

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING
February 7, 2022**

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

Attorney: Robert J. Allan (by phone)

5 people in attendance

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

He passed out the January 2022 financial report. In the beginning of the year some of the insurances have to be paid in full so the numbers for expenditures may seem a bit high. The good news is under obligations we are pretty much done. We only have a few things to pay.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the Board moved to waive the reading of the Public Notice as follows:

Upon motion of Trustee Hutchins, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Public Hearing was opened at 6:03 p.m.

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Camillus, Onondaga County, New York, will conduct a Public Hearing to consider a Local Law entitled “A local law to permit free standing signs in the Village Center Zoning Overlay District”.

The Public Hearing will be at the Village Hall, 37 Main Street, in the Village of Camillus, on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at which time all interested parties will be heard.

Information regarding the proposed local law is open to inspection at the Office of the Village Clerk, and communications, in writing, in relation thereto may be filed with the Board of Trustees either before or at the hearing.
January 3, 2022

RICHARD A. WATERMAN, Mayor
Village of Camillus

Mayor Waterman read the proposed local law as follows:

Local Law No. ____ of the year 2022

A local law to permit free standing signs in the Village Center Zoning Overlay District.

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees as follows:

The Code of the Village of Camillus shall be amended by repealing Section 110-28.1G(4) and replacing it with the following:

(4) Signage.

(a) The signs of individual establishments should be centered above each respective shop front, two feet above the awning. There should also be provided a sign in front of each entrance that hangs perpendicular to the building under the canopy (providing signage for pedestrians). Translucent, backlit signs should be discouraged. Engraved wooden and similar traditional or historically consistent signs are recommended. Individual signs are subject to approval in accordance with the Village's sign ordinance. Signs or awnings should not, under most circumstances, be attached to a building in such a way that obscures or damages significant architectural elements of the building.

(b) In the Village Center Overlay District, one free standing sign will be allowed for each separate tax-identified parcel, as long as the sign only identifies the adjacent merchant and only advertises products and services that are available on site; no such sign may exceed five feet in height or 10 feet in square area per side; such signs may only be placed outside when the advertised establishment is open for business and must be placed adjacent to the building and may not be placed within, or otherwise obstruct, a minimum five-foot sidewalk or be placed between the sidewalk and the street.

(c) In the Main Street Corridor (Section 110-28.1.C) from the east side of Newport Road to the west side of Elm Street, no flying or fluttering devices such as balloons, flutter flags, feather flyers, etc., intended to draw attention of passersby shall be permitted, Nothing herein shall prohibit the outdoor display of any governmental flag or an occasional celebration flag unless its purpose is to advertise its business and to attract customers.

Attorney Allan stated this law does not address the side streets.

Mr. William Reagan stated the Village Center Overlay District includes all the properties so it would include the side street properties. The issue is if a building has three businesses in it does the Board want the building to put out three signs? Ken Palladino's building would fit into this scenario. This law limits to one sign so the three businesses would have to only put out one sign. Mayor Waterman stated that he does not think there is any room on some streets.

Attorney Allan stated if the Board wants to include the side streets it can be done. Mr. Reagan stated that in the Village of Liverpool they have a law that works very well. Each business can have a sign and they have to bring it in at night and can not block the sidewalk. It has to be close to the building.

Attorney Allan suggested that this Board tables this Public Hearing and he will review Liverpool's law.

Upon motion of Trustee Hutchins, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved the Public Hearing was tabled at 6:17 p.m.

Chief Rob Currier addressed the Board stating he has an application for Kyle Raichlin to join the Camillus Fire Department. Kyle Raichlin was a member of Howlett Hill Fire Department and comes

with recommendations from Cars 1 and 4. The Department did not get a Background check as Kyle had one completed at Howlett Hill. Kyle lives in the Village of Camillus. Mayor Waterman put this vote on hold to allow the Board members to review this application.

Chief Currier stated that the Department held a Special Election to address the By-law changes and approving James Hartford, Sr. as Car 3. If these By-laws changes are approved Chief Currier would like to fill Car 3 with James Hartford, Sr.

Chief Currier stated that Engine 5 had work completed last month, a switch melted in the dashboard.

They fitted five people for turnout gear. They will not pay for five to six months until we receive the gear. There is money in the budget.

They are at 47 calls for this year.

Chief Currier stated that he spoke with Josh Galloway and they will be getting a Firefighter I and Pump Operating courses which will be taught at the Camillus Fire Station. These courses should be started in April or May.

Chief Currier stated that they have had many calls at 23 First Street and each time they have a difficult time getting access to the building. They finally got access codes and the maintenance man has ordered a lock box.

Chief Currier stated that they are having trouble with a resident at 10 North Street and now each time they go to this residence the Camillus Police have to accompany them.

Mayor Waterman stated that the tree grant will be May 13, 2022.

Mayor Waterman stated that they held a bid opening for the Pedestrian Bridge. They amended the specifications by removing the roof from the pedestrian bridge and negated the supply bridge. The bids came in and the lowest bid was C & S for \$355,000. He talked with Solvay Bank and they said the Village could get a five year note. He prepared a letter to County Legislator Julie Abbott-Kenan, New York State Assemblyman John Lemondes, NYS Senator John Mannon and U.S. Congressman John Katko asking for money from each of these people. Mayor Waterman read this letter. We did receive \$100,000 from John Manion and also \$40,000 from Onondaga County. We are now \$215,000 short of our goal.

Mayor Waterman applied for a FEMA Grant for the fire department for over \$700,000 to repair everything at the fire station. He stated that he does not have much hope for this grant, but you never know.

Mayor Waterman stated that the DASNY Grant was reapplied for by the Village of Camillus for rescue equipment.

Mayor Waterman opened the discussion regarding the By-law changes for the Camillus Fire Department. Trustee Ann Eckert stated that there were some classes available. Trustee Mark Eckert stated that he spoke with Rick Wise who is a Certified State Fire Instructor. He stated the ICS300 can be taught by a non-certified instructor but it would only be good for the Camillus Fire Department. Chief Currier questioned how would that work if Camillus goes on mutual aid? Trustee Mark Eckert stated it would still be valid because you would be working as a Camillus firefighter.

A motion was offered by Trustee Rinaldo who moved for its adoption seconded by Trustee Hutchins to approved the By-law change which was approved by the Camillus Fire Department. The voting was as follows:

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

The motion was duly adopted.

Mayor Waterman brought up the discussion of the approval of Kyle Raichlin’s application. Trustee Ann Eckert asked why there is a driver’s license number on the application but he has no license. Chief Currier stated the number is for a driver’s permit. Trustee Ann Eckert asked how does he get to the fire house. Chief Currier stated he usually picks Kyle up if he can and many nights he sleeps at the fire station.

Upon motion of Trustee Hutchins, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board approved Kyle Raichlin as a member of the Camillus Fire Department.

Chief Currier presented James Hartford, Sr. and would like the Board to approve him as Second Assistant Chief, Car 3. Mr. Hartford has been a member of the department for 3 years. Before that he was a member of the Marcellus Fire Department for 20 years. Mr. Hartford is a very experienced firefighter. Trustee Ann Eckert stated that the reason the department changed the By-laws was so Mr. Hartford could be a Chief. Attorney Allan asked the address of Mr. Hartford and it is 6 Scotch Hill Road, Marcellus.

A resolution was made by Trustee Rinaldo who moved for its adoption, seconded by Trustee Hutchins to approved James Hartford Sr. as Second Assistant Chief, Car 3. The voting was as follows:

Richard Waterman	Mayor	Voted – Yes
Martin Rinaldo	Trustee	Voted – Yes

Ann Eckert	Trustee	Voted – Abstained
Cheryl Hutchins	Trustee	Voted – Yes
Mark Eckert	Trustee	Voted – Yes

The resolution was duly adopted.

Mayor Waterman swore James Hartford, Sr. as Car 3 and Mr. Hartford signed the Oath of Office.

Code Enforcement Officer

Mr. Bill Reagan stated his department had 1 building permit, 8 fire inspections, 5 complaint inspections, 8 violation inspections, 5 new notices and 15 miscellaneous items. He completed 2021 federal census housing report, he had a flood management review with the DEC, he had training on record and public service and training on workman’s comp and disability. He was at 23 First Street when the sprinkler pipe broke. He stated that he has been reviewing the New York State law for the enforcement of building fire codes and it has to be adopted by all municipalities.

Mayor’s Comments

Mayor Waterman stated that a woman called him regarding the fact that she rented a house on LeRoy Street and there is no driveway. They have four cars and they have been parking on Green Street in a section that is indented to allow cars to get around where the old Verizon building was located. The Board has just passed a law that there is no parking on Green Street. He put “Warning Tickets” on the cars which prompted her to call him. This indentation would hold four cars but during the winter the cars would be plowed in with snow. Attorney Allan stated if you allow parking there anyone can use these spots not just the people from this house. Trustee Ann Eckert stated she would like to see parking on Green Street in fact she would like more than these four spaces. Mayor Waterman stated there is no room for more parking. Attorney Allan stated the village can amend parking on Green Street on the south side. If you want to have a local law he can prepare a public notice for a Public Hearing on March 7, 2022 on a proposed local law for four spaces on Green Street.

A motion was made by Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved to hold a Public Hearing on March 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to add four parking spaces in the indented area on the south side of Green Street.

Mayor Waterman stated that there was a problem with trucks parking on Genesee Street from Elm Street to Union Street. Attorney Allan stated the parking is the same as in the business district (2-hour parking). Trustee Hutchins stated she does not want to prohibit parking to our business customers. Attorney Allan stated we could just post the area.

Mayor Waterman opened the discussion of FEMA. He stated he was very frustrated. He wants to fix this creek. He would like someone to dredge the creek and he would like someone to remove the

trees along the banks. He has a phone conference February 15 at 9:00 a.m. with FEMA if anyone wants to attend.

Mayor Waterman opened the discussion of the Nine Mile Gauge building. It would cost \$15,000 for the Village to get the gauge working again. This is too much for our Village.

Mayor Waterman stated our postal service has not been good and he sent a letter to the Postmaster at Taft Road.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert the Board moved to hold a Public Hearing for the Application for Community Development and the Five Year Plan to be held March 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Waterman stated that when the Village was flooded a resident started a Go Fund Me to collect money for the people that the flood affected. She collected \$600 and asked us if we can determine how to distribute the money. She was thinking we should distribute the money on Gift Card. Mayor Waterman wanted to hold a cookout on the anniversary of the flood. Attorney Allan stated because this is not village money why are we doing anything. The Clerk stated that since that time the woman moved to Ireland and we, as the village, knew all the names and addresses of the people affected.

Mayor Waterman stated that our new truck is sitting in Auburn waiting at MDI and it will probably be the end of March before it is ready. We have been using the old red truck and it had to be repaired for the cost of \$3,188.36. There is not enough money in the budget so he stated the Board needs to make a Budget Amendment.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Hutchins and unanimously approved the Board moved to amend the budget as follows:

From - A5110.4	Street Maintenance – Contractual	\$1000
A1910.4	Contingency	\$1688.36
To – A5110.411	450 (red) maintenance & repairs	\$2,688.36

Mayor Waterman stated that the Main Street Grant contracts are in and have to be signed. After we receive the executed contract we are free to begin the approved projects. We have completed the Conflict of Interest form and signed the Docu-Sign.

Approval of Vouchers

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions regarding the vouchers. Trustee Ann Eckert stated there were a couple minor changes for the fire department which will be adjusted.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract #2 & 3, were approved as follows:

Abstract #2

General Fund	\$145,114.28
Sewer Rent Fund	\$ 11,064.00

Abstract #3

General Fund	\$ 21,881.83
Sewer Rent Fund	\$ 600.00

Meeting Minutes

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any corrections to the January 3, 2022 minutes. There were none. Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Hutchins and unanimously approved the minutes of January 3, 2022.

Trustee Ann Eckert asked if the trustee position overrides the fire commissioner's position? She stated it was her understanding that you could not have three trustees together or it would be considered a meeting. Attorney Allan stated yes it would be an official meeting and would have to be advertised. Trustee Hutchins stated after the membership meeting there was another meeting and Mayor Waterman attended. He did not speak or contribute in anyway. Attorney Allan stated that that would be fine. He stated that Mayor Waterman may not give an opinion or speak at all.

Trustee Ann Eckert stated that the DPW was doing a great job and she thanked them for doing the sidewalks. People are very happy.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Trustee Rinaldo stated Syracha'cuse has been putting their sign on the sidewalk. Mayor Waterman stated he will talk to them.

Town of Camillus Mary Luber addressed the Board stating that she is on a committee to hold a 5K Run on Memorial Day before the Memorial Day Parade.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the meeting moved into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss personnel matters The Board requested that Michael Lukacs and Jason Fudala stay in the meeting.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the meeting moved out of Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Hutchins and unanimously approved the meeting end at 8:10 p.m.

Sharon Norcross
Village Clerk/Treasurer