

Village of Wampsville

November 4, 2024

The meeting of the Village of Wampsville Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:31 pm in the Village Hall, located at 118 N. Court St. Wampsville, NY.

In Attendance: Mayor: Gerald Seymour Jr.
Trustees: Marcia Rafte, Douglas Bailey, Dawn Collins
Others: Monte Collucci, Debbi Waxenfeld, Amelia McLean-Robertson, Lori Seymour, Jeff Salerno

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited at 6:32 pm

Minutes: The board is presented with the last meeting minutes. Marcia Rafte makes a motion to accept minutes. Dawn Collins seconds the motion. Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

Residence Comments: Jeff Salerno asked a question about snowplowing.

Electrical Upgrade To 400 Amps: Jeff Salerno spoke to the board regarding the need to upgrade the service from 200 amp to 400 amp. Currently the power is inadequate to support the fire department and the future needs of the village. The service dates to the 1950s and it is not updated to today's codes. To be a refuge in case of an emergency and to utilize the new generator properly an upgrade is needed. A motion was made by Dawn Collins to accept the estimate from Jeff Salerno Electric, LLC to install a new 400-amp Electrical service to the building. Douglas Baily seconds the motion. Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

Planning: Lori Seymour has submitted her resignation to the board but will be available as an alternate. Marcia Rafte made a motion to accept her resignation and to appoint her as an alternative and Dawn Collins seconded the motion. Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried. An additional motion was made to appoint Kyle Ortlieb to the board by Dawn Collins. Douglas Bailey seconds the motion. Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.
Lori Seymour advised that the board met in October. They spent most of the meeting working on updating the language for the Fence Laws. They still have some work to do to make the language more simplified. They will meet in November and present the updates to Joe Fratteschi for review before holding a public meeting in January. She also mentioned that more work needs to be done to fix some small errors to the local laws, perhaps a sub-committee will be needed to go page by page.

Village Attorney: Joe was unavailable to attend, Amelia McLean-Robertson attended in his place. She had nothing new to report.

Village Clerk/ Financials: Debbi Waxenfeld provided the board with the October bank statements, Operating Statement and the monthly bills. In review of the operating statement, it was identified that the amount of the Village Audit was \$50.00 over budget. She asked for a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$13,333.15 and to appropriate \$50.00

from Contingency 19904.1 to the Village Auditor CE line 13204.1. Dawn Collins makes a motion to approve and pay all the bills presented tonight and to appropriate \$50.00 from Contingency 19904.1 to Village Auditor CE 13204.1. Marcia Rafte seconds the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

Fire Department: Monte, the Fire Chief provided the Chief's report. There were 13 calls, one of which was mutual aid to a large outdoor fire in Bridgeport. He advised it was a relatively quiet month. The fire department participated in the Fall Fest at Jake's Greenhouse, and he felt it was a great success. He spoke with many children and handed out bags and booklets. In addition, there could be a new member as a result. The fire department also had a truck at the Trunk or Treat event. Upcoming events are the Canastota's parade of lights and Wampsville's Tree lighting. Monte also discussed that we have new air pacs in service and the idea of donating the old ones to other departments or those in the south affected by storms. A washer that can wash the turnouts has been ordered. We are looking into the possibility of using a grant to purchase a dryer as they are very expensive (5,000+). Training for NYS school fire behavior has been requested. The tanker and pickup truck will be getting rust proofing done.

Town of Lenox: Noone from the Town of Lenox was present and nothing was sent to discuss.

Infrastructure: Jerry sent the old contract for plowing to Oneida for plowing Daniels Drive and Oneida responded and they may agree to a 2- or 4-year contract instead of annual. Awaiting a response regarding a shared service contract with the State DOT and will have Joe review and present it at the next meeting.

Event Committee: Trunk or Treat was held on October 26th from 2-4. We had 19 trunks this year. There were about 150 kids which is less than last year. We feel that we had a lot of competition with Canastota and Oneida, but overall, we were happy with the turnout. More local businesses participated this year and we received generous donations from businesses. The tree lighting will be December 1st. The event committee will need to shop soon to get gifts and treats for the children.

Mayor's Comments: Jerry went to the Madison County Mayor's Association meeting in Hamilton. He received multiple county updates including information about the landfill. A new internet service should be coming to the county to allow residents an option other than Spectrum. Jerry will be on vacation next week.

Trustee's Comments: Dawn asked if there had been any updates regarding the storm drain on Route 5, but there had not been anything new. Jerry will follow up with codes.

Correspondence: Water report was received.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:42 pm is made by Marcia Rafte, Douglas Bailey seconds motion. Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

Next meeting is December 3, 2024, at 6:30 pm.