Town of Camillus
Zoning Board of Appeals
October 6, 2026, - 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:
Steve Pirro, Chairman
Gary Gonza
Douglas Shannon
Matthew Beadnell
Zachary Theurer

STAFF PRESENT:
Richard Andino, Attorney

GUESTS & MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
John O'Hara, 6th Ward Councilor
Mary Luber, Councilor
4 Others

Chairman Pirro called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Gonza moved to waive the reading of the legal notice. Mr. Shannon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
Michael & Margaret Barrett TM#: 021.-01-07.2
5885 Breed Road
Camillus, New York 13031

Area Variance-Detached Garage/Carport

Michael and Margaret Barrett, property owners, appeared before the Board to present this application. The Barrett's are seeking an area variance to allow for construction of a 24' x 24' detached garage with a 10' x 24' carport placed in the side yard front of the rear of the principal building. Mr. Barrett describes the property as a single-family house on a 2.1-acre lot in an R1 district. They showed the Board an AI photo of where the detached garage and carport would be placed.

The detached garage will have the same aesthetics as the house and will be used for storage of vehicles and yard equipment. The height of the peak will be 17' with minimal electricity and no running water. The applicants explained that the reason for the proposed placement is the leach fields along with the septic tank behind the house. The carport will be on the back side and would be used for yard equipment storage.

Mr. Gonza asked if they would be taking down the surrounding trees and if they have contacted the neighbors. The applicant stated they are keeping them for a buffer, and they have contacted their immediate neighbors and they have no issues.

Mr. Shannon moved to close the public hearing. Mr. Gonza seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

KMG III Properties, LLC TM#: 017.-01-01.1
103 & 105 Bennett Road
Camillus, New York 13031

Special Use Permit-Electronic Billboard

Mr. Shannon moved to open the public hearing. Mr. Gonza seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Shannon moved to continue the public hearing for November 4, 2026, awaiting Planning Board recommendations. Mr. Gonza seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:
Seneca Savings/Charles Signs Inc. TM#: 065.-04-05.1
5419 West Genesee Street
Camillus, New York 13031

Area Variance-One building mounted sign and an oversized monument sign

James Hickey, President of Charles Signs and director of Seneca Savings Bank appeared before the Board to present the application. He presented to the Board updated revisions and drawings.

Seneca Bank is seeking multiple area variances for signage in connection with the construction of a new bank building. Mr. Hickey is seeking to construct a free-standing sign which is approximately 7 feet in height and 6 feet wide and 1 building sign. The free-standing sign would be double-sided with push-thru acrylic letters. The sign will be illuminated with LEDs with full color LED message center that will change every three minutes. The sign will be periductular to West Genesee Street.

Mr. Hickey provided a new drawing for the one wall sign instead of three as stated in the initial applications. The wall sign would be 29.91' wide and 9.5' in height with halo lite logo that would have white and blue LEDs. The sign would be in the front of the building above the main door. Mr. Hickey stated the reason for the additional signs is essentially for business identification as well as advertising.

The Board and Mr. Hickey had an extensive discussion regarding the variances and the requirements for LBO zoning.

Mr. Shannon moved to continue to close the public hearing. Mr. Gonza seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:
None

MINUTES:
Mr. Gonza moved to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2026, meeting. Mr. Theurer seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

VOUCHERS:
Mr. Shannon moved to approve the payment of the following vouchers. Mr. Gonza seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

- Costello, Cooney & Fearon, PLLC-legal services totaling $1995.00

CORRESPONDENCE:
None

COMMENTS OF THE BOARD:
Chairman Pirro stated the public hearing is still open for The Camillus Sportsman's Club.

DECISIONS:
Michael & Margaret Barrett TM#: 021.-01-07.2
5885 Breed Road
Camillus, New York 13031

Area Variance-Detached Garage/Carport

The ZBA determined that this application is a Type II Action with no further environmental review being required.

Mr. Theurer moved to grant an area variance to allow the construction of a 24' x 24' detached garage with a 10' x 24' carport located in the side yard in front of the rear principal building. Mr. Beadnell seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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Area Variance-One building mounted sign and an oversized monument sign

This application was referred to the Onondaga County Planning Board and responded with no position for comment.

The Board determined to be lead agency and SEQR was performed. The ZBA determined that this application is an unlisted action and issued a negative declaration for SEQR.

Mr. Gonza moved to grant a 22.67 square foot variance to the overall sign area and a 1' variance to the height of the monument sign. Mr. Shannon seconded the motion and the Board was polled:

Chairman Steve Pirro-Yes
Gary Gonza-Yes
Douglas Shannon-Yes
Matthew Beadnell-Yes
Zachary Theurer-Yes

The motion was carried.

Mr. Theurer moved to grant a 49' 2" variance to allow one exterior sign. Mr. Gonza seconded the motion and the Board was polled:

Chairman Steve Pirro-Yes
Gary Gonza-Yes
Douglas Shannon-No
Matthew Beadnell-Yes
Zachary Theurer-Yes

The motion was carried.

ADJOURNMENT:
Mr. Shannon moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Beadnell seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa Garvey
ZBA Clerk