

November 14, 2023

A regular meeting of the Village Board began at 5:30 p.m. in the Village Office. Present were Mayor Jeffrey Oatman, and Trustees: Jeffery Kelley, and Shawn Prievo. Also present were Superintendent of Public Works John Heller, Village Clerk Lynnette Carver, Officer Sean Redden, Codes Enforcement Officer Vince DeBaise, NOCCOG representative Lisa Bellinger, Fire Dept. President Phil Denison, Tim Hogan of Hogan Engineering, Mark Snow, Ashley Hurd, Queen Central News Publisher Doug Cleveland, and Luke Tiffany of Crosby-Bownlie.

A motion was made by Trustee Kelley to approve the minutes from the prior meetings. The motion was seconded by Trustee Prievo and carried unanimously.

The following sealed bids, received by the Village Office for the Plumbing of the DPW garage, were opened and read aloud:

For Plumbing:

Ontario HVAC Solutions, Dexter, NY	\$136,759.00
Erie Mechanical Contractors, Syracuse, NY	\$154,440.00
Crosby Brownlie Inc. Rochester, NY	\$161,700.00

The Mayor thanked all the Bidders. Bids will now be taken under advisement.

Tim Hogan reviewed the DPW project status with the Board.

Officer Redden reviewed the police report with the Board. It is kept on file at the Police Dept.

Police vehicle #583 (2014 Dodge Charger) is in disrepair, Trustee Prievo made the motion to list it on Auctions International. Trustee Kelley seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Trustee Kelley made a motion to purchase a 2023 Dodge Durango (police vehicle) from Joe Cecconi's Dodge of Niagara Falls, for 62,559.34. The motion was seconded by Trustee Prievo and carried unanimously.

NOCCOG representative Lisa Bellinger reviewed the NOCCOG monthly newsletter with the Board, highlights included:

- ❖ Accessing Local Funding Through the IRA and the Environmental Bond Act Webinar.
- ❖ DEC Announces Availability of Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Funding.
- ❖ No Cost Technical Assistance to Develop and Implement a Drinking Water Source Protection Program being offered.
- ❖ The New York Planning Federation Second Annual "Last Chance Training" December 2.
- ❖ Newly Elected Officials Training, Wednesday, December 6.
- ❖ For more information and links, see NOCCOG website.

Fire Dept. President Phil Denison reviewed his report with the Village Board, highlights included:

- ❖ 65 Calls
- ❖ 4 MVA
- ❖ 23 E.M.S. calls.
- ❖ 21 Ambulance Calls (overall rise in medical calls)

The Codes Enforcement Officer Vincent DeBaise reviewed his report with the Village Board.

Superintendent Heller reviewed his report with the Board, reported as follows:

General:

- Brush, Leaf and Debris Pick up.
- Haul Debris from Behind Old Garage to Dump
- Clean up Sholders, Driveways and Aprons on Wolcott St. and Washington St in Preparation for Paving

- Take Air Conditioners out of Police Station and Store for Winter
- Pick up Trash Receptacles on Main Street for the Winter
- Install Control Wire on F450 for Salt Spreader
- Set up New Pallet Racking in Temporary DPW Building
- Assist Town in Closing Cemeteries on Harden Blvd.
- Take New Leaf Vac to Stephenson Equipment for Repairs
- Build New Targets for Police Training
- Turn off Water Fountains for Winter
- Take Down and Store the Forest Park Bear for Winter
- Bring Boards to Snowmobile Bridge for TC Riders
- Winterize and Close Forest Park for the Season
- Street Sign Repair and Replacements
- Put Emblems on New Village Equipment
- Preventative Maintenance on DPW Equipment
- Clean up Roadkill.
- Wash and Clean Trucks and Equipment
- Dial-a-Truck

Water

- Repair Water Leak at 28 Harden Blvd.
- Spot Pave Water Cutouts on Third St, Miner Ave, and Main Street
- Water Meter Repairs and Replacement
- Seasonal Water Turn-offs
- DSNY Mark Outs

Sewer

- Sewer Jet Dead Ends and Problem Areas
- Spot Pave Sewer Cutout on Mexico St
- Fall Land Spreading
- Change Broken Roller on Press
- Check Pump Stations on River Rd, Liberty St., and Harden Blvd.
- DSNY Mark Outs

Trustee Kelley made the motion to approve the sale of the F-350 truck for \$8,900, which had been listed on Auctions International. Trustee Prieto seconded the motion; it was carried unanimously.

Trustee Prieto made the motion to purchase a loader fork from Monroe Tractor for \$5,997.00 (State contract pricing). The motion was seconded by Trustee Kelley and carried unanimously.

Trustee Kelly made a motion to purchase a Pipe and Cable locator from Eastcom Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$6,165.00. This machine is used to locate water mains. The motion was seconded by Mayor Oatman and carried unanimously.

Clerks report included:

Due to the recent purchase of the Queen Central News, a motion was made by Mayor Oatman to once again name Queen Central News as our official newspaper, effective November 14th. The motion was seconded by Trustee Prieto and carried unanimously.

Trustee Kelley made the motion to approve the property use request of Imagine Greater Camden for the Holiday Stroll, to take place on December 8th from 4-8 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Prieto and carried unanimously.

Trustee Kelley made the motion to approve the resignation letter of Sean Redden for the part time police officer position, effective October 28, 2023. He has been appointed to the position of Chief of Police on effective October 29th. Trustee Prieto seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Mayor Oatman made the motion to approve treasurer's paying back of the original \$100,000 loan from general fund checking account to DPW capital project Account (originally loaned on 6/13/23). The motion was seconded by Kelley and carried unanimously.

Trustee Prieto made the motion to approve moving the contents replacement funds of \$796,674.68 from the Capital Project account to the General fund checking. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kelley, and it was carried unanimously.

The Village has received the NYMIR insurance proceeds for the DPW garage in the amount of 2.4 million, proceeds for the vehicle losses from Liberty Mutual in the amount of \$725,423.93, proceeds from the NYMIR small auto \$46,794.00 and \$150,000 maintain normal operations reimbursement.

As the Water and Sewer Board have recommend the Village Board approve the amended Bond Resolution for the Sewer Plant Capital Project, Trustee Kelley made the motion to execute and approve the new Bond Resolution for the Sewer Plant Capital Project. The motion was seconded by Mayor Oatman and carried unanimously. The Bond Resolution was prepared by Douglas E. Goodfriend of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP. The new resolution is 15.2 million Dollars.

The fire contract with the Town of Camden for the 2024 year was submitted to the Town Board and approved. A motion was made by Trustee Kelley to execute the contract. The motion was seconded by Trustee Prieto and carried unanimously.

Old Business:

For Historical Record:

At approximately 1:30 p.m. on Oct 16th, during the installation of water service to the new car wash on Harden Boulevard (Rt 13), south of Preston Hill Street, the water main was compromised. Therefore, a boil water advisory was issued for the Village of Camden parts located South of Preston Hill Road. In an effort to notify Village residents an official statement was issued to the following: Village of Camden and Town of Camden Websites, Camden Police Department face book page, WKTV News, Camden Queen Central News, Camden School District, and the Dept. of Health. The Village Office remained open to answer the many phone calls from residents. Water was restored by 6:35 p.m., but the advisory will remain in place until October 19th @ 8:13a.m.

At 7:20 p.m. Trustee Kelley made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Prieto and carried unanimously.

At 7:30 p.m. Trustee Kelley made the motion to adjourn from executive session and reconvene to regular board meeting already in session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Prieto and carried unanimously.

The Superintendent of Public Works and the Clerk accumulated excessive Comp. time during the past two years. Trustee Kelly made the motion to pay the Clerk and DPW Supt. a one-time stipend for the hours accumulated over 40 hours. The motion was seconded by Trustee Prieto and carried unanimously.

The motion was made by Trustee Prieto to update the nonunion personnel rules of the Village in Section S. COMP TIME by adding the following paragraph:

Employees are encouraged to take time off within a month of earning Comp time. For exempt salaried employees, Comp time shall cease to accrue if their Comp time balance reaches 40 hours at any given time.

This motion was seconded by Trustee Kelley and carried unanimously.

The motion was made by Trustee Kelley to update the nonunion personnel rules of the Village in Section E. VACATION, by replacing the current wording of this section with the following:

An employee must be employed for at least 6 months before any vacation time can be authorized. From the Completion of 6 months to 1 year, the full-time employee is allowed 5 days of vacation. From the start of 1 year to the completion of 2 years the employee is allowed an additional 5 days of vacation. From 3 Years to the completion of 5 years the employee is allowed 10 days of vacation. Starting at 6 years to the completion of 9 years, the employee is allowed 15 days of vacation. Starting at 10 years to the completion of 13 years, the employee is allowed 20 days of vacation. After 13 years of service 1 day of vacation per year will be added until the 18th year when a maximum of 25 days of vacation will be allowed.

Restated:

0 Months to 6 Months 0

6 Months to Completion of 1 Year - 5 Days

1 Year to Completion of 2 Years - 5 Days

3 Years to Completion of 5 Years - 10 Days

6 Years to Completion of 9 Years - 15 Days

10 Years to Completion of 13 Years - 20 Days

14 Years to Completion of 14 years - 21 Days

15 Years to Completion of 15 Years - 22 Days

16 Years to Completion of 16 Years - 23 Days

17 Years to Completion of 17 Years - 24 Days

18 Years to Completion of 18 Years - 25 Days

The motion was seconded by Mayor Oatman and carried unanimously.

It was decided to recognize Sean Redden's part-time hours worked as an equivalent of five full-time years of service with the Village of Camden.

The first payroll of November was submitted for the Board's review and execution. A motion was made by Trustee Kelley to execute approval of the register. The motion was seconded by Trustee Prieto and carried unanimously.

A copy of the Treasurer's report was submitted for the Board's review and approval. A motion was made by Trustee Kelley to approve the report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Trustee Prieto and carried unanimously.

The October bank statements were submitted for the Board's review and execution. A motion was made by Trustee Kelley to approve the statements as submitted. The motion was seconded by Trustee Prieto and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Prieto to pay all audited bills on Abstract #6 in the amount of \$327,522.58; inclusive of capital project payments totaling \$263.29. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kelley and carried unanimously.

As there was no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. was made by Trustee Kelley. The motion was seconded by Trustee Prieto and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Lynnette Carver

Village Clerk