

October 13, 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 Prievo, and Todd Scoville. Also, present were Superintendent of Public Works John Heller, Village Clerk Lynnette Carver, CEO Vincent DeBaise, Police Sergeant Murphy, Fire Dept. Chief Norm Wallis, NOCCOG Rep. Lisa Bellinger, and Queen Central News Reporter Chelsea Cleveland.

The pledge was recited.

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.

Trustee Prieto made a motion to open the public hearing for proposed local law #4 of 2026, Amending Chapter 150 ("Zoning") to Prohibit Data Centers, Cryptocurrency Data Mines and High-Water-Use Digital Infrastructure Facilities in all Zoning Districts of the Village of Camden. Trustee Kelley seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Mayor Oatman opened the floor for public comment: no public attendance.

NOCCOG representative Lisa Bellinger reviewed the newsletter with the Board.

Sergeant Chad 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

Fire Dept. Chief Norm Wallis reviewed his report with the Board. Trustee Kelley made a motion to approve the following new members:

Christian Grant

Harold Closs

Thomas Hollibaugh

Restricted access: Havana Merchen

Trustee Scoville seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

Highlights included: The Village received a *hazardous condition* notice from the property owner of the Ripley Drive apartments. Trustee Kelley made a motion to remove the hazardous trees behind the Ripley Drive apartments. Trustee LaPlante seconded the motion; it was carried unanimously.

Trustee Kelley made a motion to remove both the two trees on Main Street near the Episcopal Church. Trustee LaPlante seconded the motion; it was carried unanimously.

Main Street Grant/Riverwalk Capital project update:

Superintendent Heller has continued to work with EDR on mapping.

Clerks report included:

- ❖ Village tax collection has been completed. Re-levy of unpaid taxes to Oneida County has been completed; in the amount of \$49,693.52.
- ❖ A letter to Oneida County certifying the positions up for reelection in March 2027, has been sent.
- ❖ Carver informed the Board that on October 9th the Village Office issued the annual Sexual Harassment/Discrimination Training and Workplace Violence Training. She further explained that training materials are available to any employees unable to participate.

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

Amount: \$1,003.18 From: A008560.40 To: A001640.40

Trustee LaPlante seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

The following sealed fuel, propane, and diesel bids for the November 1st 2026 to October 31st 2027 contract year were opened, and read aloud:

	<u>Fuel Oil</u>	<u>Propane</u>	<u>Diesel</u>
Superior Plus Propane	\$----	\$ 1.49	\$-----
Mirabito	\$4.7543	\$ 1.4400	\$5.5443
Buell Fuels	\$ 5.4300	\$ ---	\$5.4300

A motion was made by Trustee Scoville to accept the bid from Mirabito for propane in the amount of \$1.4400. Trustee Prievo seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously. A motion was made by Trustee Scoville to accept the bid from Mirabito for #2 fuel oil in the amount of \$4.7543. Trustee Prievo seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously. Trustee Kelley made a motion to reject all Diesel bids. Trustee Prievo seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

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

1. Imagine Greater Camden Tree lighting ceremony, to be held 11/28/26 @ 6:00 p.m.
2. And Holiday Stroll 12/11/26 @4:00pm-8:00pm

Trustee LaPlante seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Clerk Carver informed the Board; the Annual Contract for fire protection was sent to the Town. The Town of Camden resolved to approve and execute the 2027 fire contract with the Village of Camden. Therefore, Trustee Kelley made a motion to approve and execute the Town of Camden fire contract (1/1/2027-12/31/2027); in the amount of \$79,483.30. The motion was seconded by Trustee Scoville and carried unanimously.

Trustee Prievo made the motion to have the Mayor execute the agreement with NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation, accepting Cyber Secure grants 16 (Water) & 17 (Sewer) in the amount of \$25,000 each. The purpose of this grant is to strengthen essential cybersecurity for utilities. Trustee LaPlante seconded to motion and it carried unanimously.

Trustee Prievo made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #16 OF 2026/27

CAPITAL PROJECT (s) – CYBER

WHEREAS: On behalf of the Village of Camden, Camden Group has applied for, and the Village has been awarded two grants for cyber security.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Board of Trustees, of Camden, New York, Oneida County, New York, and based on the recommendation of the Water and Sewer Board of Commissioners (Ref. Water & Sewer Resolution #5 and #6 of 2026/27 – passage 10/5/2026) :

1. Treasurer Meagher is authorized to open two capital project accounts (titled: Water-Cyber and Sewer-Cyber); to receive grant reimbursements and pay associated project bills.
2. Treasurer Meagher is further authorized, to open associated expense accounts (G009550.93 & F009550.93) and fund, as this is a reimbursement style grant.

Trustee LaPlante seconded the motion; Vote as follows:

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

RESOLUTION #17 OF 2026/26

U-Audit

Trustee Kelley made a motion to enter into an agreement with U-Audit Associates to audit services which the Village uses and obtain refunds for overpayment. Also, U-Audit will help to identify cost reduction opportunities. Trustee LaPlante seconded the motion; it was carried unanimously; Vote as follows:

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

Old Business:

Project updates:

DPW Fire: None at this time

Salt Building: None at this time

Fire Truck: The Village is awaiting billing from Toyne.

New Business:

Seconded Public Comment was held.

Trustee Priervo made a motion to close the public hearing on proposed Local Law Amending Chapter 150 (“Zoning”) to Prohibit Data Centers, Cryptocurrency Data Mines and High-Water-Use Digital Infrastructure Facilities in all Zoning Districts of the Village of Camden. Trustee Kelley seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Trustee Priervo made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #18 OF 2026/26

LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF THE YEAR 2026

Village of Camden

Oneida County, New York

**A Local Law Amending Chapter 150 (“Zoning”) to Prohibit Data Centers,
Cryptocurrency Data Mines and High-Water-Use Digital Infrastructure
Facilities in all Zoning Districts of the Village of Camden**

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

Section 1. Purpose and Legislative Intent

The Village of Camden Board of Trustees finds that the development, construction, and operation of Data Centers, Cryptocurrency Data Mines, and High-Water-Use Digital Infrastructure Facilities may pose significant threats to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Village of Camden. Accordingly, pursuant to Village Law §7-700, it is the intent of this Local Law to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Village of Camden by prohibiting Data Centers, Cryptocurrency Data Mines, and High-Water-Use Digital Infrastructure Facilities in all zoning districts. The Village Board finds that large-scale Data Centers, Cryptocurrency Data Mines, and similar digital infrastructure facilities cause significant adverse environmental, aesthetic, health and safety impacts, including, but not limited to, consuming extraordinary quantities of municipal water; requiring electrical loads far beyond the Village’s distribution capacity; generating continuous mechanical noise from cooling systems and backup generators, produce significant heat discharge and stormwater impacts; are incompatible with the scale, character and infrastructure of the Village; and would require substantial public infrastructure upgrades at taxpayer expense.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to the authority granted under Section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York, which authorizes the Village of Camden to adopt and amend local laws that are not inconsistent with the State Constitution nor general law and that are related to the government, protection, order, conduct, safety, health, and well-being of persons or property of the Village. This local law is also adopted pursuant to Article 7 of the Village Law of the State of New York which 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 also amend those regulations from time to time.

Section 3. Amendments

Article I - Section 150-3. Definitions; word usage.

Article I, §150-3 (B) is hereby amended to add the following definitions:

ACCESSORY DATA CENTER – A building, or structure, or partial use of a building or structure, used to store, manage, process or transmit digital data for business uses, including computers, network equipment systems, servers, and other associated components related to the digital data storage and operations that is secondary, subordinate and customarily incidental to and located on the same lot as the principal use of a property. Such a use cannot dominate the property or operate as an independent principal use.

CRYPTOCURRENCY – A digital currency in which encryption techniques are used to regulate the generation of units of currency and verify the transfer of funds, operating independently of a central bank.

CRYPTOCURRENCY DATA MINE – A specific type of data center using a facility or use of land, buildings, or structures where computing equipment is used to solve complex mathematical algorithms in connection with verifying and adding transactions to a blockchain or other distributed ledger, commonly known as cryptocurrency mining. For purposes of this law, a cryptocurrency data mining operation shall be considered a distinct land use, different from a data center as defined in this section.

DATA CENTER – An industrial use facility that is primarily used for the storage, management, processing, and transmission of digital data, and which houses computer or network equipment, systems, servers, appliances, and other associated components related to the digital data storage and processing as a principal land use on a parcel. Equipment and accessories customary to data centers including, but not limited to air handlers, power generators, water cooling and storage facilities, utility substations, and other associated utility infrastructure shall also be considered part of a data center.

HIGH-WATER-USE DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITY – Any use that consumes more than 5,000 gallons per day of municipal water for cooling, processing, or mechanical operations associated with digital data storage or computing.

Article III - District Regulations

A new subsection is added to Article III as follows:

§150-7.1 Prohibited Digital Infrastructure Uses

A. The following uses are prohibited in all zoning districts of the Village of Camden:

- (1) Data Centers;
- (2) Cryptocurrency Data Mines;
- (3) High-Water-Use Digital Infrastructure Facilities;
- (4) Any use requiring more than 5,000 gallons/day of municipal water for cooling or mechanical operations;
- (5) Any use requiring electrical service exceeding the existing distribution capacity of the Village without public infrastructure upgrades.

B. Such uses shall not be eligible for a Special Use Permit, Site Plan approval, variance, or any other discretionary approval.

Amendment to Schedule A (“Use Table”)

Schedule A is amended by adding the following rows under “Industrial and Utility Uses”:

Use Category	R-100	R-60	RT	VC	HC	M	P
Data Center	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cryptocurrency Data Mine	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
High-Water-Use Digital Infrastructure Facility	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Section 4. Nonconforming Uses

No existing use shall be deemed a lawful nonconforming use under this Local Law unless it was legally established and operating as a data center prior to the effective date of this law. No expansion, enlargement, or intensification of any such use shall be permitted.

Section 5. SEQRA

The Village Board hereby determines that this Local Law constitutes an Unlisted Action under SEQRA. A Negative Declaration may be issued upon finding no significant adverse environmental impacts.

Section 6. 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 7. When Effective

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the Secretary of State.
Trustee Kelley seconded the motion; Vote as follows:
AYES - Oatman, Kelley, LaPlante, Prievo, Scoville NAYS - None ABSTAIN - None

Trustee Kelley made a motion to approve the following:
The Village of Camden will apply to participate in the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority Reduced Tip Fee Program for a second time. This program aids residents in disposal of disaster debris (ie. damaged buildings from heavy snow in Feb. 2024).
Trustee Scoville seconded the motion; Vote as follows:
AYES: Kelley, LaPlante, Prievo, Scoville NAYS: None ABSTAIN: Oatman

A motion was made by Trustee Prievo to pay all audited bills on Abstract #8 in the amount of \$178,095.26; inclusive of capital project payments, totaling \$5997.00. 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 Kelley to approve the report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Trustee Prievo and carried unanimously.

The September 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 Prievo and carried unanimously.

Clerk Carver presented the 1st payroll register of October 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 Scoville and carried unanimously.

At 7:15 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 7:22 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.

As there was no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. was made by Trustee Scoville. The motion was seconded by Trustee Prievo and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted
Lynnette Carver
Village Clerk