

VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS
REGULAR MEETING
June 20, 2022

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

Attorney: Robert J. Allan

5 people in attendance

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

Attorney Allan addressed Mr. Richard Kirk regarding the subdivision requested for 25 First Street. Attorney Allan asked about a SEQRA form and stated the subdivision request would require a use variance and maybe an area variance and would need to be referred to County Planning which would need at least 30 days. Mr. Kirk stated he had filed the SEQRA form with Bill Reagan. Code Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan has sent a list of questions regarding the Subdivision Application to Attorney Allan which need to be answered. A discussion was had in regards to setting a special Public Hearing and for the Variance for Richard Kirk on July 28, 2022. Mr. Kirk has filed a Subdivision Application and needs to fill out a Zoning Application. Attorney Allan and Mr. Reagan are working out the area variance. Mr. Kirk stated Mr. Reagan told him everything was fine. Attorney Allan stated he had received a list of questions from Mr. Reagan including his request to have an engineer come in and tell where the utilities come into the building. Attorney Allan stated the Clerk will have the area variance form.

Camillus Fire Department

Chief McBride stated there have been nine EMS calls, four fire calls, and three motor vehicle calls since the last meeting. June 27, the Camillus Fire department will participate in live fire training. Tonight they are working on hose line advances and water supply drill.

This Saturday, June 25, is the Installation Picnic.

TK Tavern had their fire pit going on their deck and was burning their tiki torches. Chief McBride requested Code Enforcement ticket them for this action.

Chief McBride presented an EMT application for Angela O'Hara who was a member before and has been on the waiting list for 6 months for there to be an opening for out of district members.

Mayor Waterman stated work is progressing on the pedestrian bridge and is anticipated to be finished earlier than originally expected in approximately four more weeks. The \$93,000 bond financing has been finalized at 4% for 5 years which will cost the fire department about \$20,000 a year which the fire department has due to paying off other larger debts this past year. Chief McBride asked if the company will clean up the yard when work is completed. Mayor Waterman stated there was supposed to be stone placed but for an additional cost of \$4508 Lindsay Excavation will add top soil and stone. A discussion was had regarding whether the fire

department would want to do the work themselves. Trustee Hutchins stated grass would be an issue with the tables. Chief McBride stated the tables could be moved to avoid grass damage in one area. Mike Rether was suggested but Mayor Waterman stated the Village would still have to pay preferred wages if he was hired. Trustee Hutchins suggested the fire department try to do the work themselves. Attorney Allan stated at the last meeting there was a motion to increase the \$93,000 bond to \$100,000 to cover some other expenses and requested the Minutes reflect that the \$93,000 bond is remaining at the \$93,000.

Mayor Waterman asked Chief McBride if he had set up a separate key for gas. Chief McBride stated he has not as the employee wasn't there and then he has forgotten. Trustee Eckert stated the key from the vehicle we just sold needs to be turned in as the vehicles all had keys. Mayor Waterman asked if the extra key could be changed to an auxiliary gas key. Chief McBride will look into this.

Trustee Mark Eckert stated after the last meeting he asked Dan Meyers how much a starter repair would have cost compared to what HarRob charged. Meyers would have charged \$300 less. Chief McBride stated HarRob responds to emergency repairs quickly. Mayor Waterman suggested giving Dan Meyers the small trucks for repairs on a trial basis and the possibility of alternating the engines with Jerome and HarRob. Chief McBride detailed damage done to an engine approximately three years ago with Jerome.

Mayor Waterman stated a request to restrict the Chiefs vehicles to Onondaga County and not just the current policy of 40 miles had been brought up at the last meeting. Chief McBride stated when he signed on as Chief, he was told 40 miles and now the Village is trying to change the rules which would keep him from being able to drive to camp. Mayor Waterman stated this was just up for discussion. Trustee Ann Eckert stated the Chief McBride was not supposed to take the vehicle to camp and the vehicles were supposed to stay in Onondaga County. A discussion was had in regards to changing the vehicle rules.

Attorney Bob Allan advised Trustee Hutchins to abstain from the vote due to her personal relationship

A motion was offered by Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert to restrict the Chiefs vehicles to Onondaga County.

The voting was as follows:

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

The motion was not accepted.

A motion was offered by Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert to reduce the three Chiefs fuel allotment from 100 gallons to 75 gallons and for the Chiefs to pay the difference over 75 gallons.

The voting was as follows:

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

The motion was not accepted.

Trustee Eckert asked about the problem with the fire department roof. The members keep leaving the fan in the on position which burned out the fans. The lock boxes have not been put back on yet.

Chief McBride presented an application for Angela O'Hara for EMT as a returning Camillus Fire Department out of district member. She has been on the waiting list for six months. Mayor Waterman asked for any discussion regarding Ms. O'Hara. Trustee Ann Eckert verified Ms. O'Hara is out of district and does not have fire training and only has EMT.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Hutchins and approved by the Board to accept Angela O'Hara as an out of district EMT with the Camillus Volunteer Fire Department.

The voting was as follows:

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

The motion was duly approved.

Chief McBride complained about the late notice regarding the sidewalk replacement on Genesee Street and the need for tenants to park elsewhere for approximately two weeks while the work is being completed. He stated they have cameras out back to help protect their vehicles and do not want to park their vehicles on the street and out them at risk. The notice was placed inside several, but not all, the mailboxes approximately noon today stating vehicles had to be out by 7:00 a.m. the next day. A discussion was had about whether we could get in steel plates. Mr. Kirk asked if tenants can park at the library. Mayor Waterman stated notifications should have been out last week. Austin Mersfelder stated he will not be moving his vehicle to the street and Sam Maxsween has a state vehicle he cannot park on the street as there are no security cameras on the vehicles if they are parked on the street. Mayor Waterman will talk to Tony Ross about options.

Engineering Report

Engineer Bill Morse stated people were told they can apply for both Structural Elevation and Property Acquisition but he has received notice that the residents who have applied for must choose one or the other as they cannot apply for both. The deadline to make a decision is ten days after the Village is formally notified. A letter needs to be sent to the applicants. The Village will notify the residents. Mayor Waterman stated there is a meeting on June 30th with FEMA at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Morse led a discussion on the debris removal from Nine Mile Creek grant. DE Tarolli could complete the work under the County bid but the clean out must be a result of the flood not before. Paragon quoted about \$39,000 which is more than the grant. If the amount is over \$20,000 we would need to go out for public bid unless it's under a State or County bid. DE Tarolli should provide a quote as well as let us know what equipment they would be using. Mr. Morse stated the Village needs to have documentation that they are legally responsible to clean the waterways and prove the Village has the authority to clean Nine Mile Creek. The Town missed the deadline to apply for the grant to clean out the debris. FEMA will not pay if the Village does not prove legal responsibility.

Attorney Allan stated historically the Town of Camillus always cleans the Nine Mile Creek area at the Villages request. Trustee Ann Eckert stated the Town cleared a beaver dam by Forward Road. Attorney Allan stated Dan Meyers had pulled a tree out of the creek and Trustee Ann Eckert stated that was done at the Village's request.

Mayor Waterman will call Paul Legnetto and ask the Town if they will take the trees out of Nine Mile. Bill Morse agreed that in the 1950's the Town used to clear the snags. Attorney Allan stated he would need to establish legal responsibility to the Village and FEMA will pay for the 90% of the clean-up and the State will pay the other 10%. Trustee Ann Eckert stated this needs to be a one-time deal so the Town takes back the responsibility. A discussion was had about clearing the snags. Trustee Mark Eckert stated the log jam has been on this side of the Village for 20 years and no one will do anything about it. Mayor Waterman stated he has spoken to FEMA about this matter and it falls on deaf ears. Attorney Allan asked the time frame when Mr. Morse need authorizations. Mr. Morse stated June 30 would be nice. The Town Board may need to pass a resolution.

Mayor Waterman stated we have 23 applications in for the military banners. The Town is interested in doing the banners as well but has not taken any action. We have a couple people from the Town on the banners. The price break is at 25 banners. A discussion was had regarding whether anyone knew of a couple more people to ask if they are interested.

Mayor Waterman stated he had taken DE Tarolli to Rolling Hills Rd and in front of the apartments there is a rotted out drain. The least expensive way to repair it is to make a concrete trough. The drain on Union Street is completely blocked in the center and needs to be dug out. The drain is about 280 feet. Some of this work will come out of CHIPS money and the Mayor

would like to save the rest. Mayor Waterman put in for 2 Community Development grants next year for. One grant is \$150,000 to repair all the roads and the other is \$50,000 for the basketball, tennis, and pickle ball courts. He increased the DASNY grant for \$70,000 for the fencing for the courts because DASNY denied the courts. Mayor Waterman read his letter to Senator Mannion regarding the \$70,000 grant for the 2023 pickle ball courts. The CHIPS money remaining after the Rolling Hills Rd and Union Street drains would be added to next year's funds and used for streets. Attorney Allan asked where the money was coming from for the Union Street drainage. Mayor Waterman stated the Sewer Fund. Trustee Ann Eckert stated it's not sewer which Mayor Waterman acknowledged saying we've done that in the past. Trustee Ann Eckert expressed concerns if there were a sewer issue. Mayor Waterman stated the County will eventually take over the sewers.

Mayor Waterman stated the Village's contribution to the Community Development award is \$58,400 from the DASNY grant.

Mayor Waterman stated he spoke to Tom Blair and we need to set a Public Hearing for Camillus Mills Phase 2 and 3. Attorney Allan stated Dick Kirk and Tom Blair's applications should be referred to County Planning for their comments and then both could be heard at a Public Hearing on July 28 at 4:00 p.m.

A recommendation to refer Dick Kirk's application and Tom Blair's revised site plan application down to County Planning was suggested by Attorney Allan. Upon motioned by Trustee Hutchins and seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board moved to refer Dick Kirk's application and Tom Blair's revised site plan application to Onondaga County Planning.

Upon motion of Trustee Hutchins, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to set a Public Hearing for Richard Kirk's subdivision and Tom Blair's Camillus Mills Phase 2 & 3 site plan review on July 28, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Gary Brasse, Budget Tree Service, will grind the stumps at 28 North St. Attorney Allan asked how much Gary charges per stump. Mayor Waterman will ask him.

Mayor Waterman stated Andrew hit the Camillus Pet Lodge fence with the snow plow this past winter and we need to make a budget amendment to pay for the repair.

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

A1910.4	Contingency	\$561.60	
A5142.4	Contractual Expenses		\$561.60

The motion was duly approved.

Public Comments

Belle Brown asked if the Village owned the Camillus Fire Department building and if the Village could borrow money from the Town to pay for the repairs. Camillus Fire Department authorized up to \$10,000 for Trustee Mike McBride's funeral. Trustee Rinaldo stated the fire department did not spend that much. Mayor Waterman stated the Town will not loan the fire department money. Trustee Hutchins stated the Camillus Fire Department is paying the loan from their budget. Mayor Waterman would like to reduce the Camillus Fire Department budget lines. Trustee Mark Eckert stated the fire department is the Village's when it comes to paying for repairs but is the fire department's when they are renting the facilities.

Mayor Waterman stated there has been one bid on the red DPW truck. Trustee Ann Eckert suggested an auction site. Trustee Hutchins asked about a minimum bid. Trustee Ann Eckert will get contact information for the auction site.

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 Ann Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract #13, was approved as follows:

General Fund	\$100,998.37
Sewer Fund	\$43.38

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions regarding the June 20, 2022 minutes. There were none.

Upon motion Trustee Hutchins, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Minutes of June 20, 2022 were accepted.

Attorney Comments

Attorney Allan stated the documents for the \$93,000 bond were promised but have not arrived. The interest rate is 4%. Mayor Waterman or Sharon will need to sign the documents and take them to Solvay Bank. The Village is allowed to pay off the loan earlier if able.

Clerk/Treasurer Report

The Deputy Clerk summarized a recent switch from Verizon service to Spectrum service and the numerous problems that were still needing to be resolved as well as the fact that BOCES has not taken care of their part. The Deputy Clerk requested authorization to not pay the Spectrum and BOCES bills until services were completed. Attorney Allan asked about the possibility of service cancellation and suggested maybe the Village should send a formal written complaint to the Public Service Commission regarding Spectrum. The Village will hold off on any action until after Nicole, Spectrum representative, meets with Verizon in the morning.

Mayor Waterman read a letter from Dick Griffo, Town Councilman, regarding the manure pit. Attorney Allan stated he spoke to the County and the farmer is looking for money for this project but they will not give him money unless he agrees to work with the County. Municipalities cannot stop the build.

Old Business

Trustee Ann Eckert stated she would like the law for flutter flags and A-frame signs rescinded as more flutter flags have been out. The Village has been displaying the Elks dinner sign and signs are only to promote your business. The business across from Apple Auto on Milton Ave is now displaying flutter flags. Trustee Eckert stated businesses on Main Street can see the flutter flags displayed on the outskirts of the Village and not in the business district. Attorney Allan stated a Local Law is needed to rescind the law. Trustee Mark Eckert asked if the businesses might complain about the potential change to the law. Attorney Allan stated they would have to comply.

Upon motion of Trustee Hutchins, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to set a Public Hearing on July 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to amend the Local Law to prohibit flutter flags within the Village limits.

Trustee Ann Eckert asked if the Village would stop advertising the Elks dinners since it is not part of the Village business. Mayor Waterman agreed the Village was in violation and should not be displaying the Elks sign and nothing needed to be amended. Mayor Waterman stated Ryan McMahon stated there is another Main Street grant coming and Mayor Waterman asked everyone's thoughts on putting in an electronic sign to display community announcements. Trustee Ann Eckert suggested three sets of solar lit crosswalks. Mayor Waterman liked the idea. Belle Brown asked about the roof leaking and suggested tarps. Diamond will give us a quote and that would fall under the Main Street grant.

Trustee Hutchins understands Camillus Mills doesn't want the fire siren being used but asked about using the fire siren during emergencies such as a tornado warnings or flooding. The Village could put it in the newsletter and on Facebook that if you hear the siren, turn on the news. Attorney Allan stated this needs to be brought up at the Public Hearing when Tom Blair comes in.

Trustee Mark Eckert stated the drainage basin on South Street in front of his garage is starting to crumble.

Public Comments

Belle stated she was glad the Village put the "No Parking" sign at the Stop sign on the corner of South Street and it seems to be working.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Hutchins and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Carrie Grooms, Deputy Clerk