**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**January 17, 2023**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allan

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Cheryl Hutchins

Trustee Mark Eckert 2 people in attendance

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

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved the Board moved to reopen the Public Hearing for the subdivision for Richard Kirk.

Attorney Allan stated that he received the referral back from Onondaga County Planning Board. The two comments that they made were the proposed Lot 2 which is the parking area, the shed and a dumpster and electrical transformer and parking. In order to ensure the continuance of these functions as necessary by adjacent landowners, appropriate access agreements or easements should be put in place as part of the subdivision approval process or other accommodations be made. Attorney Allan stated he talked with Dick Kirk and also Bill Reagan and basically he would end up with two properties; one with the building and two with the parking area. The shed which services only the building and the property lines around the building should include the shed. Dick Kirk agreed that he will draw the line around the shed that includes the building. Normally there would be a six foot buffer but Dick Kirk does not want to do this so he will have to get an area variance from the Zoning Board. Attorney Allan stated we need to schedule a Zoning Board meeting. Attorney Allan stated they are still arguing with the owner and National Grid regarding who should maintain the retaining wall around the electrical transformer. National Grid stated they are only responsible for the transformer not the retaining wall. He stated that Lot 1 needs an easement for access from the parking area down the alley. This will be put on the survey.

Mr. Dick Kirk stated if he ever sells 25 First Street he is going to try to get the person to sell the lot next door which is a perfect lot for a HUD project. This would be Over 55 not Section 8.

Mr. Bill Regan stated he will have to deny the Application for a Subdivision. He will send an Appeal Application to Attorney Allan and that is what will generate the Zoning Board meeting.

Upon motion of Trustee Hutchins, second by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board continued the Public Hearing.

Mayor Waterman stated there is no one here from the Camillus Fire Department. Trustee Hutchins stated the department has a pending By-Law change. Trustee Hutchins stated that Chief James McBride has offered to resign as of February 28, 2023 if the Town of Camillus gives the department a two year contract and promises a 2% increase for both years. Mayor Waterman stated he mentioned this to the Town of Camillus Supervisor, Councilman Steve James and the Town Attorney and has not received a response. Attorney Allan stated that Steve James wants an audit of the Camillus Fire Department. Attorney Allan stated the contract money goes into the Village General Fund and an audit of the Village would be very involved. If Steve James wants an audit of the fire department 2% money they need to send a report to the State Controller. If he is interest in the Camillus Fire Department General Fund this would be reported on a Form 990 which is prepared by their attorney Mary Ann Cody. Attorney Allan stated he would like a copy of each of these reports to present to Steve James. Trustee Hutchins stated she does not have a copy of Form 990 but she does have a copy of the report regarding the 2% money.

Attorney Allan stated he will prepare a letter to Steve James explaining he will get the Form 990 as soon as it is available and enclose a copy of the report to the NYS Comptroller’s Office regarding 2% money.

Mayor Waterman read a law from Albany stating any local government can provide a tax exemption to volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers who have served more than two years. This law took effect immediately. The Real Property Tax Law 466 will grant an exemption of up to 10% of the assessed valuation of the primary residence. An application for the exemption must be filed at the Assessor’s Office. The following requirements applied as follows: 1. the property must be owned by the firefighter or ambulance worker, 2. the property must be located in the fire district, 3. the property must be the primary residence of the firefighter or ambulance worker; 4. the property must be used exclusively for the firefighter or ambulance worker’s residential purposes and the authority must certify that the resident is enrolled in the fire department.

Attorney Allan stated he will take the NYCOM proposal and adopt it for the Village for a Local Law.

Bill Reagan stated if you want to participate in the Storm Water Coalition you have to pass a resolution.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Hutchins and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the MS-4 Resolution as follows:

**Resolution Supporting Participation in the**

**CNY Stormwater Coalition Staff Services and Education Compliance Assistance Program**

Resolution authorizing the items listed below pursuant to requirements of the New York State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit.

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Camillus herein called the “Municipality”, after thorough consideration of the various aspects of the problem and consideration of available information, has hereby determined that certain work, as described in Attachment A, herein called the “Project”, is desirable, is in the public interest, and is required in order to implement the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board, herein called the “Board”, has provided program planning and implementation assistance pertaining to the requirements of the New York State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Stormwater Phase II General Permit for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) operators since 2002, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has proposed staff and education assistance services in support of sustaining the CNY Stormwater Coalition and to provide a regional public education, outreach and training compliance program to reduce municipal staff burdens, ensure consistency, provide widespread priority audience targeting the most efficient use of limited municipal funds by distributing total program costs over a number of entities within a twelve month timeframe as outlined in Attachment B;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** BY the Village of Camillus

1. That Mayor Richard Waterman or such person’s successor in office is the representative authorized to act in behalf of the Municipality’s governing body in all matters related the Project;

2. That the Municipality agrees that it will fund its portion of the program cost in the amount of $3,600, and that those funds will be made available to the Board upon receipt of invoice.

3. That one (1) certified copy of this Resolution will be prepared and sent to the Board upon adoption.

4. That this Resolution take effect immediately.

Bill Reagan stated he had 3 construction inspections, 1 complaint inspections, 8 violation inspections, 2 government meetings and no Building Permits. Most of the inspections were for Camillus Mills.

He got the unregistered car removed on LeRoy Street and the televisions removed on North Street.

Mr. Reagan stated he had a complaint from a bus driver that there was a basketball hoop at 9 Union Street. He feels the Board could create a policy for this issue. Union Street is very narrow and the basketball hoop hangs over the road about 3 feet. Attorney Allan stated you can not have any temporary structures or sports equipment unless it is 3 ½ feet from the side of the road. He asked if there is any other place where this would apply. Trustee Eckert stated that on the corner of Green and LeRoy Streets. Mayor Waterman stated that there are basketball courts at the playground.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Hutchins and unanimously approved the Board moved to adopt a policy that no temporary structures can be placed within 3 ½ feet of the existing pavement on the roadway.

The next complaint that was received was about cars parked on Genesee Street from the southwest corner of Union Street and Genesee Street intersection going west. Genesee Street is owned by New York State but located in the Village. Mayor Waterman will call the engineer at the New York State Highway Facility at DeVoe Road.

Mr. Reagan stated he thought the cars were from 105 Genesee Street. He also has an issue with the Volkswagen van parked in the driveway at 105 Genesee Street. It is unlicensed, unregistered. He gets registration and inspection stickers but Mr. Reagan knows it has not moved as it has four flat tires.

Mayor read an advertisement for an assistant code officer to replace Dave Weber. This advertisement was for Marcellus so Mr. Reagan will have to amend this advertisement to conform to the Village of Camillus.

A discussion was had regarding A Local Law Updating the Code Enforcement Program in the Village of Camillus. This law has to replace the current law that was included in the Village Code book.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board set the date for a Public Hearing on March 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to update the Code Enforcement Program.

A discussion was had regarding a local law for firefighters and ambulance workers for a tax exemption on their property tax bill. Upon motion of Trustee Hutchins, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board set the date for a Public Hearing on March 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to adopt a local law for an exemption for fire fighters and ambulance workers.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS**

Mayor Waterman opened up the discussion about the DPW employees. He stated Ron Kelly was working part time but hurt his back. Morgan and Michael Rether helped out one day and he talked to Morgan about employment. She was interested. We called her several times and she never answered. Jayson told Mayor Waterman that he really needs another employee. Jason had hired Cody Micho and he was speaking with Dylan Micho. We needed three DPW employees, so he stated hire Dylan. He needs to be approved. Neither one of these men have their CDL. They are studying for their CDL now. Mayor Waterman stated each one is making $17.54. The Village of Camillus has lagged behind in keeping up with salaries. It is difficult to get good workers now. He asked for an approval for Dylan Micho. We are giving these men 6 months to get their CDL licenses.

A motion was offered by Trustee Rinaldo who moved for its adoption, seconded by Trustee Hutchins to hire Dylan Micho at the rate of $17.54 per hour.

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 – (abstained)

The motion was duly adopted.

Mayor Waterman opened up the discussion for the new Ford Pickup Truck to replace the old white truck. The bid is $70,900. The money will come from USDA and the total amount he would be asking for will be $80,000. He has $70,900 for the truck, $3,000 for the bonding attorney, $3,000 for the Attorney Allan and the rest would be for lettering and other items that need to go on the truck. They estimate the interest rate will be 3½% to 4½%. Mayor Waterman stated we need an approval to start the paperwork. We don’t know how much we would get in grant money or how much we have to borrow.

Upon motion of Trustee Hutchins, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the Board moved to apply for a grant for $80,000 from USDA to purchase a Ford Pickup Truck.

Mayor Waterman reopened up the discussion of Todd Oudemool’s trash fee. Trustee Ann Eckert stated she feels we should charge him for 4 units which would be $600. Mr. Reagan stated he just switched from Dependable to Superior at his house which was much cheaper at $280.

Mayor Waterman opened up the discussion of the Main Street Grant. He emphasized that the Village of Camillus may not even get this grant. The total of the grant would be $500,000 which would represent Onondaga County’s 75%. The businesses that applied are Solvay Bank - $15,500, Camillus Animal Clinic - $14,164, The Kayak Shop $132,394, the Village of Camillus $99,513, Krabby Kirk (3 properties) - $33,000, Mary Popovich (2 properties) - $45,250, John Tal - $100,000, Todd Oudemool - $100,000 for a total of $539,821. Mayor Waterman stated that Todd Oudemool, John Tal and the Village of Camillus applied in the 1st round in 2021 and their applications were approved. Todd Oudemool and John Tal did not start their projects because of the rising costs of materials and labor. That is why they applied again. Mr. Reagan stated only 10 municipalities will receive the $500,000 in the entire county. Trustee Hutchins asked when the 1st round of the Main Street Grant applicants have to have their projects completed. Mayor Waterman stated December 31, 2023. Both of these applicants asked for much more in their request (John Tal $432,460 and Oudemool $256,370. Mayor Waterman made it clear to both that their request was reduced.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board moved to send in the applications for the 2nd round of the Main Street Grant.

Mayor Waterman stated he would like to reduce the weight of the trash cans from 55 pounds to 35 pounds for each trash cans. Trustee Ann Eckert did not feel 55 pounds was too much weight. Trustee Hutchins stated she feels the DPW should be wearing lifting belts. That would save their backs. He will speak with other mayors at the next Mayor’s Dinner.

Mayor Waterman stated the Spring Mile Long Garage Sale would be on May 20, 2023.

Mayor Waterman opened the discussion on holding an Arbor Day stating he is going to meetings regarding trees. If communities hold a tree planting event in the Spring of 2023 and they established a community-based forestry program, they can apply for up to $1,000 in a grant. The intent of this program is to establish a community forestry program and move forward to become a “Tree City USA”. We would have to pass a Tree Ordinance to establish a Tree Board which Mayor Waterman will appoint. We budgeted $2,500 for trees and we have $2 per capita and we and we have 1,222 population. We have to proclaim a date to establish an Arbor Day. The definitions and instructions can be found at [www.arbordayfoundation’streecityUSA.com](http://www.arbordayfoundation’streecityUSA.com). Mayor Waterman suggested April 22, 2023 as Arbor Day as this is Earth Day also. Cornell Cooperative Extension will be handing out tree sprouts on that day.

Mayor Waterman stated One Love Salon won the Christmas Decoration contest for businesses and Ray and Margaret Jackson of 22 First Street won the residential contest. The Jackson’s gave the $25 gift card back to Mayor Waterman who selected a deserving resident in the Village.

Mayor Waterman stated he was invited to a Comprehensive Plan meeting which is the same date as the Village Board meeting. Mayor Waterman stated Carrie Grooms has volunteered to go to the first meeting.

**Approval of Vouchers**

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

Trustee Ann Eckert stated that Chief McBride has gone over 100 Gallons of gas in one month and she feels we should charge him. Attorney Allan stated this would overkill. You have requested his resignation and that should be enough.

Upon motion of Trustee Hutchins, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract #2, was approved as follows:

General Fund $150,538.48

Sewer Rent Fund $ 40.98

**Meeting Minutes**

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Hutchins and unanimously approved the Minutes of December 19, 2022.

Upon motion of Trustee Hutchins, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the minutes of the Special Meeting on January 12, 2023 were approved.

Trustee Mark Eckert stated he is still waiting for the vehicle inspection report on the small vehicles.

Trustee Hutchins stated she thinks it is illegal to write names, social security numbers and date of birth of the Camillus Fire Department members. She has a problem with people walking away with personal information. Trustee Ann Eckert stated she did not record any social security numbers.

Mayor Waterman reminded this Board has a Special Meeting at 4:00 p.m. on January 20, 2023 to approve the Camillus Fire Department By-Law change.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Hutchins and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Sharon Norcross

Village Clerk/Treasurer