

August 12, 2025

The regular meeting of the Village Board began at 5:30 p.m. The location was moved to the Village Volunteer Fire Department upstairs hall, in an effort to accommodate the anticipated public attendance. 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, Village Treasurer Abigail Meagher, CEO Vincent DeBaise, Chief of Police Sean Redden, Fire Dept. President Norm Wallis, Legislator Watermen, NOCCOG Rep. John Healt, and a maximum room capacity of approximately 99 residents.

The pledge was recited.

The Mayor welcomed the attendees and opened for public comment:

Allen Yager of CHA addressed the public concerning the possible development of Manley Field.

The following is a partial list of concerns expressed by residents:

- ❖ traffic limitations of the area
- ❖ section eight housing concerns
- ❖ proximity of the development to the high school
- ❖ ability of the Village to provide adequate water
- ❖ current lack of adequate healthcare & transportation- already existing
- ❖ additional burden being placed on the Fire department, EMS & Police Dept.
- ❖ on site management
- ❖ Would the rental cost be affordable
- ❖ current studies/work being done on the site

A short intermission was observed to allow the crowd to disperse after public comment.

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

Chief Redden reviewed the police report with the Board.

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

Superintendent Heller reviewed his report with the Board. Forest Park paving will begin the week of August 18th.

Fire Dept. President Norm Wallis reviewed his report with the Board:

Trustee Kelly made a motion to approve new fire department members: Andrew Conley Jr. and Charles Schneckloth. Trustee Prieto seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Trustee Kelley made the motion to approve the fire department fund raiser: "Loot the Boot." It will be held on August 29th from 4-8 p.m. and August 30th from 10:00-4:00 p.m.; on Church Street between 2nd and 3rd Street. A property-use request form has been filed concerning. The Village will also produce a letter of endorsement for this event. Trustee LaPlante seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Trustee Kelley made the motion to list the 2013 Ford Taurus (former Fire Chief's car) on auctions international. Trustee Prieto seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Clerks report included:

Planning Board member Mark Snow has completed the required number of training hours.

Carver informed the Board that she has prepared and delivered the annual fire contract for the Town of Camden. Treasurer Meagher prepared the supporting figures.

Trustee Prieto made the motion to approve the following property-use request:

1. Tug Hill Adventures will hold an event in Forest Park on October 12th from 10:00-12:00 noon.

Trustee LaPlante seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Trustee Prieto made the motion to advertise for fuel bids, which will be opened at the September 9th meeting. Trustee LaPlante seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Kelley to approve the following transfer:

\$1500.00 from contingent account (A001990.40)----to the Trustee contractual expense (A001010.40); paying for one-half of the fire department field days fireworks.

[Reference: VB meeting minutes 9/17/24]

Trustee Scoville seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee LaPlante to approve the following transfer:

\$8659.98 from contingent (A001990.40)--- to Trustee contractual expense A001010.40; paying for a reduced Tipping fee transaction. [Ref VB meeting minutes of 4/8/25]

Trustee Kelley seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

The Village Board reviewed the optional coverage quote from NYMIR and decided to decline.

At 7:30 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 Prieto and carried unanimously.

At 8:30 p.m. Trustee Scoville made the motion to adjourn from executive session and reconvene to regular board meeting already in session. The motion was seconded by Mayor Oatman and carried unanimously.

Resolution #10 of 2025/26

HIRING PRIVATE CONSULTANT

Trust Prieto made the motion to approve hiring Michael Holmes at the rate of \$65.00 per hour. Mr. Holmes will assist with accounting. Trustee LaPlante seconded the motion.

Ayes – Oatman, Kelley, LaPlante, Prieto, Scoville Nays - None Abstained – None

Resolution #11 of 2025/26

CONSTRUCTION BID AWARD FOR SALT STORAGE BUILDING

WHEREAS, the Village has advertised for and, on August 5th of 2025, opened bids for the construction of a salt storage building,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, after review of said bids, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Camden, Oneida County, New York, will award the bid for construction of a salt storage building, to Eagle Associates of Cazenovia LLC for \$318,000.00.

A motion was made by Trustee Scoville to adopt Resolution #11 of 2025/26. Seconded by Trustee Kelley.

Ayes – Oatman, Kelley, LaPlante, Prieto, Scoville Nays – None Abstained – None

Clerk Carver presented the 1st payroll register of August 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 Kelley 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 Prieto to approve the report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Trustee Scoville and carried unanimously.

The July 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 Prieto and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Kelley to pay all audited bills on Abstract #3 in the amount of \$168,296.45; inclusive of capital project payments, totaling \$1,795.65. The motion was seconded by Trustee LaPlante and carried unanimously.

As there was no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. was made by Trustee Scoville. The motion was seconded by Trustee Prieto and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted
Lynnette Carver
Village Clerk