

May 12, 2025

A regular meeting of the Water and Sewer Board of Commissioners was held at 5:30 p.m. in the Village Office. Present were Chairman David O'Hara, Commissioners: Robert Sauer, Andrew Clark, Ryan Dust, and Michelle Kelley. Also, present were Village Clerk Lynnette Carver, and Superintendent of Public Works John Heller.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as written. Comm. Dust seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Comm. Sauer made a motion to pay all audited water bills on Abstract # 12 in the amount of \$18,275.08 and all audited sewer bills on Abstract #12 in the amount of \$8,064.89. There were no Capital Project-Sewer Plant bills. The motion was seconded by Comm. Dust and carried unanimously.

The Camden Group report to the Board:

Water:

- ❖ Total Coliform and Total Organic Carbon sampling on 4/10.
- ❖ Lead chemical feed pump was replaced on 4/3.
- ❖ We struggled on and off with the chemical feed pumps through the first several weeks of the month. We changed wiring to run lead and lag pumps as opposite, we changed tubing, we tried many different things. Ultimately, we had Aqua Logics back on site to assist with programming the pumps to communicate effectively with the new PLC system.
- ❖ We ordered a new chemical feed pump to have on hand and a full set of replacement cartridge filters.
- ❖ Routine cleaning of CL-17.
- ❖ Lead and lag chlorine metering pumps integrity inspections, and general cleaning performed weekly; lubrication added as needed.
- ❖ State DOH Report was completed and mailed.
- ❖ General cleaning and maintenance conducted. -

Sewer:

- ❖ Composite samples were collected & sent to the lab on 4/3 & 4/17.
- ❖ Sludge Part 360 (6-month composite sample) was collected & sent to the lab on 4/24.
- ❖ The grit channel was pumped out by Eggan/DPW on 4/28.
- ❖ We continued to work on reducing our solids in both ditches, in preparation for consolidation back to one ditch. But, with the wet weather and increased flows, we needed to wait for things to settle down before we could complete that.
- ❖ We have not yet been able to diagnose the problem but have ruled out a couple of things; however, the solids loading to the belt filter press has been significantly decreased, leading us to have to run about double the amount of time than previously to produce the same amount of biosolids. Double the amount of time is averaging 10 hours per day. We think the sludge pump may need some work. It may be a motor issue, stator/rotor or blockage. Being that the motor is original equipment and just sounds tired we would suggest starting there.
- ❖ We received a quote from GSM Filtration, which is attached, for replacement belts for the belt filter press – both upper and lower. The quote is attached, and the price is \$1,810 without shipping. We currently do not have any spare belts on hand.
- ❖ Working with DEC and polymer manufacturer to get final approval of best polymer solution.
- ❖ Cleaned clarifier trough, skimmer arm and weirs daily.
- ❖ Maintain free flowing splitter box, where more rag tangles and plastics accumulate before passing into the clarifier.
- ❖ Pressed sludge for a total of 13,204 dry pounds.
- ❖ Deep cleaning of clarifier, including the backside, ceiling and effluent basket.
- ❖ Deep cleaning of headworks, removing all collected rag tangles from the backside of bar screens. • General cleaning and service.
- ❖ Performed Daily/Weekly/Monthly PM on system.

Superintendent of Public Works John Heller reviewed his report with the Board.

Discussion was held concerning:

- ❖ Liberty Street pump station repair and the corresponding savings from.
- ❖ Installation of the large generator at the Sewer Plant.
- ❖ Polymer usage by the DEC.
- ❖ Lack of sewer plant efficiency due to aging.
- ❖ Health Dept. reviewed the water plant & collection system for the Village wells; which supply the Village water.
- ❖ DPW tested the emergency water supply. It was found to be in good working order.
- ❖ Snell, Plumbing & Heating will change the electrical panel and wires at the Water Plant.
- ❖ Fire Hydrants were flushed and some repaired. This is a follow up from parts which were purchased last year.

Clerks report:

**RESOLUTION #10 OF 2024/25
YEAR END BLANKET TRANSFERS**

In adhering to the New York State Comptrollers regulations, the following resolution was made by Trustee Dust and seconded by Trustee Clark and carried.

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 – O'Hara, Sauer, Clark, Dust, Kelley NAYES-None ABSTAIN-None

Monthly financial statements from Treasurer Meagher were reviewed.

The billing message for July was decided on.

Discussion was held concerning the Town of Camden's annual billing for water and sewer (contained in the abstract). Payment amounts were approved.

New Business:

Municipal solutions and the EFC have advised the Village concerning their current project financing; which will expire in June of 2026. The Water and Sewer Board will recommend to have the Mayor execute a 'request to amend the EFC agreement' . The amendment will increase the deadline by 36 months.

A survey of penalties applied to unpaid accounts, was taken from four area water and sewer systems. Mohawk Valley Water Authority and NYCOM's most recent surveys were also consulted. Chairman O'Hara made a motion to recommend the proposal of Local Law #1 of 2025, to the Village Board. The proposed law would raise the penalty for accounts which were unpaid for 30 days, from 10% to 18%. Comm. Clark seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION #11
Seek bids for Water Treatment Plant Generator replacement.**

Comm. Clark made the motion to advertise for bids to replace the generator at the Water Treatment Plant. Specifications were prepared by Cedarwood Engineering. Sealed bids will be opened at the June 9th meeting. Comm. Dust seconded the motion.

AYES- O'Hara, Sauer, Dust, Clark, Kelley NAYES- None ABSTAIN-None

Old Business:

❖ New water meter installation was discussed.

As there was no further business to discuss, Comm. Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sauer and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynnette Carver

Village Clerk