

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**May 16, 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 Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comments**

Mayor Waterman asked for Public Comments. Colleen Reilly, Lyons Rd and Christa Procoppio, Munro Rd led recently were made aware of a liquid manure storage pit planning to be built on Munro Rd by Hourigan Dairy Farm. Ms. Reilly stated she is extremely concerned about how this will affect the health of her family, the impact on the value of her property as well as the residents around her, and the environmental impact this could have if there were ever a breach in the storage unit. Ms. Reilly stated she has been researching liquid manure pits and has learned the fumes emitted from the pit during agitation could be deadly within a certain radius. These pits must be agitated a couple times a year and the agitation stirs up a smell that permeates the air and has forced residents, in other areas with storage pits, to keep their windows closed during nice weather because the stench is so strong. They cited tanker spills of liquid manure by Hourigan Farms in the past and are concerned for Village residents as the trucks are proposed to be transporting liquid manure through the Village streets from their other farms. Ms. Procoppio stated the storage unit is planned to be built 200 feet from her playground where her children play. Ms. Procoppio outlined the extreme safety precautions that farmers and transporters of the liquid manure need to exercise when around the manure and the lagoon.

Trustee Mark Eckert expressed concerns over the pit being in close proximity to his residence at the bottom of the hill. Mayor Waterman asked what the next step would be. Ms. Reilly stated she had started a petition for anyone who would like to sign. Trustee Rinaldo stated the Town of Camillus is holding a meeting on May 24, 2022 regarding this issue. Mayor Waterman stated the manure lagoon was brought up in public comments at the last Town meeting and those in attendance seemed surprised and unaware.

Trustee Hutchins asked if this is so dangerous, isn't there a law prohibiting the pit from being so close to residences. There are different regulations for different towns. The Town Supervisor was apparently surprised to hear Mr. Hourigan had not approached the residents about his proposed pit as the Town Supervisor was under the understanding he was going to do so.

Chief McBride stated he was concerned regarding the safety to residents. Attorney Allan felt the Board needed more information before taking any action. Chief McBride will provide Attorney Allan with safety information in regards to the proposed liquid manure storage pit. Ms.

Procoppio stated her hopes is to have the Town pass a law that states no manure pits in Camillus, or if a manure pit is in the Town of Camillus then it needs to be at least a mile from a property. Ms. Reilly left paperwork for the Board to review.

### **Camillus Fire Department**

Chief McBride stated the trees the fire department received through the grant have been planted and thanked the Village DPW for their assistance in planting them along with the flowers and mulch. The bench honoring Michael McBride has also been placed and the dedication ceremony went well.

The Camillus Fire Department will be washing the Village Streets on Sunday. The EMT class finished Saturday giving the fire department one new EMT and one refresher.

The work on the pedestrian bridge will continue tomorrow. Trustee Hutchins asked if the fire department had been told the upper parking lot would be blocked off. Chief McBride stated once the work is completed on the bridge, the fire department is going to need to replace the blacktop. The annual service for the air conditioning is being completed on Thursday.

The 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe was put up for sale/bids in front of the fire department for about two weeks and has received two offers. Trustee Eckert asked if this vehicle had been listed as surplus. Mayor Waterman stated he had authorized the vehicle to be put up for sale. The Board will need to make a motion to surplus the vehicle. Chief McBride opened the bids: \$12,500 from Bidders Rd and \$6,500 from Kirkville Fire Department. Attorney Allan asked if the interested parties had driven the vehicle. Chief McBride stated the Chief of Kirkville declined to drive it but looked under the hood.

Upon motion of Trustee Hutchins, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board to declare Squad 7, 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe as surplus equipment.

The vehicle originally cost \$36,000+ nine years ago and currently has 81,000 miles.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Hutchins and unanimously approved by the Board to sell the surplus 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe, Squad 7 for \$12,500 and put the money in Truck Reserve A3410.432.

Firefighter 1 starts Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. Tonight's drill will be continuing fire safety with Fred Isgar. Mayor Waterman stated the fire departments budget is looking good. Wednesday the fire department is hosting the Onondaga County Volunteer Fire Association meeting.

Trustee Mark Eckert asked about the camper at the fire department.

Chief McBride stated the fire department is holding a boot drive during the bi-annual garage sale.

Trustee Ann Eckert asked about the vouchers involving the lettering stating a difference between the two vouchers for the same thing of \$100 and \$500. Trustee Eckert asked about a couple people throwing trash bags in the dumpster. Chief McBride stated he reviewed the camera and believes it is a member and will make sure this activity stops. Trustee Ann Eckert stated the

vehicle keys stay with the vehicle and does not go with the person to other vehicles. Chief McBride stated he needs to get his key turned on for diesel. Trustee Hutchins asked about getting a diesel key and leaving it at the Village. Chief McBride stated they could leave a key at the fire department.

Trustee Rinaldo asked about the equipment Rob Currier has not returned. Mayor Waterman stated he had compiled the information and forwarded it on to Mary Anne Cody and requested she send Mr. Currier a letter requesting the equipment be returned.

### **Code Enforcement Officer**

Code Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan is absent due to an injury. Mayor Waterman stated he asked about Chamberlain's property and he has been cited.

Mayor Waterman stated he received approval from Niagara Mohawk to hang the vinyl, double sided, military banners on their poles. We have 28 poles, the Village will pay \$90 each for the brackets and charge people \$150 for each banner with a guarantee of the banner hanging for at least three years during the months April through November. We will advertise the banners being for sale on the Village Facebook page and the Village website. People cannot select the pole they want. Trustee Ann Eckert suggested posting it on the American Legion website.

Upon motion of Trustee Hutchins, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board to charge \$150 per banner to be hung April through November for a minimum of three years.

Mayor Waterman stated he attended a meeting this past Thursday at the Camillus Senior Center to discuss the Hazard Mitigation Program and structure elevation or acquisition of properties affected by the flooding. Twenty eight people were in attendance. Properties would be raised by two feet but would still be required to have flood insurance at a reduced rate if they currently have a mortgage and flood insurance. Homes that are taken down will be turned into grassy areas which would be maintained by the Village and could be utilized as a park. The completed paperwork goes with the property if the owner chooses to sell the home before the acquisition or elevation takes place. Paperwork must be turned in by June 1. Usually the amount covered by the homeowner would be 25% but due to this being Hurricane Fred the cost to the homeowner would be 10%.

Belle Brown, 23 South St, asked about dredging Nine Mile Creek. Mayor Waterman stated there was a study to be done of Nine Mile Basin which would take about 8 months. A discussion was had about the flood gates and possible causes of the flooding over the years. We are waiting for FEMA to okay the dredging of the creek 200 feet on either side of the bridge. Mayor Waterman has already received an estimate of \$40,000. The annual study by the Army Corp of Engineers will be held on May 18 by riding kayaks down Nine Mile looking for obstacles. The Town is responsible for removing any obstacles. Trustee Mark Eckert stated they don't go up far enough as there is a dead log that needs to be removed about 100 yards from his house.

Mayor Waterman stated he spoke to OCEBA regarding supplemental insurance for retirees, specifically Bob Klein, and he was given September 1 as a date for having a supplemental insurance program. They are currently waiting on three towns to get back to them. Trustee Hutchins asked if there was a conflict with medicare. Mayor Waterman will look into that. A discussion was had regarding supplemental insurance. Attorney Allan asked if Mr. Klein had applied for medicare. Mayor Waterman will call Mr. Klein and Attorney Allan stated he was willing to meet with Mr. Klein.

Mayor Waterman stated the Village will be replacing the damaged flex-pad with bricks using the grant funds. If we replace the remaining flex-pad with brick the cost would be an additional \$6,500. The Board decided to leave the flex-pad for now.

The MS4 does not need a Public Hearing if it has been posted on the Village website and is available for public comment and it has been posted. Comments will be accepted until May 26, 2022.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to accept the MS4 and prepared by W-M Engineering.

The new 2022 truck has arrived. Mayor Waterman stated the DPW would like to surplus the old salter side blade, and front blade but they plan on keeping the old red truck for now. Trustee Ann Eckert felt the old red truck should be surplused as the Board was told it would not make it which is why we purchased a new truck as well as we no longer have space to store it. Mayor Waterman polled the Board and all were in agreement to surplus the truck.

Upon motion of Trustee Hutchins, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board, the 2006 F350, salter, side blade and front blade were declared surplus.

The DPW will put the equipment in the bay for sale and the truck out front as putting the truck for auction would cost too much in commissions.

Mayor Waterman stated Main Street will be coned off Thursday evening for street sweeping Friday morning. The Sidewalk sale is Saturday, the street washing by the fire department is Sunday and Monday Main Street will be striped.

Trustee Ann Eckert asked why the DPW purchased a new tool box and where on the truck the tool box would fit and if it would fit with the salter on it. Mayor Waterman stated the Village had additional money to use or we would lose it and stated she would need to ask Jason as he did not know the answer. Mayor Waterman said he would ask Jason.

Mayor Waterman stated the Village has extra copies of Camillus Connection due to a miscommunication in that the Town mailed copies to the residents and gave us about 600 copies in the Village Hall not realizing we were planning to hand them out to the residents. Trustee Ann Eckert stated the Village of Camillus only received one page in the book.

Mayor Waterman stated sidewalk repairs would start after Memorial Day from the gas station up and we will coordinate with Jon Tal and his Main Street project to repair the sidewalks in front

of the gas station later. D.E. Tarolli has completed four sewer tops and will be working on Rolling Hills Road.

Mike Rether repaired the drain on Newport Road and breached the pool on North Street.

### **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 Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract #10, was approved as follows:

General Fund	\$110,245.75
Sewer Fund	\$2,425.90

### **Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion Trustee Hutchins, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved the Minutes of May 2, 2022 were accepted.

### **Old Business**

Trustee Mark Eckert stated the mileage on the Chief's vehicles had been tabled for further discussion and he would like to propose a limit of 75 gallons and the vehicles need to stay within the County unless on a call as gas is getting too expensive. Trustee Ann Eckert reminded the Board that Hartford Sr and had suggested a vehicle log with the mileage and vehicle condition reported monthly. The Chiefs would pay for anything over 75 gallons. Mayor Waterman stated the Board would not be voting on this tonight,

### **Trustee Report**

Trustee Rinaldo stated Jason would be putting the Memorial Day flags up this week.

Trustee Mark Eckert asked if the police would tell people not to park on Main Street. Trustee Ann Eckert stated she could bring that up at the Memorial Day Parade meeting. The parade will be streamed this year.

Trustee Ann Eckert asked why Ron Kelly was needed on Friday. Mayor Waterman stated he authorized Jason to bring Ron in as needed as they need him for more than just doing trash and recycling.

Mayor Waterman requested an Executive Session to discuss all salary matters.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to enter into Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. to discuss salary matters.

Upon motion of Trustee Hutchins, seconded by Trustee Ann Eckert and unanimously approved by the Board to come out of Executive Session at 7:37 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Hutchins and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Carrie Grooms  
Deputy Clerk