

September 8, 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 Prieto, and Todd Scoville. Also present were Superintendent of Public Works John Heller, Village Clerk Lynnette Carver, CEO Vincent DeBaise, Sergeant Murphy, Fire Dept. Chief Norm Wallis (Chief Wallis was called out on an ambulance call) , NOCCOG Rep. John Healt, and Queen Central News Publisher Doug Cleveland.

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: No public attendance.

NOCCOG representative John Healt reviewed the newsletter with the Board.

Sergeant Murphy reviewed the police report with the Board. It is kept on file at the Police Dept. The police dept. is installing the new computers, which were purchased with the grant funds. Trustee LaPlante made a motion to approve the Property Use request for Forest Park, to hold the Spooktacular, on October 24th. Trustee Prieto seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

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.

Friends of Forest Park have asked the Camden high school tech program, make several new signs, replacing older damaged or missing ones. *Friends* will also be, ordering signage reminding E-Bikes of the speed limit.

Main Street Grant/Riverwalk Capital project update:
Kiosk mapping (displays) were reviewed.

Clerks report included:

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

Treasurer Meagher has completed the bonding process for the Fire Truck loan with Bank of Green County. The funds have been received and were transferred to NYCLASS until payment is required.

Laird Petrie offered assistance in accounting matters. Per Mr. Petrie's advice, the following two resolutions were offered for consideration:

Resolution # 12 of 2026/27

OPEN CAPITAL RESERVE – PURCHASE OF CREW CAB FIRE PUMPER TRUCK AND FUND THE SAME.

WHEREAS, the Village Board on December 30th of 2025, has accepted the bid from *JPB Fire Sales*, for the purchase of a Crew Cab Fire Pumper Truck, in the amount of \$1,124,028.77.

WHEREAS, A Capital Project Fund must be established in the event of any bonding.

WHEREAS, The Village of Camden has completed the Bonding process [Res. #47 of 2025/26] and received \$595,000.00 from The Bank of Green County. [Regular payments, made by the Village of Camden, will be annually funded by the Town.]

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

Section 1. The Treasurer is directed to open a Capital Project Fund, titled: Purchase of Fire Truck.

Section 2. Monies received from, The Bank of Green County, in the amount of \$595,000.00, shall be deposited in the newly established Capital Project account, to fund said purchase.

Sec. 3. Monies from the Capital Reserve Fire Fighting Equipment Apparatus Reserve, in the amount of \$568,093.36 (projected first payment, as listed in contract), will be deposited into the newly established Capital Project Fund.

Sec. 4. Section #3 of this resolution is adopted subject to a permissive referendum, in accordance with Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law and Article 9 of the Village Law.

Sec. 5. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized to give notice of this Resolution and the fact that the same was adopted subject to a permissive referendum; by posting and publication as is required by Section 9-900 of the Village Law.

A motion was made by Trustee Kelley to adopt Resolution # 12 of 2026/27; subject to permissive referendum. Seconded by Trustee Scoville; Vote as follows:

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

The Clerk noted that the Annual Financial Report (AFR) for the NYS Comptroller's office has been completed for the 2025-26 fiscal year. Therefore, a motion was made by Trustee Prievo to accept the completed financial report. The motion was seconded by Trustee LaPlante and carried unanimously. In addition, the summary of all funds has been placed in the newspaper.

Resolution # 13 of 2026/27

BUDGET AMENDMENT- FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE

Trustee Prievo made a motion to approve the following Budget amendment. Said amendment will fund the purchase of the Fire Truck and reflect the incoming amounts of the Serial Bond: Codes A005710.00 (revenue code), and A009550.95 (expenditure code) will be increased by \$595,000.

Trustee LaPlante seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Vote as follows:

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

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

Amount: \$1,500.00 From: A003120.43 To: A003120.47

Trustee Prievo seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

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

1. Camden Central School, Homecoming parade & craft fair 10/10/2026
2. IWG, Copper Wire Run 10/10/2026

Trustee Prievo seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Old Business:

No new updates for the following capital projects: Salt Bld. or DPW Bld.

Resolution #14 of 2026/27

RESOLUTION TO PROPOSE LOCAL LAW PROHIBITING DATA CENTERS

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Prievo, on recommendation of the Village Planning Board, and moved to its adoption:

WHEREAS, Article 7 of the Village Law of the State of New York empowers the Village to regulate the location and use of buildings, structures and land within the Village to promote the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the community, and to amend those regulations from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Camden finds that the development, construction and operation data centers and similar digital infrastructure facilities may pose significant threats to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Village of Camden; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees wishes to consider amending the Camden Zoning Ordinance to prohibit Data Centers, Cryptocurrency Data Mines and High-Water-Use Digital Infrastructure Facilities in all zoning districts in the Village in order to protect the Village's water supply, electrical capacity, infrastructure and community character;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, a public hearing to consider enacting a Local Law amending the Camden Zoning Ordinance to prohibit Data Centers, Cryptocurrency Data Mines and High-Water-Use Digital Infrastructure Facilities in the Village of Camden shall be held on the 13th day of October, 2026 at 5:30 p.m., at the Village of Camden Offices, 57 Main Street, Camden, New York, and that notice of the time and place of such hearing be published in the official newspaper of the Village at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing and that a copy of said Local Law be made available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Village of Camden Village Clerk's Office.

Seconded by LaPlante and duly put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

AYES – Oatman, Kelley, LaPlante, Prieto, Scoville NAYS – None ABSTAIN - None

Other old business:

Trees on Main Street.

New Business:

Trustee Prieto made the motion to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution # 15 of 2026/27 TUGHILL NOCCOG

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED STATE FUNDING FOR THE NYS TUG HILL COMMISSION IN THE NYS BUDGET

WHEREAS, The New York State Tug Hill Commission is a non-regulatory state agency established by the New York State Legislature in 1972 to provide essential planning, technical assistance, and community development services to the towns and villages of the Tug Hill region; and

WHEREAS, The Commission serves more than 40 towns and numerous villages across Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida, and Oswego Counties, supporting rural communities with limited local capacity and resources;

WHEREAS, The Commission provides critical assistance in: Land use planning, zoning, and local law development, Economic and community development, Grant writing and administration Infrastructure planning (water, sewer, broadband, and energy), Natural resource management and environmental stewardship, Training and technical support for local officials,

WHEREAS, through its unique "circuit rider" program and shared services model, the Commission effectively provides professional staff support to many small municipalities that would otherwise be unable to afford such services independently;

WHEREAS, The Commission plays a vital role in helping local governments comply with complex and evolving New York State laws, regulations, and reporting requirements, thereby ensuring effective and lawful municipal operations; and

WHEREAS, The Commission has a proven track record of leveraging significant state, federal, and private funding for local projects, often generating millions of dollars annually in grants, local investments and planning that directly benefit rural communities;

WHEREAS, The New York State Legislature has recognized that the continued operation of the Commission is essential to enabling municipalities in the Tug Hill region to perform their basic local government functions and maintain their rural character and economy;

WHEREAS, Without the continued support and services of the Commission, many rural towns, villages, fire departments, and other local government entities would face significant challenges in maintaining operations, securing funding, and complying with state requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Village of Camden hereby strongly supports increased and sustained funding for the New York State Tug Hill Commission in the New York State Budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Village of Camden respectfully urges the Governor and the New York State Legislature to recognize the critical role the Commission plays in supporting rural communities and to provide increased appropriations to ensure the continuation and expansion of its services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to:

The Governor of New York State

Members of the New York State Senate and Assembly representing the Tug Hill region

The New York State Tug Hill Commission.

Trustee LaPlante seconded the motion; Vote is as follows:

AYES – Oatman, Kelley, LaPlante, Prieto, Scoville NAYS – None ABSTAIN - None

Seconded Public Comment: No public attendance.

A motion was made by Trustee LaPlante to pay all audited bills on Abstract #4 in the amount of \$37,975.24; inclusive of capital project payments, totaling \$ 13,458.36. The motion was seconded by Trustee Prieto 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 Kelley to approve the report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Trustee LaPlante and carried unanimously.

The August 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 Prieto and carried unanimously.

Clerk Carver presented the 1st payroll register of September 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.

As there was no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn at 6:39 p.m. was made by Trustee Scoville. The motion was seconded by Trustee LaPlante and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Lynnette Carver

Village Clerk