

July 14, 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, and Shawn Prievo. Also, present were Superintendent of Public Works John Heller, Village Clerk Lynnette Carver, CEO Vincent DeBaise, Officers Muha and Murphy, Fire Dept. President Steve Hall, NOCCOG Rep. John Healt, members of the public, and Queen Central News Publisher Doug Cleveland.

The Pledge was recited.

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

Public Comment was held.

Cluster 13 directed questions at the Village Board concerning the public garden, located on Ripley drive.

The Village Board will re-think the discussion from the last month concerning the garden.

Fire Dept. President Steve Hall reviewed his report with the Board. The Fire Dept. was saddened by the passing of long-term member and former President Phil Denison; he will be missed.

Trustee Kelley requested a motion to approve three new fire department members:

Carter Keller

Kaitlyn Findley

Samuel Hamacher

Trustee LaPlante seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

NOCCOG representative John Healt reviewed the newsletter with the Board.

Cody Piersall from Camden received the scholarship award.

Corporal Muha and Seargent Murphy reviewed the police report with the Board. It is kept on file at the Police Dept.

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

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

Forest Park update: The gates are now open dawn to dusk, seven days a week. The Police dept. closes the gate and the DPW & caretaker open the gates. Also, 4 new swings have been ordered.

Sidewalk program:

Forms have been updated and an Ad has been placed in the Queen Central. Several interested parties have contacted the Village.

Main Street Grant/Riverwalk Capital project:

The DPW is constructing the signage and beginning installation for the Riverwalk.

Old Business:

Discussion concerning the trees on Main Street was tabled.

New Business:

Mayor Oatman gave a report on the July 5th parade. The Village wished to thank all the volunteers involved and especially the VFW (for the hotdog give-a-way), Heather Kent (for lining up parade participants), and all the children who participated. The Village was pleased to honor our Countries 250th anniversary.

A motion was made by Trustee Prievo to set the public hearing for a proposed Local Law to increase the rate of parking ticket fees within the Village and allow for future updates via

resolution of the Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Kelley and carried unanimously.

The following resolution was adopted at the July 13th Water & Sewer Board meeting:

Resolution #2 of 2026/27

INCREASE IN BONDING

A motion was made by Comm. Sauer to recommend the Village Board approve and have the Mayor execute the new Bond resolution for the WWTP construction project totaling \$19,380,000.00. Comm. Dust seconded the motion.

Vote as follows:

AYES – O'Hara, Sauer, Clarke, Dust NAYES – None ABSTAIN – None

In response Trustee Prieto has recommended the Village Board approve the following:

Res #4 of 2026/27

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, THE ISSUANCE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$4,180,000 BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF CAMDEN, ONEIDA COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY PART OF THE COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, IN AND FOR SAID VILLAGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Camden, Oneida County, New York, on April 10, 2018, duly adopted a bond resolution authorizing the issuance of \$7,000,000 bonds of said Village to pay the cost of the construction of a new Wastewater Treatment Plant and related ancillary facilities on the site of the existing Wastewater Treatment Facility at Route 69, together with construction of improvements to and reconstruction of portions of the sewer collection system, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, site improvements and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, in and for said Village of Camden, Oneida County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Camden, Oneida County, New York, on December 12, 2023, duly adopted a bond resolution authorizing the issuance of an additional \$8,200,000 bonds of said Village to pay the cost of the aforesaid project; and

WHEREAS, said capital project has been determined to be a Type II Action pursuant to Part 617.5(c)(1) and (2) of the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, which it was determined, as such, will not have any significant adverse impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, it has now been determined that the maximum estimated cost of such class of objects or purposes previously authorized at \$15,200,000 is **now \$19,380,000**, an increase of \$4,180,000 over that previously authorized; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the issuance of an additional \$4,180,000 bonds of said Village for such class of objects or purposes to pay a portion of the cost thereof; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Camden, Oneida County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. For the class of objects or purposes of paying additional costs of the construction of a new Wastewater Treatment Plant and related ancillary facilities on the site of the existing Wastewater Treatment Facility at Route 69, together with construction of improvements to and reconstruction of portions of the sewer collection system, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, site improvements and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, there are hereby authorized to be issued an additional \$4,180,000 bonds of the Village of Camden, Oneida County, New York, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of such class of objects or purposes is now determined to be \$19,380,000, which class of objects or purposes is hereby authorized at said maximum estimated cost, and that the plan for the financing thereof is as follows:

- a) by the issuance of the \$7,000,000 bonds of said Village authorized to be issued pursuant to bond resolution dated and duly adopted April 10, 2018; and
- b) by the issuance of the additional \$8,200,000 bonds of said Village authorized to be issued pursuant to bond resolution dated and duly adopted December 12, 2023; and

- c) by the issuance of an additional \$4,180,000 bonds of said Village authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to this bond resolution;

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that to the extent that any grants-in-aid are received for said class of objects or purposes, the amount of bonds to be issued pursuant to this resolution shall be reduced dollar for dollar.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is forty years, pursuant to subdivision 4 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, calculated from the date of issuance of the first obligations therefor.

Section 4. The faith and credit of said Village of Camden, Oneida County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. To the extent not paid from other sources, there shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in said Village a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Village Treasurer, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as the Village Treasurer shall deem best for the interests of said Village, including, but not limited to, the power to sell said bonds to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation and/or the United States Department of Agriculture; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, the Village Treasurer shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the Village Treasurer shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

Section 7. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the serial bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue serial bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of such Village. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Village Treasurer shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 8. The Village Treasurer is hereby further authorized, at the Village Treasurer's sole discretion, to execute a project finance agreement, and any other agreements with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and/or the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, including amendments thereto, and including any instruments (or amendments thereto) in the effectuation thereof, in order to effect the financing or refinancing of the class of objects or purposes described in Section 1 hereof and of the bond resolutions dated April 10, 2018, and December 12, 2023, or a portion thereof, by a bond, and/or note issue of said Village in the event of the sale of same to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Section 9. The power to issue and sell notes to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation pursuant to Section 169.00 of the Local Finance Law is hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be prescribed by said Village Treasurer consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 10. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Village is not authorized to expend money, or

2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 - 2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 12. Upon this resolution taking effect, a summary thereof shall be published in the official newspaper, together with a notice of the Village Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 13. This resolution is adopted subject to permissive referendum.

Trustee Kelley seconded the motion: Vote as follows:

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

The following two resolutions were adopted at the July 13th Water and Sewer Board meeting:

WS Resolution #4 2026/27

RECOMMEND THE VILLAGE BOARD AUTHORIZE CEDARWOOD TO PREPARE WQIP GRANT APPLICATION
A motion was made by Chairman O’Hara to recommend the Village Board authorize Cedarwood Engineering Services to prepare the WQIP grant application for the WWTP construction project and have the Mayor and Clerk execute the documentation; Comm. Dust seconded the motion.

Vote as follows:

AYES – O’Hara, Sauer, Dust NAYES – None ABSTAIN – None

WS Resolution #5 2026/27

RECOMMEND THE VILLAGE BOARD AUTHORIZE CEDARWOOD TO PREPARE WII GRANT APPLICATION
A motion was made by Chairman O’Hara to recommend the Village Board authorize Cedarwood Engineering Services to prepare the WII grant application for the WWTP construction project and have the Mayor and Clerk execute the documentation; Comm. Dust seconded the motion.

Vote as follows:

AYES – O’Hara, Sauer, Dust NAYES – None ABSTAIN – None

In response Trustee Priervo made a motion to adopt the following two resolutions:

Resolution # 5 of 2026/27

RESOLUTION WITH REFERENCE TO THE PROPOSED VILLAGE OF CAMDEN, ONIEDA COUNTY, NY, WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (WQIP) GRANT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VILLAGE OF CAMDEN’S WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Camden has determined that it is in the Village’s best interest to apply for funding to assist in the financing of its proposed improvements to the Village of Camden’s Wastewater Infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, affordability for the Village’s residents and property owners is a significant concern in advancement of the proposed project,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Village Board authorizes Cedarwood Engineering Services to prepare a WQIP grant application for the Village of Camden Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements Project; and
2. The Village Board authorizes the Village Mayor to execute the WQIP grant application and any related forms or documents required for the application.
3. The Village Board authorizes the Village Mayor or the Village Clerk to complete any documents necessary to register the Village in the grant system as required for the WIIA grant application.

4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Trustee Kelley seconded the motion;

Vote as follows:

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

Resolution # 6 of 2026/27

RESOLUTION WITH REFERENCE TO THE PROPOSED VILLAGE OF CAMDEN, ONIEDA COUNTY, NY, WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT (WIIA) GRANT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VILLAGE OF CAMDEN’S WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Camden has determined that it is in the Village’s best interest to apply for funding to assist in the financing of its proposed improvements to the Village of Camden’s Wastewater Infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, affordability for the Village’s residents and property owners is a significant concern in advancement of the proposed project,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED as follows:

5. The Village Board authorizes Cedarwood Engineering Services to prepare a WIIA grant application for the Village of Camden Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements Project; and
6. The Village Board authorizes the Village Mayor to execute the WIIA grant application and any related forms or documents required for the application.
7. The Village Board authorizes the Village Mayor or the Village Clerk to complete any documents necessary to register the Village in the grant system as required for the WIIA grant application.
8. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Trustee Kelley seconded the motion;

Vote as follows:

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

Second Public Comment was held.

Trustee Prievo made the motion to appoint Cameron Oatman as Water and Sewer Board Commissioner, effective immediately. The seat was formally held by Shelly Kelley and Cameron will serve the remainder of the term, ending May 2028. Trustee LaPlante seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The resignation of Lucas Piersal was received, effective July 14th 2026. Lucas has been employed with the Village since April of 2018; and will be missed.

At 6:49 p.m. Trustee Prievo 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 8:15 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 Kelley and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee LaPlante to approve Chad Murphy’s transfer, from the City of Sherrill, as Sergeant. Sergeant Murphy’s appointment will be effective July 13th, at the rate of \$75,000.00. Trustee Prievo seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Prievo to pay all audited bills on Abstract #2 in the amount of \$51,672.74; inclusive of capital project payments, totaling \$9,074.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee LaPlante 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 LaPlante to approve the report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Trustee Prieto and carried unanimously.

The June 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.

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

At 8:20 p.m. Trustee Prieto 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 8:25 p.m. Trustee Prieto made the motion to adjourn from executive session and reconvene to regular board meeting already in session. The motion was seconded by Trustee LaPlante and carried unanimously.

As there was no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn at 8.25 p.m. was made by Trustee Kelley. The motion was seconded by Trustee Prieto and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted
Lynnette Carver
Village Clerk