MARCH 24, 2026 - REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CAMILLUS, COUNTY OF ONONDAGA, STATE OF NEW YORK, HELD AT THE CAMILLUS MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

PRESENT
John Fatcheric, Supervisor
Chris Cesta
Fred Covert
Mike LaFlair
Mary Luber
John O'Hara
Laura Teufel

STAFF
Rich Andino, Town Attorney

GUESTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
Ken Stoneburg, Highway Superintendent
Mike Schreyer, Police Chief
Dick Waterman, Village of Camillus Mayor
Dave Weber, Deputy Code Enforcement Officer
Approximately 70 others

Supervisor Fatcheric called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING #1
To consider 2026 Community Development Block Grant project proposals, update the Five-Year Plan, and approve the local match of up to 50% for the projects.

Resolution #71
Councilor Cesta moved to waive the reading of the public hearing notice. Councilor O'Hara seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Resolution #72
Councilor Covert moved to close the public hearing notice. Councilor Luber seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
Supervisor Fatcheric made the following statement:

I would like to make a brief statement addressing the Camillus Sportsmen's Club president's recent publication of defamatory comments directed toward me, which include unwarranted and personal attacks on my character, both in writing and at public meetings. This conduct appears to be an attempt to gain some advantage in the local proceedings currently pending before the Town Zoning Board of Appeals and to obfuscate from the safety concerns underlying this matter. These personal attacks are unsupported by the true facts and, quite frankly, the Camillus Sportsmen's Club president, and its members who support his reprehensible conduct, should be embarrassed.

The president of the Club sent out a notice to its members stating, "that it is clear the Town wants to close down the Club". This is false. I, nor the Town, have never made such a statement. I repeat, the Town has no intention of closing the Club. The Town's concern remains the health, safety and welfare of its residents and remains committed to working with the Club to address these concerns so that it may continue to operate as a valued member of this community.

However, the Town has asked the Club officials to work together to find a mutual resolution. The answer is always a hard “no”.

The Club president demanded items to be placed on the Town Board agenda. This is a legislative Board; no legislative action items have been presented. The issues are presently code enforcement and zoning matters. However, the Club president’s request for a larger meeting room to conduct tonight’s meeting was granted.

Lastly, in an email to the members of the Club, the president wrote “that is not the American way”. I respond, the American way has always been one of rights and fairness. This is a process, and I am confident we will find common ground.

I ask, again, the Camillus Sportsmen’s Club to submit an application for an Amended Site Plan and Special Use Permit and sit down with the Town and work together toward a mutual solution. The Club’s management’s decision to fight rather than to cooperate is not in the best interest of the Club or this community.

COUNCILOR COMMENTS

Councilor O’Hara announced that the Town has been awarded a $250,000 grant to fund repairs and ADA improvements at Camillus Park.

Councilor Cesta provided a reminder that there will be an Open House and Public Hearing on April 9 for residents to review the revised Comprehensive Plan proposal.

Councilors Teufel and Luber offered comments unrelated to Town Board business.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS/REPORTS

Superintendent Stoneburg had no comments.

ACCEPT THE MINUTES

Councilor O’Hara moved to accept the minutes of the March 10, 2026 meeting. Councilor Teufel seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #73

Councilor Covert moved to adopt the Community Development Block Grant Five Year Plan as follows. Councilor Luber seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

- West Colony Point Playground – estimated cost $60,000
- Octagon House Replacement Handicapped Lift – estimated cost $30,000
- ADA Compliant Bathroom and an Entrance/Exit Door in the Multi-Purpose Area aka Gym– estimated cost $50,000
- ADA Compliant Stage Access at the Senior Center – estimated cost $25,000

Resolution #74
Councilor Cesta moved to authorize Barton & Loguidice to prepare and submit to Onondaga County on behalf of the Town of Camillus a 2026 Community Development Block Grant application for $50,000.00, requiring a 25% local match, for funding of the ADA compliant bathroom and an entrance/exit door in the multi-purpose area, aka gym. Councilor Covert seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Resolution #75
Councilor O'Hara moved to approve Warrant No. 6, checks and ACH payments in the amount of $410,041.64 as audited by the Town Board and hereby approved for payment in the usual manner at the discretion of the Town Supervisor. Councilor Teufel seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Resolution #76
Councilor Cesta moved to approve the Onondaga County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Councilor Covert seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Resolution #77
Councilor O'Hara moved to approve the budget amendment to transfer funds from A.00.0000.02690.0000-General Fund Vest Reimbursement to A.00.3120.41400.0000-Police Officer Equipment/Radios. Councilor Luber seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Resolution #78
Councilor Cesta moved to approve Amendment No. 1 to the 2026 Fire Protection Agreement between the Town Board of the Town of Camillus and Protective Company No. 1 of the Fairmount Fire Department, Inc., and authorize the Supervisor to sign. Councilor Covert seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Resolution #79
Councilor O'Hara moved to consider releasing the following equipment from the Town of Camillus Highway Department asset list. Councilor Teufel seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

2008 Dodge Ram 3500 Dump, 2008 Ford F150, 2010 Ford F350 Sign Truck, 2010 Ford F450 Dump Brush, 2004 Hood Trailer Orange, 2007 Custom Trailer Orange, 1970 AM/GE GI Joe Tow Truck, SCU 0187 Portable Sign Board, 2015 Kabota 4x4 Dump, 2015 Kabota 4x4 Dump, 2006 Freightliner Sweeper, 2005 Ford F350 Crew Cab, 2005 Chevrolet 1500, 1997 International Flat Bed, 2005 Chevrolet 1500, 2006 Ford F350 Crew Cab, 1990 Volvo/GMC 10 Wheel Dump, 2010 Ford F450 Dump Brush, 2004 Hood Trailer Orange, 2008 Dodge RAM 3500 Dump, 2007 Chevrolet 3500 Van, 2008 Ford F150, 2010 Ford F450 Dump Brush, 2005 Interstate Hauler 20DT Trailer w/T1 18', 2011 Ford F150, 2011 Ford F150, 2004 International 4200 6Whl Dump Basins, 2008 Ford F650 6Whl Dump, 2008 Ford F650 6 Whl Dump, ACS Clam Bucket, Sm. Sander Unit, Lg. Sander Insert, 2006 New Holland LW17 Loader

Resolution #80

Councilor Luber introduced proposed Local Law No. F-2026, titled "A Local Law to Create a New Chapter 22 (Town Constable) of the Code of the Town of Camillus," and made the following motion, which was seconded by Councilor Covert:

WHEREAS, proposed Local Law F-2026 has been introduced and will be considered for enactment pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law and Town Law; and

WHEREAS, Volume 6 N.Y.C.R.R., Section 617 of the Regulations relating to Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, requires that as early as possible an involved agency shall make a determination whether a given action is subject to the aforementioned law; and

WHEREAS, no other agency has the legal authority or jurisdiction to approve or directly undertake the enactment of a local law in the Town of Camillus, such that there are no other involved agencies within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) with respect to the proposed enactment of said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT
RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that there are no other involved agencies, the Town Board shall act as lead agency, and that the enactment of this Local Law is an Unlisted action and will have no significant effect on the environment and this resolution constitutes a Negative Declaration for purposes of SEQRA, thus concluding environmental review under SEQRA; and be it further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Town Board shall conduct a public hearing as to the enactment of proposed Local Law No. F-2026 at the Town Hall located at 4600 West Genesee Street, Syracuse, New York on April 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time all persons interested in the subject shall be heard; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that notice of said public hearing shall be provided at least five (5) days prior to the date of said public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the Town of Camillus.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

John Fatcheric	Town Supervisor	Voted Yes
Chris Cesta	Councilor	Voted Yes
Fred Covert	Councilor	Voted Yes
Mike LaFlair	Councilor	Voted Yes
Mary Luber	Councilor	Voted Yes
John O'Hara	Councilor	Voted Yes
Laura Teufel	Councilor	Voted Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution #80
Councilor Covert moved to appoint Deborah Palmer to the position of Assessment Clerk, effective March 25, 2026. Councilor Cesta seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Resolution #81
Councilor Cesta moved to appoint Gary Butler to the position of part-time Code Enforcmeent Officer/Building Safety Inspector, effective March 25, 2026. Councilor O'Hara seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS COMMENTS

Mayor Waterman had no comments

PUBLIC COMMENT

Three non-residents and three residents commented regarding the Camillus Sportsman Club Cease and Desist order.

A resident remarked on the upcoming West Genesee School District vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Cesta moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m. Councilor Covert seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Dickson-McMahon
Town Clerk