

March 2025

A regular meeting of the Village Board began at 5:30 p.m. in the Village Office. Present were Mayor Jeffrey Oatman, Trustees: Erin LaPlante, Shawn Prieto, and Todd Scoville. Also, present were Superintendent of Public Works John Heller, Village Clerk Lynnette Carver, Codes Enforcement Officer Vincent DeBaise, Chief of Police Redden, Madeline Redden, Camden Life Center representative Jessica Perusse, Forest Park representative James LaPonto, Brad Brazie, NOCCOG representative Lisa Bellinger, Buck Hiemstra, Fire Dept. President Phil Denison, and Queen Central News Publisher Doug Cleveland.

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

Public Comment was held.

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

- ❖ NYS Tug Hill Commission Local Government Conference will be held March 31 & April 1, 2025.
- ❖ Webinar will be held March 18th on water systems.
- ❖ Congressionally directed spending request applications are open.
- ❖ EFC is accepting listings for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

Fire Dept. President Phil Denison's report included:

- ❖ 94 Calls
- ❖ 11 Motor Vehicle Accidents
- ❖ 25 tree & wire down
- ❖ 11 Building collapses
- ❖ Increase in medical calls and lift assists

Mr. Denison thanked the community for its support.

The Codes Enforcement Officer Vincent DeBaise reviewed his report with the Village Board. The record number of building collapses were discussed.

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

Superintendent Heller reviewed his report with the Board. It is kept on file at the DPW.

Quotes were received and it was decided to order a sewer drain cleaner; ¾" K7500 with drum.

A motion was made by Trustee Scoville to seek quotes for the demolition of the salt storage building, which collapsed in the recent snow storm. Trustee LaPlante seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

At 6:05 p.m. Trustee Scoville made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss proposed litigation. Trustee Prieto seconded and it was carried unanimously.

At 6:30 p.m. Trustee Prieto made the motion to adjourn from executive session and reconvene to regular board meeting already in session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Scoville and carried unanimously.

Clerks report included:

Trustee Prieto made a motion to adopt the following resolution. Trustee Scoville seconded the motion.

Resolution #26 of 2024/25

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, The Clerk informed the Board that two checks from the Town were received: check #1045 in the amount of \$30,231.75, and check # 1046 in the amount of \$13,888.05, representing monies from the Town of Camden Fire Protection District Fund.

BE IT RESOLVED; The Treasurer will amend the budget by the total amount of \$44,119.80; transferring said amount to Capital Reserve Fire Fighting Apparatus per the discussion from the joint meeting held on Sept. 17th 2024.

AYES-Oatman, La Plante, Prievo, Scoville NAYS- none ABSENT- Kelley

Trustee Prievo made a motion to approve the following resolution. Trustee Scoville seconded the resolution.

Resolution #27 of 2024/25

Inter Municipal Agreement between Village of Camden and Town of Camden for Ambulance Storage

WHEREAS, the Village of Camden has agreed to rent space for the Ambulance, at the Village Fire Station, located at 14 Church Street, to the Town, for the amount specified in said agreement.

BE IT RESOLVED, The Mayor will execute the IMA for Ambulance storage, effective March 11th 2025 and terminating on March 11th 2030.

AYES: Oatman, LaPlante, Prievo, Scoville NAYES: None ABSENT: Kelley

The Clerk presented the tentative 2025/26 Budget to the Village Board, which Treasurer Meagher prepared; it is available for viewing at the Village Office. A motion was made by Trustee Prievo to set the public hearing for the Village of Camden Budget of 2025/26 on April 8th of 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee LaPlante and carried unanimously.

A budget workshop will be held on March 13th at 5:30.

Trustee LaPlante made the motion to approve the following budgetary transfers:

To:	From:	Amount:
A003120.34	A001990.40	\$640.00
A003120.40	A001990.40	\$258.00
A005142.10	A005110.10	\$496.00

Trustee Prievo seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Trustee LaPlante made a motion to approve the following property use requests:

- 1. Wellness Fair by Camden Life Center on 5/31/25
- 2. VFW Veteran’s Appreciation Day 6/14/25
- 3. Little League Parade on 5/3/25 beginning 8:30

Trustee Prievo seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A motion was made by Trustee Scoville to approve the emergency snow removal on the fire dept. roof by J.F. Construction. Trustee Prievo seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously

A discussion concerning a Pro-Housing designation was tabled.

Discussion concerning the national grid plan to move the power lines.

Clerk Carver presented the 1st payroll register of March for the Board’s review. A motion was made by Trustee LaPlante to execute approval of the submitted register. The motion was seconded by Trustee Prievo and carried unanimously.

A copy of the Treasurer’s report was submitted for the Board’s review and approval. Budget to actual report on Capital projects was submitted. A motion was made by Trustee Prievo to approve the reports as submitted. The motion was seconded by Trustee Scoville and carried unanimously.

The February bank reconciliations were submitted for the Board's review and execution. A motion was made by Trustee Scoville to approve the statements as submitted. The motion was seconded by Trustee LaPlante and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Prieto to pay all audited bills on Abstract #10 in the amount of \$28,766.19; there were no capital project payments. The motion was seconded by Trustee LaPlante and carried unanimously.

As there was no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. was made by Trustee Scoville. The motion was seconded by Trustee Prieto and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted
Lynnette Carver
Village Clerk