

FEBRUARY 10, 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 Lubert
Laura Teufel

ABSENT:

John O'Hara

STAFF

Jim Gascon, Town Attorney

GUESTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Gregg Humphrey, Code Enforcement Officer
Mike Schreyer, Chief of Police
Ken Stoneburg, Highway Superintendent
Dick Waterman, Village of Camillus Mayor
4 others

Supervisor Fatcheric called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Fatcheric entered the following statement into the record:

"I would like to take this opportunity to address several recent developments regarding the Camillus Sportsmen's Club. The issuance of the Cease-and-Desist Order followed a rash of stray bullet complaints received from nearby neighbors of the Club. The Town Code Enforcement Department mapped out the numerous complaints, all of which appeared down range from the Club. Residents pleaded with the Town to do something for fear that a catastrophic injury or death may occur as the result of bullets straying from the facility.

From the beginning, the Town has engaged in an open dialogue with the Club management. Our goal has simply been to ensure that the Club is operated in such a way as to ensure that no bullets stray from the property and that the range is run safely.

To this end, the Town suggested and requested the Club to submit an application to the ZBA for a modification to a special use permit. It was our desire that the Club would work collaboratively with the Town to reach agreed upon parameters so as to operate the Club safely.

Unfortunately, management of the Club has refused to apply for an amended special use permit, which in part prompted the Code office to issue the Cease-and-Desist Order.

In a further attempt to cooperate and to compromise with the Club, the Town recommended that the Club retain the services of a third-party range expert to investigate and survey the facility and make any appropriate safety recommendations. The Town further provided contact information of proposed safety engineers to the Club. Several months have passed and the Club has not informed the Town that they have retained such an expert, even though they promised to do so.

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Most recently, management of the Club has encouraged the members to engage in a communication / letter writing campaign to challenge the Cease-and-Desist Order. I personally have been falsely accused of a conflict of interest. To these accusations, I respond by stating since day one, I have been openly transparent advising the Club that my step-daughter's family resides within one of the neighborhoods where strikes have been complained of and is one of the complainants.

While I have met with Town residents and Club representatives in an attempt to resolve these matters, there really is nothing formally that I need to recuse myself from. The Cease-and-Desist Order was issued by the Code Enforcement Officer, who is independently authorized to enforce the Town Code. Moreover, the appeal is pending before the ZBA, again a Board with independent authority from the Town Board or the Supervisor. My business dealings from many years ago have nothing to do with these matters.

My actions have been transparent and objective. My actions and decisions have been based upon the safety and welfare of Town residents. Again, the Town has repeatedly attempted to reach a compromise with the Club to resolve these matters amicably.

As Town Supervisor, I remain ready and willing to continue to discuss these matters with Town residents, and with the Club management."

COUNCILOR COMMENTS

No comments related to Town Board business were offered.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS/REPORTS

Superintendent Stoneburg noted plow crews have been dispatched 88 times this winter and that, due to the nationwide road salt shortage, they are being judicious with their use of it. He also welcomed new employee Joe Sawyer and announced that staff member Jerimiah Town was recognized for service above and beyond in clearing the Town's sidewalks.

ACCEPT THE MINUTES

Councilor Teufel moved to accept the minutes of the January 26, 2026 meeting. Councilor Cesta seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #45

Councilor LaFlair moved to approve Warrant No. 3, checks and ACH payments in the amount of \$380,891.26 as audited by the Town Board and hereby approved for payment in the usual manner at the discretion of the Town Supervisor. Councilor Covert seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

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Resolution #46

Councilor Cesta moved approve payment of \$123,474.41 to JMR Excavation, LLC for the Camillus C&D Landfill Capital Improvements Project. Councilor Teufel seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Resolution #47

Councilor Luber moved to approve the proposed list of Camillus Tree Committee Members. Councilor LaFlair seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Resolution #48

Councilor Cesta introduced proposed Local Law No. A-2026, titled "A Local Law Imposing a Twelve (12) Month Moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems within the Town of Camillus", and made the following motion, which was seconded by Councilor Covert:

WHEREAS, proposed Local Law No. A-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, this proposed moratorium will enable the Town of Camillus to undertake a review to comprehensively address the issues involved with battery energy storage systems within the Town of Camillus, including but not limited to siting, establishment, placement, installation, construction, erection, modification and/or enlargement of said systems; and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes the potential benefits and desirability of renewable forms of energy, including battery energy storage systems, but has determined that time and research are necessary to determine how to properly regulate such systems; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has deemed this moratorium urgent and immediately necessary in order to preserve the status quo while this issue is examined by the Town; 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; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of said Local Law is a Type II action for purposes of environmental review under SEQRA thus concluding the environmental review process.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that the Town Board shall conduct a public hearing as to the enactment of proposed Local Law No. A-2026 at the Town Hall located at 4600 West Genesee Street, Syracuse, New York on March 10, 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 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

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RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that pending action of this Local Law, the Town of Camillus will neither accept nor process any application pertaining to battery energy storage systems. 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
Laura Teufel	Councilor	Voted Yes
John O'Hara	Councilor	Absent

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution #49

Councilor LaFlair introduced proposed Local Law No. B-2026, titled "A Local Law to Repeal and Replace Chapter 38 (Dumpsters) of the Code of the Town of Camillus," and made the following motion, which was seconded by Councilor Teufel:

WHEREAS, proposed Local Law B-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

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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
Laura Teufel	Councilor	Voted Yes
John O'Hara	Councilor	Absent

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution #50

Councilor Luber introduced proposed Local Law No. C-2026, titled "A Local Law to Repeal and Replace Chapter 27 (Smoke Detectors) of the Code of the Town of Camillus," and made the following motion, which was seconded by Councilor Covert:

WHEREAS, proposed Local Law C-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

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Fred Covert	Councilor	Voted Yes
Mike LaFlair	Councilor	Voted Yes
Mary Luber	Councilor	Voted Yes
Laura Teufel	Councilor	Voted Yes
John O'Hara	Councilor	Absent

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution #51

Councilor Covert introduced proposed Local Law No. D-2026, titled "A Local Law to Repeal and Replace Chapter 29 (Fire Prevention) of the Code of the Town of Camillus," and made the following motion, which was seconded by Councilor Teufel:

WHEREAS, proposed Local Law D-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. D-2026 at the Town Hall located at 4600 West Genesee Street, Syracuse, New York on March 10, 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

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

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution #52

Councilor Cesta moved to approve the Property Access Request from the United States Department of Agriculture for the placement of ECFF traps on municipal property for the New York European Cherry Fruit Fly Program and authorize the Supervisor to sign. Councilor Covert seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS COMMENTS

Mayor Waterman noted that Byrne Dairy is progressing, that the Village will host another Family Fun Day on July 18, 2026, and that preparations for the Memorial Day Parade have begun.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

A resident thanked the Town Board for approving the members of the Tree Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor LaFlair moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Councilor Cesta seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Dickson-McMahon
Town Clerk