

December 9, 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 DeBaise, Chief of Police Sean Redden, Fire Dept. Chief Norm Wallis, Camden Life Center Rep. Jessica Perusse, NOCCOG Rep. Lisa Bellinger, Taylor Glen Forward, 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.

At 5:32 p.m. Trustee Prieto made the motion to open the public hearing for the proposed Local Law, entitled Property Tax Cap Override. Trustee LaPlante seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Public Comment was held.

Fire Dept. Chief Norm Wallis reviewed his report with the Board.

Trustee Kelley made the motion to approve the following new fire department members as listed:

Santana Parker

Carter Simons

Colton Harrington

William Kantor Jr., RAM member

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

NOCCOG representative Lisa Bellinger reviewed the newsletter with the Board.

The Codes Enforcement Officer Vincent DeBaise reviewed his report with the Village Board. The Board authorized the CEO to begin a survey of Village homes; to determine how many dwelling units are in each home. This information will aid the Village in attaining grant funding.

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 available upon request.

Highlights included:

❖ DPW is beginning to use the new salt building.

- Quotes were presented for a rock bucket (to be used with the skid steer). Trustee Scoville made a motion to approve the purchase of the Bobcat rock bucket. Trustee Prieto seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Main Street Grant/Riverwalk Capital project:

Trustee Prieto made a motion to approve the terrabilt signage for the Riverwalk Capital project. Trustee LaPlante seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Resolution #19 – 2025/26

Village of Camden and Eagle Assoc. of Cazenovia

Change Order #1

Contract wording: None concerning.

Change: Proposed is additional work to be performed; not included in original contract.

Change Order Cost: \$12,494.31

Revised contract Totals:

Original Contract amount: \$ 318,000.00

Contract total after passage of change orders: none prior to record.

Change Order #1 Amount of increase: \$ 12,494.31

Revised Contract Amount = \$330,494.31

A motion to adopt Resolution #19 of 2025/26 accepting change order #1 was made by Trustee Scoville; Trustee Prievo seconded.

AYES- Oatman, Kelley, LaPlante, Scoville, Prievo NAYS- none ABSTAIN- None

Resolution #20 – 2025/26
Village of Camden and Eagle Assoc. of Cazenovia

Change Order #2
Contract wording: None concerning.
Change: Proposed is additional work to be performed; not included in original contract.
Change Order Cost: \$6,012.00
Revised contract Totals:
 Original Contract amount: \$ 318,000.00
 Contract total after passage of change orders: \$330,494.31
 Change Order #1 Amount of increase: \$ 6,012.00
 Revised Contract Amount = \$336,506.31

A motion to adopt Resolution #20 of 2025/26 accepting change order #2 made by Trustee Scoville; Trustee Prievo seconded.

AYES- Oatman, Kelley, LaPlante, Scoville, Prievo NAYS- none ABSTAIN- None

Clerks report included:
Trustee Prievo made a motion to approve the following budgetary transfers to cover depleted funds:

Amount:	From:	To:
\$519.50	A005110.41	A005110.50
\$4,820.00	A009010.80	A009015.80
\$12,545.00	A001990.40	A009015.80

Trustee Kelley seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Trustee Kelley made the motion to approve the following property-use request:
 1. Camden Color Blast on 5/30/26
Trustee Prievo seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

- Old Business:
- ❖ Fire Truck bids will not be awarded at this meeting. The Village is awaiting a commitment letter from the Town concerning funding.
 - ❖ Mayor Oatman updated the Board concerning National Grid’s lack of communication with the Village as to their plans of moving power lines underground.

New Business:

Resolution #21
A Resolution Authorizing a Feasibility Study to Evaluate the Implementation of a New Water Metering System

WHEREAS, the Camden Water and Sewer Board of Commissioners, and Camden Village Board of Trustees is responsible for the management and oversight of the municipal water system;
WHEREAS, the existing water meters within the service area have varying ages, conditions, and manufacturers, leading to potential inaccuracies in billing and challenges in maintenance; and
WHEREAS, the Camden Village Board of Trustees desires to explore modern water metering technologies, including Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) systems, to improve meter reading accuracy, enhance operational efficiency, promote water conservation, and provide real-time usage data to customers; and
WHEREAS, a comprehensive feasibility study is a necessary first step to determine the technical, financial, and operational benefits and costs of upgrading the current system;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Camden Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Camden, New York, as follows:

- **Section 1.** That the Camden Water and Sewer Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to develop and present to the Camden Village Board of Trustees a feasibility study to determine the benefits and costs of implementing a new, standardized water metering system for the Village of Camden, New York water district.
- **Section 2.** The feasibility study shall include, but not be limited to, an evaluation of potential technologies, a detailed cost-benefit analysis, an implementation plan, and identification of potential funding opportunities or impacts on the rate structure.
- **Section 3.** The Camden Water and Sewer Board of Commissioners shall have the authority to solicit proposals from qualified engineering firms or consultants to assist in conducting the study, ensuring compliance with all applicable procurement regulations.
- **Section 4.** The results of the preliminary feasibility report shall be submitted to the Camden Village Board of Trustees for review and further action, as required by law.
- **Section 5.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

A motion to adopt Resolution #21 of 2025/26 was made by Trustee Scoville; Trustee Prievo seconded.

AYES- Oatman, Kelley, LaPlante, Scoville, Prievo

NAYS- none

Abstain- None

Seconded Public Comment was held.

At 7:05 Trustee Kelly made the motion to close the public hearing for Local Law, entitled Property Tax Cap Override. Trustee Prievo seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Trustee Prievo made the motion to adopt Local Law, entitled 'Property Tax Cap Override'. The motion was seconded by Trustee LaPlante, and it was carried unanimously.

At 7:08 p.m. Trustee LaPlante 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 Kelley and carried unanimously.

At 8:49 p.m. Trustee Prievo 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.

A motion was made by Trustee Prievo to pay all audited bills on Abstract #7 in the amount of \$44,184.77; inclusive of capital project payments, totaling \$8,680. 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 Scoville to approve the report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Trustee Prievo and carried unanimously.

The November 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 Prievo and carried unanimously.

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

As there was no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. was made by Trustee Scoville. The motion was seconded by Trustee Prieto and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted
Lynnette Carver
Village Clerk

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ONEIDA
VILLAGE OF CAMDEN

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF THE YEAR 2026

Village of Camden, County of Oneida

A local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Village of Camden, County of Oneida, pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the Village of Camden, County of Oneida, to adopt a village budget for (a) village purposes (b) fire protection districts, and (c) any other special or improvement district governed by the village board for the fiscal year 2026-2027 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of the General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes the Village Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the village board.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Village Board of the Village of Camden, County of Oneida, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2026-2027 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.