

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS
REGULAR MEETING
June 6, 2022**

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

Attorney: Robert J. Allan
4 people in attendance

Mayor Waterman opened the Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Waterman introduced Dick Kirk to discuss a proposed subdivision that he would like to have addressed. Mr. Kirk would like to subdivide the Village Court Apartments (15 units) and the parking area adjacent to the Camillus Senior Center. He stated that the Town of Camillus has talked about purchasing the building but if they don't buy the property he may sell the apartments and charge the Town of Camillus for parking which they have never paid him in the last 25 years.

Mayor Waterman asked if Mr. Kirk has an agreement with the Town of Camillus for them to pay for the use of the parking area. Mr. Kirk stated not at this time. Mr. Kirk stated that Todd Oudemool is handling the sale. Mr. Kirk stated the Town does want the parking lot.

Attorney Allan stated that although he has represented Mr. Kirk in other issues he can not represent him in this subdivision because he is the Attorney for the Village. He stated this is a complicated site. He asked if the Village would want you to own a site that may or may not comply with the zoning? Attorney Allan stated he will have to research this matter. For example, will it meet our codes for lot coverages. If he divides the lot into two pieces both lots will have to comply with our code. Mr. Reagan stated that with apartments you have to have green spaces for the tenants. Attorney Allan stated we will have to review what was approved for the Town of Camillus when they got their property. If there is a problem you would have to get a variance. Attorney Allan stated that you have to keep in mind that this is in an R-1 zone. He needs to know if this property is still being treated as an R-1 zone or did they get some kind of relief.

Mr. Reagan stated that the lot coverage for a building in an R-1 would be 25%.

Camillus Fire Department

Chief McBride stated that in the month May there were 22 calls, 15 EMS, 6 fire calls and one motor vehicle collision. Tonight they are performing a drill at the fire tower including ladder drills and hose line advancement. On June 27 we will have a live fire. We were in the Camillus Parade, Jordan and also Marcellus Parades.

On June 25 we will hold the Installation Picnic at the fire station.

Chief McBride stated that the pedestrian bridge repair is ahead of schedule and may be completed by the end of July. He stated that the boot drive was successful.

Chief McBride stated that the old Tahoe was surplus equipment and was purchased "As Is" for \$12,500.

They are holding a New York State Fire 1 Class at the fire station.

The department went to the Mets baseball game with 15 people attending.

Mayor Waterman opened the discussion of gasoline for the chief's. It was decided that the Chief should receive 100 gallons per month and the Assistant Chief should receive 80 gallons per month. Because of the high cost of gas Mayor Waterman asked the Board what their feeling would be about cutting the gallons. He stated that he would like to keep 100 gallons for the Chief, but any amount over that would have to be paid out of pocket. He stated that he knows that the Chief is putting fuel charges on his card for accessory equipment. He requested that we get a separate key for these items and we will get a true cost for the Chief's allotment.

Trustee Rinaldo stated keep the Chief's allotment at 100 gallons. Trustee Mark Eckert stated he feels that 75 gallons should be the cap for each chief. Because gas is over \$5.00 per gallons and he would like the chief's to be more responsible with the use of the vehicle. Chief McBride stated he used the vehicle for work so he can respond to a call at any time. Trustee Hutchins stated she would like to see it at 100 gallons. Trustee Mark Eckert stated he would like to see a separate key for the gator and the other accessory equipment and keep the gallons under 80. Chief McBride stated he got rid of one vehicle to reduce costs. Attorney Allan stated that no action by the Board in order to request to use separate accounting for gas. Trustee Mark Eckert stated he would like to restrict the personal use of the Chief's car.

Trustee Mark Eckert questioned the bill from HarRob for \$901 for a new starter. The truck was at the fire station so HarRob came to the fire station to repair. He feels this was a very expensive bill for a new starter. Chief McBride stated he could have had it towed to another shop. Trustee Mark Eckert asked what purpose is the 2% money? Chief McBride stated 2% money is used for the entire department such as shirts, jackets, the annual banquet. If refreshments were for a party where the whole department is invited then that would be paid out of 2% money. If refreshments were for a drill where only a partial department the cost would come out of the current year's expenditures. Refreshments after a meeting always come out of 2%.

Mayor Waterman stated regarding the pedestrian bridge we paid two bills totaling \$134,515.25. We received \$100,000 from a DASNY Grant, \$40,000 from Onondaga County and \$122,065.38 from the Stimulus money for the Village. The Camillus Fire Department will have to borrow around \$100,000 to complete the project. This bond is a little more than what was anticipated because the project was changed a little. The entire back park was going to be stone but it was changed to grass and dirt which added \$2000. He stated we should start this process.

A resolution was offered by Trustee Hutchins, who moved for its adoption, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo, to wit:

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees requested Attorney Allan to contact Attorney Rick Cook to initiate the bonding of \$100,000 from Solvay Bank for the pedestrian bridge project.

The voting was as follows:

Mayor Richard Waterman	Voted – Yes
Trustee Martin Rinaldo	Voted – Yes
Trustee Ann Eckert	Voted – (absent)
Trustee Cheryl Hutchins	Voted – Yes
Trustee Mark Eckert	Voted – (abstained)

The resolution was duly adopted.

Code Enforcement Officer

Mr. William Reagan, Codes Officer, stated that he received one building permit in the month of May which is unusual. He had 3 applications/plan reviews, 3 building permits issued, 6 commercial fire inspections, 1 complaint inspections, 35 violation inspections, 13 notices and letters, 2 government meetings and 8 miscellaneous actions. Long grass is a real problem. Mr. Reagan stated the NYS Code is over 10 inches. Trustee Rinaldo asked if that includes back yards. Mr. Reagan stated yes. Trustee Rinaldo stated there is a back yard behind his house that is fronted on Elderkin Avenue who have not mowed the back yard. He will let Mr. Reagan know which house. Mr. Reagan stated that if we send a lawn mowing company to mow someone's lawn and the owner says to leave then we would have to get a court order from the Supreme Court to mow the lawn.

Mayor Waterman brought up the discussion of Robert Klein's health insurance. He stated that he will be 65 and illegible for Medicare. Mayor Waterman set Bob up with his insurance man and they worked out Medicare Advantage Plan for Bob. Bob has Part A and Part B and not Supplemental. There was no cost to this plan. The question is under out benefit plan the Village

would pay for Part B which according to Trustee Hutchins is \$170.10 per month. Does the Board feel we should pay for Part B to conform with the promise that we made which is pay for the employee and one-half of the employee's spouse. Attorney Allan stated that the Village did pay Part B for the prior retiree. He asked what we did for Joe Weinberger. The Clerk stated that we paid for all of Mr. Weinberger and one half of his wife.

Trustee Hutchins moved to reimburse Robert Klein for Part B of his Medicare seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved.

Trustee Mark Eckert stated is there any way we could pay the retirees quarterly instead of monthly. That could be done. You could pay at the end of the quarter.

Trustee Rinaldo moved to pay the Medicare Part B quarterly at the end of the quarter, seconded by Trustee Hutchins and unanimously approved.

Attorney Allan stated that if Bob has a Medicare Advantage Plan he does not think that he has Medicare Part A & B. They would supply less coverage, he may not have choice of doctors, he may be turned down at places he wants to go and other things. Mayor Waterman stated he will have his medical man call Attorney Allan to explain. Attorney Allan asked to rescind the prior motion and get the exact information to make a motion next meeting.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board rescinded paying retirees Medicare Part B the \$170.10 per month on a quarterly basis until further notice.

Mayor Waterman stated he would like to start the process on replacing the white truck which is 10 years old. He will go after USDA for the loan. It would be one year before we would get the money and it will be 11 years old. This is the last item that we got. Trustee Hutchins stated we should determine our needs and then purchase the truck. Mayor Waterman will contact USDA to get more information.

Mayor Waterman stated that he has heard that there may be another round of the Main Street Grant. He would like to see if the Village could get a cap for the top of the brick as the existing cap is leaking. Another item he would like would be an electronic sign to announce community events including amber alerts and weather alerts. Also, we need a new furnace. He wants to find out the guidelines.

Mr. Reagan thought it was odd that our applicants are not starting these projects. Jamie Farrell the owner of the Kayak Shop may be interested in the Main Street Grant.

Mayor Waterman stated that it appears that we were approved for all the fencing around the tennis courts.

Mayor Waterman stated he requested two Community Development applications, one for \$100,000 for roads and one for \$50,000 for the base for the tennis court and pickle ball court.

Mayor Waterman opened up the discussion of the banners. This project is coming along very nicely.

Mayor Waterman stated he is looking for someone to be on the Zoning Board if anyone has a suggestion. Names that were suggested were James Goodwin, Helen Walsh and Patricia Butler-Rhoades.

Approval of Vouchers

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Hutchins and unanimously approved the vouchers were approved as follows:

General Fund	\$181,316.81
Sewer Rent Fund	\$ 9,292.72

Upon motion of Trustee Hutchins, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approve the Minutes of May 16, 2022 were approved.

Mayor Waterman stated that looking at the budget review the Camillus Fire Department looks good and, also the Village is ahead.

Attorney Comments

Attorney Allan stated that there is nothing that the Village can do regarding the manure pit. He spoke to a gentleman from Onondaga County Soil and Water. He stated that property is in an agricultural zone so they can conduct any farming operating including a manure pit. They will not bring any more than they always have in the past, just they will do it all at once and store it. They have not decided on the location of the manure pit, but it will be more than 200 from a residential area.

Trustee Rinaldo stated that at the corner of LeRoy and First Streets the DPW put stone, but it really needs blacktop.

Trustee Mark Eckert stated that he thought that we were going to try to keep the chief's vehicles in Onondaga County. Mayor Waterman stated it is not that we keep the cars in the county it is 40 miles from the fire station. Trustee Hutchins stated that the Camillus Fire Department is on Cayuga County's call list as we go to calls for Jordan. He stated he wants Chief's cars to stay in the county and he has heard that Chief McBride goes to Cross Lake and the casino. He stated

that a police car can not go out of the county unless they are a call. Mayor Waterman stated he will put this on the docket in two weeks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Belle Brown asked what the cost of the bridge is now. Mayor Waterman stated the original grant was \$100,000 in 2018. We put it out for bid a year ago and the bids came in too high. We amended the bid to reduce the cost and rebid the bridge again. The low bid from C & S Company came in at \$355,000 and we went with that bid. The increase cost is because we have changed from stone to dirt and seed which will cost about \$358,000. This project should be completed by mid July. Next year Onondaga County will hold election at the Camillus Fire Station.

Mr. Reagan stated he has a very good high definition drone that takes great areal pictures if you would want a picture is there is a need.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Hutchins and unanimously approved the Board when into Executive Session at 7:44 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

Upon motion of Trustee Hutchins, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Board moved out of Executive Session at 7:48 p.m.

A motion was offered by Trustee Hutchins who moved for its adoption, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo to give the DPW full time employees and the Clerical Staff a 2% increase in salary.

The voting was as follows:

Mayor Richard Waterman	Voted – Yes
Trustee Martin Rinaldo	Voted – Yes
Trustee Ann Eckert	Voted – (absent)
Trustee Cheryl Hutchins	Voted – Yes
Trustee Mark Eckert	Voted – Yes

The resolution was duly adopted.

Upon Trustee Hutchins, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Sharon Norcross
Village Clerk/Treasurer