**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**February 6, 2023**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allan

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Mark Eckert 3 people in attendance

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

Mayor Waterman read a letter from a Dr. James Wanamaker which praised the actions of Fire Chief Fred Isgar as a local hero. His car got stuck in the ditch on a terrible night near Fred’s home. It took 5 hours for AAA to get the car out of the ditch. Chief Isgar helped him jump his car and Mrs. Isgar offered him food. When AAA came he help direct the traffic and he followed the tow truck to be sure it arrived safely. Dr. Wanamaker stated he wanted to make a donation to the Camillus Fire Department in his honor.

Mayor Waterman stated he installed shelves for trophies from the Camillus High School. He also has several year books one from 1913 “Senior Annual” which was the first yearbook and he has the last yearbook from 1955. He collected several pictures from 1912.

Mayor Waterman stated that on March 6, 2023 Richard Scheutzow will be attending our meeting to explain to the Board how to become a Tree City and help us with a grant.

Mayor Waterman stated that Bruce Pollock stopped in with a survey of Taylor Rental. He would like to attend the March 20, 2023 meeting to go over the site plan with the Board. Mr. Waterman stated he would like to start the meeting a 5:30 p.m. for this purpose.

Mayor Waterman stated that Richard Kirk called and asked him to hold off on the subdivision at this time. He has no access to sanitary sewer.

Mayor Waterman mentioned that we have two Public Hearings coming up on March 6, 2023. One for the tax exemption for volunteer fire department members and one for an updated code for the code enforcement officer.

Mayor Waterman stated that the Board of Elections has sent a five-year contract to host Elections. He suggested that we put in the contract traffic control. Attorney Allan stated that there was a clause that the county would provide temporary sidewalk and parking signage if required. Mayor Waterman stated he also heard that there were not enough handicapped parking spaces.

Trustee Mark Eckert stated that he could speak with Police Chief Mark Schreyer to see if the police can help with traffic control. He stated they may assist if he knows ahead of time. Mayor Waterman stated he definitely does not want to anyone parking in front of the truck bays.

**Camillus Fire Department**

Chief Isgar stated a new ladder truck was presented to the Village. Engine 5 is out of service. We have to get rid of the truck as it is taking up space. He feels we can offer it up to any local dealer for scrap metal. He would be in favor of asking Meyers, HarRob or a junk place. Trustee Ann Eckert stated maybe you can put it on Auction International Auctions. All the equipment would come off the truck. The torque box had deteriorated. The torque box holds the ladder. If you put the ladder up it could fall or if you take a turn the ladder could shift and roll the truck. Chief Isgar stated he feels this engine is now worth about $5,000. Chief Isgar stated he would not get a new truck at this time. There are not enough people to man this truck and there is not enough money at this time. We have truck 8 for now.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved the Board declare Truck 5 (2000 Spartan) Fire Engine as surplus.

Trustee Ann Eckert will get the contact for Auctions International for Chief Isgar. Mayor Waterman stated he would like to set a time frame for April 1, 2023, so the Village can vote on disposal at the April 3, 2023 meeting.

Trustee Ann Eckert asked to get the fuel key for this engine. She stated that Chief Isgar has the key list. He stated there were a few people not on the list and he is working on a new list. Chief Isgar is going to wait until March 1 and then review the entire list. He stated he will stop in at the Town Highway Department to introduce himself and review the list with the Highway Secretary at that time. He stated that starting in March he will be asking all the Chiefs to provide a fuel log so we know exactly how much fuel everyone uses for the month. The log will have name, car position, date, time, mileage, amount of fuel and what pump number was used. There should never be a question regarding fuel.

Chief Isgar thanked Trustee Mark Eckert and Mayor Waterman and the Clerk for their assistance with contacting the repairman for the heaters in the truck bays. Chief Isgar is hoping to set up a schedule for preventive maintenance for these heaters and get 10 more years out of them.

A discussion was had regarding cell phone. Chief Isgar stated he will go over the cell phone plan when he can. He uses his personal phone and does not want to carry 2 phones. Car 3 does not want a phone. This will all be reviewed soon. Trustee Mark Eckert stated that in order to maintain the data and the equipment when Jim resigns the phone, the plan and the phone number should come back to the Board. If he moves it into his name it will be a nightmare to get the data. Trustee Mark Eckert stated the president does not need a cell phone for events because the bridge was out so there were no events for over two years.

Mayor Waterman stated Trustee Cheryl has resigned from the Village Board and thanked her for her service.

Chief Isgar stated now that the building can be rented out their employee, Ashley Pittsley, can schedule these rentals. They are waiting for the Onondaga Health Department to inspect the kitchen. When they are going to rent the room, the people are charged $50 for clean up for the janitor. He would set up the room and clean up afterward.

Attorney Allan stated that years ago there was an agreement to lease the banquet hall to the fire department. When the room was rented out to make money there has to be something in writing that allows the department to do this. The Village can sublease the banquet hall to the fire department. Attorney Allan stated he will revisit this.

Chief Isgar stated that Car 2 needs to go in for repair and he thinks it needs an alternator. He is getting a second opinion.

Chief Isgar stated he is working on small projects, for example cleaning the lockers. He had an officer’s meeting and they now have a six-week training schedule. This schedule will be updated in six weeks. He needs to schedule OSHA refresher training.

Chief Isgar stated that the fire department is suppose to report to New York State all EMS calls. Beth Handler is setting up the account with New York State as they are now locked out.

Chief Isgar stated that he is purchasing 6 new shelves for the Mezzanine. They are planning to store the PPE in this area. He will determine if there are any surplus items.

Chief Isgar asked if seniors are allowed to come to the meeting for their government class. Mayor Waterman stated students have been coming to Camillus meetings several times.

Mayor Waterman asked how they are responding to EMS calls during the day. Chief Isgar stated very well as Sue Hessleton is usually available.

Mayor Waterman stated he attended a seminar in Albany for New York Conference of Mayors and one of the big discussions was fire departments including volunteer, ambulances equipment EMS etc. Chief Isgar stated he will be addressing box alarms in March.

Warners is getting a new ladder truck and Fairmount has a ladder truck and Marcellus has a ladder truck. There are enough ladder trucks available. All ambulances are being overtaxed. Many EMTs are quitting due to being overworked from COVID.

Trustee Mark Eckert asked about the vehicle maintenance log. Chief Isgar stated he will bring this to you each month. Chief Isgar stated that he would like to see one of the Tahoe become the Rescue Truck.

**Code Enforcement Officer**

Mr. William Reagan stated he purchased a new map cabinet for the Code Department. They need a Budget Amendment for this purchase.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously the Board approved a Budget Modification for the purchase of a map cabinet as follows:

From A1990.4 Contingency $893.95

To A3620.4 Code Enforcement Contractual $893.95

Mr. Reagan stated he filed all the maps and indexed the names. He sorted by projects, highway and sewer. There are two indexes; one sorted by drawer number of subjects and one sorted by document number. If anyone wants to borrow a map please sign it out and we have to make sure we get it back. Hopefully everything is organized.

Mr. Reagan stated he had eight application reviews, one building permit which generated $150 fee, two construction inspections at Camillus Mills, one commercial fire inspection, four complaint inspections, seven violation inspections, eleven notices and letters, one meeting and 30 miscellaneous actions which most of these were reviewing the ATL inspections most from Camillus Mill which are very detailed. He has been updating the stormwater paperwork.

Mr. Reagan stated he has a new candidate for the fire inspector. It is very difficult as no one is going into Code Enforcement now. Brett Gary is from Marcellus and he is a contractor. He wants to slowly transaction into a code enforcement. He stated that he is going to bring Mr. Gary in on Friday afternoon to meet Mayor Waterman. There is so much that you have to know. Mr. Reagan stated he would like to pay Mr. Gary on an hourly basis for $23 per hour. He has to get the codes training which will be 6 courses.

A motion was offered by Trustee Mark Eckert, who moved for its adoption, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo to hire Brett Gary as a part time code enforcement officer at the cost of $23 per hour. The voting was as follows:

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Richard Waterman Mayor Voted – Yes

Martin Rinaldo Trustee Voted – Yes

Ann Eckert Trustee Voted – Yes

Mark Eckert Trustee Voted – Yes

The motion was duly adopted.

Mayor Waterman introduced James Lighton to possibly replace Cheryl Hutchins as a Trustee.

Mayor Waterman stated he spoke with Todd Oudemool who is paying $93 per quarter for trash. It appears he may switch to Superior.

Mayor Waterman stated that on the Main Street Grant they would not allow roofs. The kayak Shop and the Village municipal building applied for roof repairs. He stated that when the money comes in from OCEBA in 14 months we absolutely have to get new doors and fix our roof.

Mayor Waterman stated that he received a letter from Senator John Mannion awarding the Village $230,000 for an air compressor for the Camillus Fire Department and also a new playground. He stated Fire Chief James McBride must have applied for the air compressor as Mayor Waterman only applied for $175,000 for a new playground. Apparently, Senator Mannion combined these applications. The fire department purchased the air compressor already. Mayor Waterman will contact his office to determine how to proceed.

Mayor Waterman state he would like to change the 55 pound limit for trash to 40 pounds. Trustee Mark Eckert state why change a law that you can not enforce.

A motion was offered by Trustee Rinaldo, who moved for its adoption, seconded by Mayor Waterman to change the 55 pound weight limit to 40 pounds. The voting was as follows:

Richard Waterman Mayor Voted – Yes

Martin Rinaldo Trustee Voted – Yes

Ann Eckert Trustee Voted – No

Mark Eckert Trustee Voted – No

The motion was denied.

There was no comments from the public.

**Approval of Vouchers**

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

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract #3, was approved as follows:

General Fund $106,092.84

Trust & Agency $ 57.25

**Meeting Minutes**

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Marty and unanimously approved the Minutes of January 17, 2023.

Trustee Mark Eckert stated he contacted three different companies (Neighbor Road, Code Red and Text Me Now) regarding notifying the community of special events, special weather conditions. There are different ways for contact such as cell phone, hardwire phones, emails and voice messaging. Each company cost about the same around $3,000. Mayor Waterman likes this idea. Trustee Mark Eckert is going to call Oswego to see how it is working and what percentage is using it.

Mayor Waterman appointed James Lighton to replace Cheryl Hutchins as Trustee in the Village of Camillus. Mr. Lighton will have to run in November of 2023.

Mayor Waterman swore Trustee Lighton in and administered the Oath of Office.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Sharon Norcross

Village Clerk/Treasurer