRA short form. Mr. Reagan explained that MCK has \$13M to work with and in today's economy they would be able to work with that and that would give them 48 apartments and no commercial spaces. The building would be set back away from Genesee Street.

Mayor Waterman stated that there are five businesses that received the Main Street Grants. The businesses have to have this work done by the end of 2023. Mayor Waterman stated his understanding is that a business can complete part of the work with one contractor and be reimbursed one at a time. Mr. Reagan stated his understanding is that you have to complete all the project with multiple contractors and then be reimbursed for the total project. There is still confusion on the payments of these projects. Mr. Reagan stated in Liverpool they set up a spread sheet listing total projects costs, insurance certificates and the 25% of costs for each project.

Mayor Waterman stated some of the expenses in the fire department are over budget and the budget should be modified.

Approval of Vouchers

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

General Fund	\$32,541.24
Sewer Rent Fund	\$ 348.00

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Hutchins and unanimously approve the Minutes of March 21, 2022 were approved.

Trustee's Reports

Trustee Hutchins asked if anyone from the public has comments regarding the banners. The Clerk stated no one commented.

Trustee Rinaldo stated he would like to see the banners be military. Mayor Waterman stated he will get the information regarding military and he will proceed with it.

Mayor Waterman asked again if anyone from the public would like to speak.

Tom McBride stated he addressed the Board stating you have nine or ten people who are your top responders who feel things are very difficult at the fire station. He wanted to state he loves Chief McBride as his uncle but there are issues at the fire station.

Jared Raichlin stated that Austin Mershfelder was kicked out of the fire department. He feels Austin being reinstated did not go through the membership properly.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the meeting moved into Executive Session at 7:04 p.m.

Chief Currier stated he has made a decision to resign from his position as Chief at the fire department's Monday night meeting.

Upon motion of Mayor Waterman, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the meeting moved out of Executive Session at 8:49 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

Mr. Tom DeLano addressed the Board by stating that he joined Camillus Fire Department and found a department that was struggling with a lack of training. He stated that Camillus has a poor reputation in Onondaga County. He has been treated poorly by the Chief who yelled at him at a fire. He has made racist comments and sexist jokes. He makes women feel uncomfortable. If this Board allows this to continue to happen you are making a bad decision.

Tom McBride addressed the Board stating last year he was top responder and now he has not been showing up. He stated Fred Isgar is a leader who runs a great fire department at Howlett Hill. Under Chief McBride Camillus lost one half of the district.

Jared Raichlin stated he is disgusted with this Village and the fire department. He does not feel safe. He grew up at the department and is trying to keep the department alive.

Kyle Raichlin stated he came from Howlett Hill to Camillus which was a structured department. He stated he does not feel safe. The fire department is supposed to be a safe zone and Camillus is not. He feels there needs to be a change.

Upon motion of Mayor Waterman, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the meeting went into Executive Session at 9:12 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. Mayor Waterman invited Councilman Steve James and Councilwoman Mary Luber into Executive Session.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Hutchins and unanimously approved the meeting moved out of Executive Session at 9:42 p.m.

Trustee Mark Eckert stated that this Board hears your complaints and voices and they are trying to work in the bounds of the law. We have made some suggestions and we are trying to work with them.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Sharon Norcross
Village Clerk/Treasurer