

**March 10, 2026**

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 Priervo, and Todd Scoville. Also, present were Superintendent of Public Works John Heller, Village Clerk Lynnette Carver, CEO Vincent DeBaise, Chief of Police Sean Redden, Corporal Dan Muha, Jessica Perusse, NOCCOG Rep. Joe Rowlands, Queen Central News Publisher Doug Cleveland, Taylor Forward, and Ken Light.

The Pledge was recited.

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.

Officer Muha reviewed the police report with the Board. It is kept on file at the Police Dept.

As Officer Matthew Hoffman is eligible and passed all necessary examinations; Trustee LaPlante made the motion to appoint Officer Hoffman as Police Officer, Parttime, competitive, effective immediately. Trustee Scoville seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Officer Barone resigned, from his fulltime position, effective, March 9<sup>th</sup> 2026. No motion was made to accept his resignation with regret.

Chief of Police Redden resigned, from his fulltime position, effective, March 6<sup>th</sup> 2026. No motion was made to accept his resignation with regret.

NOCCOG representative Joe Rowland reviewed the newsletter with the Board.

The Codes Enforcement Officer Vincent DeBaise reviewed his report with the Village Board. There are continued complaints with National Grids unwillingness to resolve their codes violations.

Superintendent Heller reviewed his report with the Board. It is available upon request. Highlights included:

- ❖ Trustee LaPlante made the motion to advertise for bids to mow Village owned properties. Trustee Scoville seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
- ❖ The Village will hold the third annual qualified rubbish day on April 18<sup>th</sup> with the Town. The Village will pay the Town \$2,000.00 (ref. VB 5/14/2024, 4/8/2025 minutes).
- ❖ The Forest Park pavilion formerly named *Chamber of Commerce* will now be named *Picnic Point*.

Clerks report:

- ❖ Annual policies have been sent out for review prior to the Organizational Meeting.
- ❖ Insurance Certificate was received for Irish Parade.
- ❖ Carver reported: the local M&T Bank branch will be closing June 11th; the Village will be considering our move to a new bank.
- ❖ Carver brought the 'text my Gov' system to the Boards attention.
- ❖ Carver reviewed the Capital project - DPW budget with the Board.

The Clerk presented the tentative 2026/27 Budget to the Village Board, which Treasurer Meagher has prepared; it is available for viewing at the Village Office. A motion was made by Trustee Kelley to set the public hearing for the Village of Camden Budget of 2026/27 on April 14<sup>th</sup> of 2026. The motion was seconded by Trustee LaPlante and carried unanimously.

A budget workshop will be held March 16<sup>th</sup> 2026, at the Village Office at 5:30 p.m. This meeting will be joint with the Town Board, for the fire department portion of the budget, per section 3 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and the Village, duly adopted on December 30<sup>th</sup> 2025.

Trustee Kelley made a motion to approve the following budgetary transfers to cover depleted funds:

Amount:	From:	To:
\$415.78	A003410.41	A003410.40
\$52.40	A003410.22	A003410.42
\$507.84	A003410.41	A003410.42
\$1,000.00	A003410.54	A003410.45
\$2,140.74	A003410.44	A003410.45
\$450.00	A001990.40	A001010.40
\$374.43	A001640.43	A001640.40

Trustee LaPlante seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

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

1. Camden Life Center’s Wellness Day on 5/30/26

Trustee LaPlante seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Old Business:

New Business:

### **Resolution #27 of 2025/26**

#### **A Resolution of the Village of Camden, Oneida County, New York as to SEQR Determination**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board of the Village of Camden, Oneida County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. It is hereby determined that the Village Board adopting this resolution has declared itself to be the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) and the regulations promulgated thereunder for purposes of determining the environmental impact of the project described in Section 3 hereof and completed a coordinated review.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the project described in Section 3 hereof is a Type 1 Action which, based upon the Environmental Assessment form attached hereto and hereby determined to be a part hereof, has been determined will not have a significant adverse impact upon the environment.

Section 3. The project which is the subject of this resolution is described as follows: Amend the Village of Camden Zoning Ordinance to update definitions, area regulations and Zoning Schedule by modernizing terminology, removing outdated parcel size thresholds and align with broader land use standards. In particular, removing the term “farm” and replacing it with “Agricultural” in both the Definitions section (150-3f) and Zoning Schedule (150-8) and eliminate “Agricultural” as a permitted zoning Category. The amendment would also further define Permitted Uses in R-100 and R-60 Districts and would prohibit more than one permanent Building on a single lot throughout the Village.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

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

The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Trustee LaPlante made the motion to adopt Local Law #2 of 2026, entitled ‘Amending Chapter 150 of Village Codes’. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kelley; vote as follows:

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

### **Resolution #28 of 2025/26**

#### **IMA between Village and Town of Camden to Jointly Fund a New Pumper Fire Truck**

Trustee Kelley made a motion to approve the Inter Municipal Agreement with the Town of Camden outlining the procurement of the new pumper truck (ref. VB minutes 12/30/25, Res#23 of 2025/26, and associated Memorandum of Understanding). Trustee Scoville seconded. The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES- Oatman, Kelley, LaPlante, Scoville NAYES – None ABSTAIN - None  
The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.  
the motion. Copy as follows:

**INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT**

**THIS AGREEMENT**, made the   9th   day of   March  , 2026 between  
**THE VILLAGE OF CAMDEN**, a municipal corporation of the State of New York,  
with offices at 57 Main Street, Camden, New York 13316 (hereinafter “Village”);  
**THE TOWN OF CAMDEN**, a municipal corporation of the State of New York,  
with offices at 47 Church Street, Camden, New York 13316 (hereinafter “Town”);  
and **THE VILLAGE OF CAMDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**,  
(hereinafter “Volunteer Fire Department”)

**WHEREAS**, the Town and the Village have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding whereby the Town and the Village agreed to jointly fund a new Pumper Fire Truck to be titled in the Village and operated by the Village’s Volunteer Fire Department to serve both municipalities in accordance with a fire protection contract in effect between the Village and the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the existing Pumper Fire Truck serving both municipalities has reached the end of its useful life and requires replacement to ensure continued and adequate fire protection services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village, by Contract dated December 30, 2025 contracted to purchase a Pumper Fire Truck from Toyne, Inc. for One Million One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Twenty-Eight and 77/100 Dollars (\$1,124,028.77), which purchase price was computed after a discount of \$40,424.18, to which the Village will be entitled if it makes a payment of \$568,093.36 to Toyne, Inc. within fifteen (15) days of the arrival of the chassis at Toyne; and

**WHEREAS**, after the Village has made the payment upon the arrival of the chassis, the balance due, upon delivery of the Pumper Fire Truck will be \$555,935.41;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE UNDERSIGNED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Village will make the payment of \$568,093.36 to Toyne, Inc. within fifteen (15) days of the arrival of the chassis at Toyne, and accordingly, the contract purchase price for the Pumper Fire Truck is \$1,124,028.77; and

2. The Pumper Truck will be titled in the Village of Camden Volunteer Fire Department for use in the Village, as well as to provide fire protection in the Town of Camden Fire Protection District.

3. The Village will secure a 10-year term bond in the amount of \$555,935.41 to pay the balance of the purchase price due on delivery of the Pumper Fire Truck.

4. The Town will make annual payments to the Village in an amount equal to the annual debt service on the bond so that after the completion of the purchase and the financing of the Pumper Fire Truck, the Village and Town will have paid each approximately fifty percent (50%) of the total purchase price of the Pumper Fire Truck.

5. The Village of Camden annually presents a budget for proposed fire protection services to the Town of Camden as a basis for the dollar amount to be paid to the Village of Camden to fund the Volunteer Fire Department in providing fire protection services to the Fire Protection District. The Village Treasurer will continue to make those presentations of budgetary figures to the Town based on the Volunteer Fire Department’s expenses to provide those services. An example of a typical budget for fire protection services for 2025-26 is attached as **Exhibit 1** to illustrate what these annual presentations from the Village to the Town have been and will continue to be exchanged between the Village and the Town.

6. The Town of Camden’s responsibility with respect to the new Pumper Fire Truck shall be limited to the Town’s obligations under this Agreement to pay a portion of the purchase price of the Pumper Fire Truck. The Village of Camden will not seek payment for expenses related to this new Pumper Fire Truck within its annual request to the Town for providing fire protection services, other than maintenance, fuel, and insurance expenses attributable to the truck.

Seconded Public Comment was held.

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 Scoville and carried unanimously.

At 7:13 p.m. Trustee Kelley 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 appoint Kelly Alsante to the position of part-time police Officer at the rate of \$23.34. Trustee Kelley seconded the motion, it carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee LaPlante to pay all audited bills on Abstract #10 in the amount of \$26,973.32; inclusive of capital project payments, totaling \$6,307.50. 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 Scoville to approve the report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kelley 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 Kelley and carried unanimously.

Clerk Carver presented the 1<sup>st</sup> payroll register of March for the Board's review. A motion was made by Trustee Kelley to execute approval of the submitted register. The motion was seconded by Trustee LaPlante and carried unanimously.

As there was no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. was made by Trustee Scoville. The motion was seconded by Trustee LaPlante and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted  
Lynnette Carver  
Village Clerk

**LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF THE YEAR 2026**  
**Village of Camden**  
**Oneida County, New York**

**A Local Law Amending Chapter 150 of the Village Code**

BE IT ENACTED, by the Village Board of the Village of Camden, County of Oneida, State of New York, as follows:

**Section 1. Purpose**

This Local Law is to amend Chapter 150 of the Village Code of the Village of Camden to update the Definitions, Area Regulations, and Zoning Schedule of the Village Code by modernizing terminology, remove outdated parcel size thresholds, and align with broader land use standards. The revised language supports the Village's Comprehensive Plan which prioritizes the transition of land toward future housing development and reinforces its long-term planning goals and ensures consistency in land use decisions.

**Section 2. Authority**

This local law is adopted pursuant to the authority granted under Section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law and Section 7-706 of the Village Law of the State of New York.

**Section 3. Amendments**

**Section 150-3. Definitions; word usage.**

Article I, §150-3 is hereby amended as follows:

The term FARM is removed and replaced with AGRICULTURAL with an updated definition –

AGRICULTURAL – The use of land, buildings, or structures for the cultivation of soil, production of crops, and raising of livestock for food, fiber, fuel, or other marketable products.

The following terms are added:--RECREATION CENTER – A facility operated by a public or nonprofit entity that provides structured or unstructured recreational, educational, or social activities for community members. Such facilities may include indoor or outdoor spaces designed for physical fitness, sports, arts, cultural programming, youth development, senior services, or general community engagement.

AUTO/TRUCK REPAIR SHOP – A facility, whether principal or accessory, engaged in the maintenance, servicing, or mechanical repair of automobiles, trucks, or similar motor vehicles. This includes but is not limited to engine diagnostics, brake and suspension work, transmission repair, oil changes, tire services, exhaust system repairs, and similar mechanical or electrical work.

**SHORT TERM RENTAL** – As defined in New York Real Property Law §447-a, i.e., “an entire dwelling unit, or a room, group of rooms, or other living or sleeping space within a dwelling, made available for rent by guests for less than thirty consecutive days, where the unit is offered for tourists or transient use by the short term rental host of the residential unit, and where such unit is located in a covered jurisdiction.” Such Short-Term Rentals shall be regulated under New York State Real Property Law, Article 12-D, entitled “Short Term Rental Units.”

**SOLAR/BATTERY STORAGE FARM** – A facility designed for the generation, storage, and/or dispatch of electrical energy using photovoltaic (PV) solar panels and battery energy storage systems (BESS).

**SOLAR/RESIDENTIAL PV ARRAY** – A renewable energy system composed of photovoltaic panels and associated equipment installed on a residential property for the primary purpose of generating electricity to serve the on-site dwelling.

**SENIOR HOUSING/55 OR OLDER** – Senior housing for those 55 or older is legally defined under the Housing for Older Persons Act (HOPA), which provides an exemption from familial status discrimination under the Fair Housing Act.

**HAIR SALON/BARBER SHOP** – A personal service establishment offering hair grooming services to the public. **CHARGING STATION** – A facility or device designed to supply electric energy for the recharging of batteries in electric motor vehicles. They include associated equipment such as charging cables, connectors, control systems, and signage.

**STORAGE UNITS/MULTI** – A commercial property designed to house multiple individual storage spaces—such as rooms, lockers, or garage-style units—that are rented separately to individuals or businesses for storing personal belongings, inventory, equipment, or vehicles.

**GREEN SPACE** – The portion of a lot left unbuilt and permeable – typically landscaped with grass, trees, or gardens.

The definition for **DWELLING, MULTIPLE**, is amended as follows:

- (1) A building containing not more than six dwelling units.
- (2) A building containing living, sanitary and sleeping facilities occupied by one or two families and more than four lodgers residing with either one of such families.
- (3) A building with one or more sleeping rooms, other than a one- or two-family dwelling, used or occupied by permanent or transient paying guests or tenants
- (4) A building with sleeping accommodations for more than five persons used or occupied as a club, dormitory, fraternity or sorority house, or for similar uses.
- (5) A building used or occupied as Senior Housing/55 or older.
- (6) A community residence.

**Section 150-4 Establishment of districts; boundaries**

Article II, §150-4 is hereby amended as follows:

Paragraphs (1) and (2) of Section 150-4 (A) regarding R-100 and R-60 Districts are amended to read as follows:

(1) The R-100 District is established to recognize and preserve the character of existing large-lot residential development within a traditional village setting. It is intended to promote the continuation and orderly development of such residential uses in a manner consistent with the scale, density, and rural character of the community. To maintain this character, each lot shall contain no more than one principal residential building. A building containing not more than six dwelling units may be permitted only if all applicable lot area, frontage, setback, coverage, parking, green space, and infrastructure requirements are fully met. Special use permit is required for buildings containing more than two dwelling units.

(2) R-60 District is established to support moderate-lot residential development within Camden’s traditional village framework. It is intended to promote the continuation and orderly development of single- and two-family dwelling units in a manner consistent with the scale, density, and character of the surrounding neighborhood. To preserve this intent, each lot shall contain no more than one principal building containing one or two single dwelling units, and all applicable lot area, frontage, setback, coverage, green space, parking and infrastructure requirements must be met.

**Article III, District Regulations**

Zoning Schedule A in Article III is amended as follows:

Zoning Schedule A

R-100 R-60 RT VC HC M

Accessory Apartment	P	P	P	---	---	---
Agricultural / Farm	---	---	---	---	---	---

Auto / Truck Repair Shop	---	---	---	---	P	P
Boarding house/rooming house	P	P	P	---	P	---
Bulk Storage	---	---	---	---	---	P
Bed-and-Breakfast Dwelling	P	P	P	P	P	---
Campground	P	---	---	---	---	---
Commercial Charging Station	---	---	---	P	P	P
Community Center	P	P	P	P	---	---
Dwelling Attached	P	---	---	---	P	P
Dwelling, one family	X	X	X	P**	---	---
Dwelling, two family	X	X	X	P**	---	---
Dwelling, multiple/ not more than 6 Units	P	---	P	P	P	P
Educational Institution	---	---	P	P*	P	P
Essential Facilities	---	---	---	P	P	P
Fraternal club/social club/lodge	---	---	---	P	P	P
Funeral Home	---	---	P	---	P	---
Garage, public	---	---	---	---	P	P
Hair Salon/ Barber	P	P	P	P	---	---
Home occupation / Business	P	P	P	---	---	---
Hospital /infirmar y	---	---	---	---	P	P
Hotel Motel	---	---	---	P	P	P
Library, public	---	P	P	---	P	---
Laundry / drycleaning	---	---	---	---	P	P
Mail order business	---	---	---	P	P	P
Manufacturing	---	---	---	---	---	P
Nursing Home	P	---	---	---	P	---
Office Space	---	---	P	P	P	P
Park / Playground	P	P	P	P	P	---
Printing Business	---	---	---	P	P	P
Recreational Center	P	P	---	---	---	---
Religious institution	P	P	P	P	P	---
Research laboratory	---	---	---	---	P	P
Restaurant	---	---	---	P	P	P
Restaurant, drive-thru	---	---	---	---	P	P
Retail Gasoline/ Convenient store	---	---	---	P***	P	P
Retail Sales & Service	---	---	---	S	S	P
Retail Sales & Service, large product	---	---	---	S	S	P
Retail Sales & Service, large facility	---	---	---	---	S	P
Senior Housing/55 or Older	P	---	---	---	P	P
Short Term Rental / Air B&B etc.	P	P	P	---	P	---
Solar / Battery Storage Farm	---	---	---	---	---	---
Solar / Residential PV Array	P	P	P	P	P	---
Storage Units/Multi	---	---	---	---	P	P
Studio	---	---	---	P	P	P
Theater	---	---	---	P	P	---
Warehousing	---	---	---	P*	P	P
Wholesale, trade	---	---	---	---	P	P

KEY:

X = Zoning permit required from Zoning Enforcement Officer

S = Site plan review required from Planning Board and zoning permit required from Zoning Enforcement Officer

P = Special use permit required from Planning Board and zoning permit required from Zoning Enforcement Officer

— = Prohibited in this district

### **Section 150-9 Area Regulations**

Article IV, §150-9 is hereby amended as follows:

Paragraph “B” of Section 150-9 is amended to read as follows:

- B. More than one permanent building on a single lot shall be prohibited. Building must independently meet all applicable district standards including minimum lot area, yard setbacks, green space, and required street frontage as if situated on a separate conforming lot.

### **Section 150-26 Nonconforming uses of land or structures**

Article VI, §150-26 is hereby amended as follows:

Paragraph “C” is added to read as follows:

- C. Properties previously operating under the “Farm” designation retain their status as legal nonconforming uses. These uses may continue as previously allowed, but expansion beyond the scope of existing land use is not permitted.

### **Section 3. Severability**

If the provisions of this article or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this chapter and the application of such provisions to other persons and circumstances shall not be rendered invalid thereby.

### **Section 4. When Effective**

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