

May 13, 2025

A regular meeting of the Village Board began at 5:30 p.m. in the Village Office. Present were Mayor Jeffrey Oatman, Deputy Mayor Jeffery Kelley, Trustees: Erin LaPlante, Shawn Prieto, and Todd Scoville. Also, present were Superintendent of Public Works John Heller, Village Clerk Lynnette Carver, CEO Vincent De Baise, Chief of Police Sean Redden, Fire Dept. Auxiliary Rep.: Amy & Clayton Carey, NOCCOG Rep. Joe Rowlands, Camden Life Center Rep. Jessica Perusse, Representing Lost Traction ATV Club: Robert & Arlene Duell, Greg Short, business owner: Ken Light, and Queen Central News Publisher Doug Cleveland.

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

Public Comment was held.

Lost Traction ATV club and Camden Life Center addressed the Village Board.

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

The Police Dept. has received a grant from the Oneida County District Attorney's Office for \$5,000.

Trustee LaPlante made the motion to purchase two Axon body cameras (& licenses) with the newly acquired grant funds. Trustee Prieto seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Fire Dept. Auxiliary representative Amy Carey addresses the Board.

Joe Rowlands reviewed the NOCCOG monthly newsletter with the Board, highlights included:

- ❖ Webinars being offered: NYSEDA Energy Storage, Federal Aid 101, EFCN webinar concerning waste water treatment systems,
- ❖ Municipal bootcamp program (SEQR)

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

Superintendent Heller reviewed his report with the Board.

RESOLUTION #44 OF 2024/25

INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT FOR SALT BUILDING

The *NYMIR Sworn Statement in Proof of Loss* was discussed. Trustee Prieto made the motion to approve the statement of loss and have the Mayor execute the same. This document lists the reimbursement pricing to replace the salt building, located at 2 Nichols Lane; which collapsed in this year's snow storm. Trustee Kelley seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously. AYES- Oatman, Kelley, LaPlante, Prieto, Scoville NAYES- None ABSTAIN- None

RESOLUTION #45 OF 2024/25

NEW SALT BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Mayor Oatman made a motion to approve the proposal by HYBRID Building Solutions (under state contract) to construct a new salt storage building. Trustee Prieto seconded the motion. AYES - Oatman, Prieto, Kelley, LaPlante NAYES - Scoville ABSTAIN - None

An advertisement to encourage residents to replace dilapidated sidewalks was discussed.

Clerks report included:

- ❖ The Village board reviewed the billing notice to be included with tax mailing.
- ❖ Discussion was held concerning the new Oneida County Information Technology Master Services agreement (new tech support for Village) and the cost of replacing the server.

RESOLUTION #46 OF 2024/25

ANNUAL TAX COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS

In adhering to the annual tax collection requirements, Clerk Carver informed the Board that a legal notice will be placed in the paper for two weeks regarding the upcoming 2025 Village tax collection.

In addition, to the tax collection requirements, Clerk Carver requested that the 2025 tax warrant be executed by the Mayor. Therefore, a motion was made by Trustee Prievo to authorize the Mayor to execute the said 2025 tax warrant as stated below. The motion was seconded by Trustee LaPlante and carried.

To Lynnette Carver, Village Clerk

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to receive and collect from the several persons named in the tax roll hereunto annexed, the several sums state in the last column hereof opposite their respective names, a total of \$660,478.87 for the following purposes:

For the Current Budget	\$610,427.74
For the charges for sidewalks	\$ 0
For charges for services (street lighting)	\$ 1,760.00
For Re-levied Water Rents & Penalties	\$ 20,700.80
For Re-levied Sewer Rents & Penalties	\$ 27,415.33
For Misc. charges	\$ 175.00

YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED TO receive and collect such sums without additional charge between the first day of June and the first day of July 2025, both inclusive: and thereafter to collect with such of the sums as have not been theretofore collected, an additional charge of five per centum for the first month or fraction thereof and one per centum for each month or thereafter until paid.

YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED to file an account of unpaid taxes with the Oneida County Department of Finance no later than the 1st day of October 2025, in order that they may be re-levied on the County tax roll in January 2026.

AYES-Oatman, LaPlante, Kelley, Prievo, Scoville NAYES - None ABSTAIN - None

The following Property-use requests were submitted for review and approval:

- 1. Memorial Day parade/procession on 5/26/25.
- 2. VFW – free hotdog give-away during summer concert series.

Trustee Kelley made a motion to approve the procession; seconded by Trustee LaPlante and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #47 OF 2024/25
YEAR END BLANKET TRANSFERS

In adhering to the New York State Comptrollers regulations, the following resolution was made by Trustee Prievo and seconded by Trustee LaPlante.

WHEREAS, it is required that all accounting ledgers be in compliance with the New York State Comptroller’s Accounting Standards and Guidelines, and

WHEREAS, it may be deemed necessary to complete generally accepted accounting procedures to bring the 2024-25 ledgers into balance for the purpose of closing the Village of Camden’s financial records, and

NOW, THEREFORE IT HEREBY BE RESOLVED, that permission be and is hereby granted to the Village Treasurer to complete the necessary accounting procedures to bring all ledgers into balance; inclusive of any budget transfers to cover depleted funds until the end of the fiscal year.

AYES – Oatman, Kelley, LaPlante, Prievo, Scoville NAYES - None ABSTAIN - None

Trustee Prieto made the motion to propose Local Law #2 of 2025, to increase in the penalty which is implemented after thirty days, for unpaid water and sewer accounts, from 10% to 18%, and set the public hearing for 6/10/25. Trustee Kelley seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #48 OF 2024/25

MODIFICATION OF EFC FUNDING AGREEMENT

On the recommendation of the Water and Sewer Board; a motion was made by Trustee Prieto to approve the Mayoral execution of the 'Request to Modify the EFC Funding Agreement'. This request is to extend the financing maturity date of 6/2026 by 36 months. Trustee Scoville seconded the motion.

AYES-Oatman, LaPlante, Kelley, Prieto, Scoville NAYES - None ABSTAIN - None

Old Business:

Ordering of park benches were discussed.

New Business:

Trustee LaPlante made the motion to have the Mayor execute the contract with Oneida County Youth Bureau for the summer Recreation Program. Trustee Scoville seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Trustee LaPlante made the motion to approve the quote from Gorman Construction for the Forest Park road paving. The Friends of Forest Park have agreed to pay one-half the cost. DPW Supt. Heller said that culvert cleaning, bathroom pipe replacement, and tree removal were taking place before paving will begin. Trustee Kelley seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

At 8:24 p.m. Trustee LaPlante made the motion to enter into executive session to hold discussions regarding proposed, pending, or current litigation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Scoville and carried unanimously.

At 8:38 p.m. Trustee LaPlante 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.

Trustee LaPlante made the motion to hire Dustin Hite for the position of part time police officer, effective date 5/13/2025, at the hourly rate of \$ 23.34 contingent upon successful completion of a background check and evaluations. The motion was seconded by Trustee Scoville and carried unanimously.

Clerk Carver presented the 1st payroll register of May 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 Scoville 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 April bank reconciliations were submitted for the Board's review and execution. A motion was made by Trustee LaPlante to approve the statements as submitted. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kelley and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Prieto to pay all audited bills on Abstract #12 in the amount of \$43,783.15. No capital project payments were made this month. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kelley and carried unanimously.

As there was no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. was made by Trustee Kelley. The motion was seconded by Trustee Prieto and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted
Lynnette Carver
Village Clerk