

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 3, 2022**

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

Attorney: Robert J. Allan (by phone)

3 people in attendance

Mayor Waterman opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and stated the next meeting would be February 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Waterman read a letter from a Town of Camillus resident thanking the Clerk for going out of her way to help her. Mayor Waterman read a letter to all the mayors in the County from Dick Clark, Mayor of Baldwinsville, stating that Governor Hochul may offer incentives for consolidating/merging several local governments.

Mayor Waterman stated he signed the \$1000 tree grant for four trees out front of the fire department, two trees on the left, and a bench with Mike McBride's name to commemorate his service. Chief McBride would like the bench to be made of composite wood. Arbor day will be designated May 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Once we have accomplished this we can qualify as Tree City USA and then be able to get \$1500 grant for trees next year. If the trees on North Street are down we could plant more trees in that area.

Mayor Waterman stated we cannot use the stimulus money for the Camillus Fire Department Pedestrian Bridge project. The project has been reduced from the first bid and will be rebid. The opening is February 2 at 11:00 a.m. and the project will consist of the replacement of one pedestrian bridge structure in addition to the installation of retaining wall, steel pipe railing, concrete sidewalk and concrete catch basin with cover. The Fire Chief James McBride stated he wants to get everything done and wants to borrow money for all the repairs. He wants to add everything up and also refurbish the truck also.

Mayor Waterman stated they have applied for a FEMA Grant for over \$700,000. He wrote to U.S. Senator Schumer and U.S. Congressman John Katko. Mayor Waterman stated the first thing that has to be completed is the bridge.

Trustee Mark Eckert stated each year you come to the Board of Trustees asked for these repairs but you don't put any repairs in your budget. Chief McBride stated the Village owns the building, so it is the Village's responsibility to maintain the building.

Mayor Waterman asked if the Chief has spoken with Attorney Mary Ann Cody regarding the DASNY Grant for rescue equipment? Originally the Fire Department was awarded a grant of \$50,000. This would put the department over the limit for filing a postcard for Form 501(3) (c) for Not for Profit organizations. They would have to file a long form and Attorney Cody does not want to do this, she wants the Village to submit this grant application. Chief McBride wants to stay with their original awarded grant as there is a chance if the village submits the application it would have to go to the senate for approval and may not be awarded. Attorney Allan will contact Attorney Cody.

Upon motion of Trustee Hutchins, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board recommend that the Camillus Fire Department accept the money for the original grant that was approved.

Mayor Waterman stated he is going to send a letter to the Board of Elections that we can not have elections at the Camillus Fire Station for one year or until the pedestrian bridge is repaired.

Mayor Waterman stated he received word that we will be getting \$70,000 for the tennis, pickle ball and basketball courts and also \$100,000 for the back shed. He was going to find out when we would get this money.

### **Camillus Fire Department**

Chief McBride stated that they had 10 EMS calls and 3 fire calls, one of which was a house fire.

They are hosting an Onondaga County Western Section on Wednesday at the fire station. Chief McBride stated the response times are a lot better, they have really stepped it up on the times and training opportunity.

Chief McBride stated he has an application from Suzanne Hesselton who lives at 6 Main Street and recently retired and wants to take the EMT class that starts next week.

A resolution was offered by Trustee Hutchins, who moved for its adoption seconded by Trustee Rinaldo to approved the application of Suzanne Hesselton. The voting was as follows:

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

The resolution was duly adopted.

Trustee Eckert asked for a list of active members.

### **Engineer**

Mr. Bill Morse stated we need to schedule a Public Hearing for the 5 Year Plan for 2023 - 2027 and the 2022 Community Development Application. Mr. Morse stated many of the items on past 5 Year Plans have been completed. Mayor Waterman stated he spoke with Seth Williams from Riccelli and he would like to get the price to pave First Street from Green Gate Lane to Newport, LeRoy Street from Genesee to First Streets, upper Elderkin Avenue and Rolling Hills Road.

On the current 5 Year Plan you have sidewalk replacements (which will be done the summer of 2022), you had Kastor (which is done), you had Elderkin Avenue and First Street as two different projects, but you can combine them. Maple Drive is almost done so that can come off the list. You got funding for part of the parks, but you may be able to put the rest of parks in for Community Development.

Mayor Waterman stated he received the approval from Mr. Marty Skahen for our 2022 sidewalk project. A discussion was had if this area is in the floodway.

Mayor Waterman also stated that the Main Street Grant should be happening in the next few weeks.

Mayor Waterman stated he talked with the Army Corp of Engineers who said they were out of the process. He had another person, Ms. Ortez, called who said the project is still on. There are two projects. One is a construction project and the other is picking up the logs along the creek. He stated he is still interested in anything that you can do. Ms. Ortez stated they could build a levy or fill all the basements or raise the houses. He called Paul Legnetto and explained the situation and Paul said he would come and look at the area. Mr. Morse stated that Paul Legnetto realized that he is responsible for clearing the creek.

Trustee Mark Eckert stated that there is a large log jam in the creek south of the Village about where the last house on South Street is located you can see the jam. The question was raised who owns the creek. Mr. Morse stated Central New York Land Trust owns south of the village line. The Town is responsible for the creek in the village and all the way to the Town of Camillus Highway Department on Milton Avenue.

Mr. Morse stated there is a gauging station on Nine Mile Creek in Lakeland. Onondaga County stopped paying for it. He could not tell how you are suppose to find out what is happening with the creek if you can not gauge the water flow. If you could get the gauging station in the Village activated again you can at least get some data to determine what is happening. Mayor Waterman stated he would try to find out what can be done to predict the flow and the height of the water.

### **Codes Enforcement**

Code Enforcement Officer stated there was one inspection, five commercial fire inspections, six violation inspections, four notices, three meetings, six miscellaneous actions and no building permits. He said that the owner of the empty lot on Glade Ridge Court is getting ready to build.

### **Mayor's Comments**

The new truck is in Auburn but probably will not be ready until mid February. The red truck passed inspection but we will only use locally.

Mayor Waterman stated the Holiday Christmas Decorating contest was won by Kiki's Restaurant.

A discussion was had regarding A-frame signs. Kelly Landau, owner of Synple Shop, stated she would like to put an A-frame in front of her store on the sidewalk. Mayor Waterman stated that the sidewalk can be up to 8 feet wide and narrow down to 4 feet wide. The Syracha'cuse Store has an A-frame sign that they put on the sidewalk and it blocks the sidewalk. Mr. William Reagan, Codes Officer stated that in Liverpool they store owners can put an A-frame on the sidewalk nearest the building but it can not be located on the street side and it can not block the sidewalk. They have to take the sign in when the store is closed.

Attorney Allan stated that in Section 110.31 "no sign shall project into an area on public property beside a pedestrian way in an elevation 10 feet above grade." In Section 110.31 "no sign shall be placed upon or attached to any public or private utility pole, lamp post, water or fire hydrant, sidewalk, bridge or tree or similar installation or improvement when is situated on public or private property." He feels you can not have a sign on a sidewalk. Mayor Waterman stated he liked the rules from Liverpool and maybe our law should be amended.

Mayor Waterman stated the gentlemen at Syracha'cuse has lawn in front of his building and asked if he put the sign on the lawn would he be legal. Attorney Allan stated yes.

Mayor Waterman asked Attorney Allan to prepare a proposed Local Law to amend the sign law that is on the books at this time.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved the Board moved to hold a Public Hearing to allow A-frame signs on February 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to address a proposed local law to amend the sign law.

### **Approval of Vouchers**

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

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract# 1, was approved as follows:

General Fund

\$72,503.64

### **Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any corrections to the December 20, 2021 Minutes.

Upon motion of Trustee Hutchins, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board, the Minutes for December 20, 2021 were approved.

### **New Business**

Mayor Waterman stated we should look into investing into new computers.

Trustee Mark Eckert stated people are parking on LeRoy and also South Streets near Green Street. Also, they are parking near the “Stop Sign” at South Street and Genesee Street.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the meeting moved into Executive Session at 7:29 p.m. to discuss fire department personnel matters.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved the meeting moved out of Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

A motion was offered by Trustee Mark Eckert, who moved for its adoption seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert to approve Rob Currier as the Fire Chief for the Camillus Fire Department for the year 2022. The voting was as follows:

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

The resolution was duly adopted.

A motion was offered by Trustee Rinaldo, who moved for its adoption seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert to approve James McBride as the 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Fire Chief for the Camillus Fire Department for the year 2022. The voting was as follows:

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

The resolution was duly adopted.

Mayor Waterman stated there should absolutely have no incidences of screaming. If this occurs I will remove you as Fire Chief. You will have to attend meeting, work with the clerks on vouchers and you have to go to calls. You have to be a leader and gain the confidence of the membership.

Fire Chief Rob Currier stated he understands.

Mayor Waterman stated we have to get other people in the departments to train others to move up the line to become a chief. He stated he realizes that ICS 300 has not been given because of Covid. Chief McBride stated there is a course at Onondaga Community College that teaches the same information as ICS 300.

ICS300 is only put on by the Office of Emergency Management and the teach it at satellite locations. The Department would not incur any costs except travel expenses. New York State pays for the hotel and food. It is a 20 hour course over three days.

Attorney Allan stated to allow the younger firefighters who have not gotten these classes as least get them into positions of captains or lieutenants so when these classes are available they will be ready.

These people would have to serve as a lieutenant for two years and a captain for two years. They would have to have ICS 300 to be a Chief. This class cannot be in-house, it has to be taught by the State .

A motion by Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Sharon Norcross  
Carrie Grooms