

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**August 15, 2022**

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

Attorney: Robert J. Allan

3 people in attendance

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

Mayor Waterman stated that the Public Hearing for Mr. Richard Kirk's application for a subdivision will have to be extended to September 19, 2022 as Mr. Kirk is not ready with his paperwork. Attorney Allan stated he would like to get together with Code Officer Bill Reagan and come up with a list of what Mr. Kirk may need. Mr. Reagan stated he had already talked to him about this. Attorney Allan stated that this list should be in writing. Mr. Reagan stated that when he first presented this idea he thought that there was one big parcel and Mr. Kirk was going to cut off the parking area. Actually, the Town of Camillus building is already on its own parcel and there are no setbacks, there are easements for sidewalks and doors to deal with. Mr. Reagan stated that Mr. Kirk should have the surveyor call him so Mr. Kirk will only have to pay one time.

**Camillus Fire Department**

Chief McBride stated there have been six EMS calls, five fire calls, and three motor vehicle accidents since the last meeting. Two of the accidents were in the Village and one was very serious.

A discussion was had regarding the new law signed by Governor Kathy Hochul to exempt the Camillus Fire Department from the requirement that the percentage of non-resident fire department members not exceed 45% of the membership. Chief McBride stated that now the By-laws need to be changed. He stated that Section 7 needs to be removed. The Chief must reside within four miles of the fire station. Trustee Mark Eckert asked what the fire department does to recruit new members. Chief McBride stated they are trying to recruit old members and younger people. Trustee Hutchins stated that they would like to do more drills in the public. Chief McBride stated he may design another Bunk-in program and send information to SUNY Campuses.

Trustee Hutchins stated that there was a section of the By-Laws that was omitted in error. It was included in the Table of Contents but not actually in the By-Laws. It was included in all prior By-Laws but just omitted in the copying of the current edition.

A motion was put forth by Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Hutchins and approved by the Board to accept the changes to the By-laws as presented.

The voting was as follows:

Richard Waterman	Mayor	Yes
Ann Eckert	Trustee	No
Martin Rinaldo	Trustee	Yes
Cheryl Hutchins	Trustee	Yes
Mark Eckert	Trustee	yes

The motion was duly approved.

Chief McBride stated the Pedestrian Bridge is coming along and is almost completed. Mayor Waterman stated he stopped to see the progress on the pedestrian bridge and the director for C & S was there. They were picking out the color of the railings. There were some chips in the asphalt, C & S is having Suite Coat pave ½ of the driveway and stripe the lines. Mayor Waterman asked for a quote from Suit Coat for the entire parking lot.

Chief McBride stated OCWA is installing a new water main pipe and digging in front of the fire station. He gave them permission to store pipes on the fire department property. The bad news is that the new pipe will go through the blacktop in the driveway.

Chief McBride stated he was approached by the Camillus Police Department about holding a Gun Buy Back Program on September 17,2022 at the fire station from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Hutchins and unanimously approved the Board approved the use of the fire station by the Camillus Police Department for the Buy Back Program on September 17,2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

A motion was put forth by Trustee Hutchins, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and approved by the Board to hold a Boot Drive during the Village Wide Sale on September 10, 2022.

The voting was as follows:

Richard Waterman	Mayor	Yes
Ann Eckert	Trustee	Abstain
Martin Rinaldo	Trustee	Yes
Cheryl Hutchins	Trustee	Yes
Mark Eckert	Trustee	yes

The motion was duly approved.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Hutchins and unanimously approved by the Board for the Camillus Volunteer Fire Department to hold a Steak Bake on October 8, 2022.

Chief McBride stated that Elbridge Fire Department had a Car Show and they stood by for any calls.

Chief McBride stated he sat down and worked on the budget with Mayor Waterman and they put money in the budget for an SCBA Compressor for \$54,000. He stated that he would like to propose to make Ashley Pittsley a fulltime employee and for her to become an employee of the Village. At this time she is receiving \$18 per hour for \$26,000 and the cost of the payroll service is about \$4,000. As an employee with all benefits the cost would be \$57,000. He stated she needs health insurance. Ashley has been with the fire department for seven years and currently works 28 hours a week. Chief McBride explained the duties Ashley currently has. Mayor Waterman asked what other fire departments do. Trustee Ann Eckert stated Fairmount Fire Department has someone who comes in part time but she does not do the cleaning as they have Bunk-ins that do the cleaning. Attorney Allan asked who Ashley's supervisor is. Trustee Hutchins is her supervisor however she does a lot of work for the Chief. Attorney Allan asked who would reprimand her if she did something wrong. It would depend on what was done and there is an Executive Board she could go into. Trustee Hutchins stated she would be a Village employee. The Mayor asked the Board for any questions. There were none at this time. Mayor Waterman will be attending a Mayor's dinner cruise and he will ask the other Mayor's what they do.

Trustee Mark Eckert asked about the motion that was passed stating the Camillus Fire Department would supply a report with maintenance records for Car 1, Car 2, and Car 3 including mileage and oil changes. Chief McBride will provide this. Car 3 is working on his.

Trustee Ann Eckert asked to see Car 2 or Car 3's (Jim Hartford Sr.) certificates of training. Chief McBride will get the certificates.

### **Code Enforcement**

Code Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan stated in June and July there were nine applications and plan reviews, six building permits, four construction inspections, need to verify with Dave Weber the number of commercial fire inspections, five complaint inspections, sixty-four violation inspections, fifteen formal notices, two government meetings and sixteen miscellaneous actions for a total of one hundred twenty two actions.

Mr. Reagan stated he worked on Camillus Mills FEMA reviews with Mr. Morse as well as plan review for building code and fire code and sprinkler review. The address for Phase II is 34 Genesee St, 44 Genesee St is the back building, and 54 Genesee St is Camillus Mills. The Clerk asked about the Glade Ridge permit as the owner has not paid for his permit. Mr. Reagan stated work has not begun.

Attorney Allan and Mr. Reagan stated the Village Board needs to temporarily waive the permit requirement for people and vendors to sell at the Mile-Long Garage Sale on Village property.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to hold the Mile Long Sale in the Village of Camillus on September 10,

2022 and temporarily waive the requirement of Hawking and Peddling licenses except for mobile food vendors and food trucks.

Mayor Waterman stated the front plow and salter sold on the auction site. Nobody wants the side plow which will probably be taken to Weisman for scrap. Mayor Waterman spoke with Leonard Brown regarding his bid for the red dump truck. Mr. Brown was going to look at it again but we have not heard back from him. We currently have a bid for \$3550 with the auction site and have the option to counter offer to \$4000 which would match the offer we currently have.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Hutchins and unanimously approved by the Board for the Mayor to request the auction house counter offer the current bid of \$3550 to \$4000 and not accept less than \$3550.

Mayor Waterman stated the Board needs to approve a Resolution to accept the \$50,000 from DASNY for the Amkus tool. Trustee Mark Eckert asked if the Village needs to come up with the money first. The clerk stated yes. The money will not show as part of the budget as it needs to be placed in an H account. Attorney Allan asked who the bidder was. Mayor Waterman stated the bidder for the Amkus tool is Jerome at \$51,360 and the DASNY grant would cover \$50,000 with the fire department paying the remaining \$1360. Jerome kept the bid the same as three years ago despite the cost going up \$5000. Attorney Allan feels the Board needs to go back out for competitive bidding and get two more bids

Mayor Waterman updated the Board on the status of the back garage. Originally the building was supposed to be steel but this was three years ago. Rich Aupperle has been working with the Mayor to keep the cost below \$100,000 which is the amount of the grant. A discussion was had in regards to prevailing wages. Attorney Allan stated the Board needs to approve the specs first.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Hutchins and unanimously approved by the Board to accept the \$100,000 DASNY grant for a new back garage.

Upon motion of Trustee Hutchins, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to authorize Bill Morse to go out for bid with the specs in hand for the back garage.

Rental Registration forms go out every three years and are due to go out next month. Mayor Waterman asked about adding information regarding proper trash receptacles. Mayor Waterman read the Village Code regarding trash receptacles. The trash letters will be handed out by the DPW to residents who are not complying and will be mailed with the rental registration to multi-unit residents. Trustee Ann Eckert mentioned some trash cans have bars on the back for the garbage truck to lift heavier cans with. Mayor Waterman will add that to the trash receptacle letter as the Village garbage truck has that lifting capability. Attorney Allan feels the letter should be put in the hands of the tenant. Mr. Reagan stated a note could be put at the top of the letter stating to give the letter to their tenants.

Mayor Waterman stated the Village is receiving a check from FEMA in the amount of \$3,756.37 for damages caused by Hurricane Fred August 2021. Mayor Waterman is meeting with FEMA and Bill Morse through ZOOM this week regarding clearing 200 feet of debris from the creek

The office printer is damaged and leaving marks on documents. To repair the copier would cost the same as or purchasing a new copier through Staples Advantage which has the NY State contract. The Clerk stated the ink cost is much lower. Mayor Waterman recommended purchasing a new copier.

Upon motion of Trustee Hutchins, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board to authorize the purchase of a new copier in the amount of \$582.40.

The drain in front of Rolling Hills Road in front of the apartments is in terrible condition. Tarolli quoted \$35,000. Tony Ross and Chris Jones, Diamond Excavating, and Mr. Morse met and decided it would be best to saw-cut the existing trench, take out the old pipe and replace it and put flexi-pad in instead of concrete because you cannot get two coats. Trustee Ann Eckert asked about asphalt. Mayor Waterman stated it would cost about \$10,000 less to do asphalt. The total cost of the project is \$18,069 and Mayor Waterman explained the breakdown and stated the amount would come out of CHIPS and leave the Village with approximately \$34,000 which would roll over to next year and hopefully be combined with an estimated \$52,000 and together be enough to finish Rolling Hills Road. Trustee Ann Eckert stated she feels the flexi-pave will not last the winter. Mayor Waterman disagrees. A discussion was had about the possibility of using two different companies to complete the work and coordinating the schedules. Mayor Waterman stated he can go back and rebid with one coat of concrete.

Mayor Waterman asked the Board to consider closing the office on Friday September 2, 2022. Trustee Ann Eckert suggested a half day. The Board members all agreed to giving the Village employees a half day off on Friday before Labor Day.

Upon motion of Trustee Hutchins, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to authorize the Village employees to work half a day on Friday September 2, 2022.

Mayor Waterman stated he has received positive comments about the Military Banners. Trustee Ann Eckert stated they need to be raised up higher. Mayor Waterman stated they can't go up higher because the Christmas wreath brackets are up there. It is quite a process to remove the brackets. A discussion was had in regards to renting a lift for behind the truck. If a banner is destroyed, the Village would need to replace the banner. Mayor Waterman will have the DPW rent a lift to raise the banners and remove the Christmas racks.

Mayor Waterman stated the County is pushing him to get the Main Street grant projects done before winter even though businesses have until 2023. There is another Main Street grant coming but the first grants need to be completed before any new grants are introduced.

### **Public Comments**

Amy Woodley, owner of Based Wellness, stated she received a call from Mayor Waterman last week regarding the proposal to ban flutter flags. The Minutes are not up to date online as the last ones recorded were from June 6, 2022. Mayor Waterman stated he did go around to explain to business owners that the Village was banning flutter flags in the total Village. He explained this to Apple Auto, TK Tavern and any other business he could. Amy Woodley's business was closed at the time, so Mayor Waterman did not get a chance to speak to her. Ms. Woodley stated that she asked why this was a reason for this decision. He asked everyone he spoke with to come to the Public Hearing regarding this Local Law. Mayor Waterman stated that the flags lean over sidewalks and get torn and faded. Also, there were complaints regarding Apple Auto flags blocking vision at the intersection. She stated that this law was unfriendly to small businesses. These signs are cheap advertising for small businesses. Mr. Reagan stated there are several other signs that are allowed. Ms. Woodley stated these other signs are very expensive.

Mr. Reagan stated that in other municipalities when something is banned there is a time out period for example 6 months to get value out of the investment of the sign. He would recommend until April 1, 2023.

A motion was made by Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Hutchins and unanimously approved the Board moved to hold a Public Hearing to amend the flutter flag law to allow flutter flags until April 2, 2023.

### **Approval of Vouchers**

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

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Hutchins and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract #16, was approved as follows:

General Fund	\$28,612.34
Sewer Fund	\$22.18

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions regarding the July 18, 2022 minutes. There were none.

### **Clerk/Treasurer Report**

The Clerk stated 1 Genesee Street is going up for auction at Onondaga County Court House.

The Clerk stated she would like to hold a company picnic August 27, 2022. She will send out notices and see if anyone can come.

### **Old Business**

Mayor Waterman stated he received a letter from Damian Ulatowski, Supervisor of the Town of Clay, to request all mayors in Onondaga County to challenge the reconstruction of Route 81 that runs through Syracuse.

Trustee Rinaldo stated that we should get the Town of Camillus to clean out the catch basins. They are full. Trustee Ann Eckert stated you would have to call Paul Legnetto.

Trustee Hutchins stated that at the Public Hearing with Camillus Mills Tom Blair stated it was a matter of safety can we turn the siren on in an emergency? If people hear the siren they would know it was a serious emergency. We could put this in the *Camillus Town Government Connected Guide* to notify the residents.

Trustee Ann Eckert stated the A-frame sign was out again. Mayor Waterman stated that the A-frame advertising the Elk's Club dinner will be placed where the Welcome sign is and will probably be seen more in this location.

Trustee Ann Eckert stated that there are several signs that are blocked by brush near the railroad bridge and at Milton Avenue there is a sign completely covering a sign. Mayor Waterman stated he did bring this to the DPW's attention. Mr. Reagan stated that at the stop light there is a "No Parking" sign that you cannot see at all. Mayor Waterman will check into this.

Trustee Mark Eckert asked if he missed anything at the FEMA meetings as he has been busy. Mayor Waterman stated they keep going over the same things and there is nothing new.

Mayor Waterman stated he sent in an application for the Tompkins County Consortium Health Insurance program. This plan is equal or better than our OCEBA plan.

Upon motion of Trustee Hutchins, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Sharon Norcross  
Clerk/Treasurer