

**Village of Wampsville  
Minutes  
November 4, 2025**

Mayor Seymour called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gerald Seymour Jr., Trustees: Marcia Rafte, Douglas Bailey, Dawn Collins, Ellen Bowe. Others: Village Clerk/Treasurer Debbi Waxenfeld, Sue Brown, Carol and Bill Colvin

Motion by Trustee Rafte, seconded by Trustee Bailey, to approve the attached meeting minutes from the October 21, 2025, meeting. All in favor

**Residents**

No public comments were made.

**Village Attorney**

Attorney Frateschi's wife had her baby; they are doing well. He was not in attendance.

**ZBA/Planning**

1. Alternates for ZBA/Planning

Due to concerns that we were losing a member of the ZBA/Planning Board, research was done regarding having alternate board members that can fill in when there is an absence. Based on research and a conversation with Attorney Frateschi, the board would like to appoint two alternates to the ZBA/Planning board. Each person would need to follow the same rules as the board members, including 4 hours of training per year. The alternates would receive the same compensation for attendance and training hours as regular members.

A motion was made by Trustee Collins to appoint Lori Seymour and Timothy King as alternate ZBA/Planning board members. Trustee Bowe seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

**Financial Report/ Clerk's Concerns**

Debbi Waxenfeld provided the board with the Operating Statements, Bank statements and the monthly bills.

1. Taxes to county – The county sent the Collector's Return Document for review and signature. Upon review, the amount indicated of \$4,759.82 was correct. Debbi signed and returned the form to the county.
2. Debbi Waxenfeld asked for a motion to pay the bills presented. Trustee Bowe made a motion to pay the current bills in the amount of \$12,138.58, Trustee Bailey seconds the motion. All in favor.
3. A motion was made by Trustee Bowe to approve ordering 500 printer-friendly checks from Canastota Publishing Company; Trustee Collins seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

**Event Committee**

Debbi Waxenfeld let the board know that we had 16 trunks for Trunk or Treat. The weather was not great, and attendance was low with just over 100 kids attending. The event itself was set up

well and the trunks filled the space nicely. The firetruck blocking the end of the road was a great addition. Those that we spoke with feel the event is worth doing again and don't mind the smaller scale. Our next event is the Tree Lighting. This year we will have Emily Perry lead the caroling. Santa will go out on the firetruck around 5:00 and we will start the tree lighting at 6:00. The Canastota Recreation has some potential upcoming events including Fall Harvest Craft show on 11/23, Holiday Run on 11/29, Birds and Bagels on 12/3 and Lights on the Lake 12/9.

### **Fire Department**

Chief Sumner was not in attendance.

### **Town of Lenox**

No one from the Town of Lenox was present.

### **Infrastructure**

1. Shared Service Contract with the state. Mayor Seymour shared a letter from the NYS Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) regarding the renewal of a Shared Service Agreement (SSA) between NYSDOT and our municipality. After discussion and review, a motion was made by Trustee Rafte to allow the mayor to sign the agreement with a two-year term. Trustee Bailey seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

### **Mayor's Comments**

1. County Concerns-Sales Tax and Host Community money- there have been talks of the sales tax being capped at the amounts from 2024 and the county would keep anything above that amount. Sales tax continue to increase, and this would be a loss of income for the Village. There are also concerns about changes made to the Host money that we receive. There have been several proposals for how to adjust the amount each village/town receives. Mayor Seymour plans to attend meetings and will voice concerns.
2. Septic – An agreement was sent to the mayor from B&L regarding the septic project. Our attorney reviewed and said that this is just a standard agreement, and it would be ok to sign. The engineering company will keep track of costs and the status of their findings. Mayor Seymour asked for a motion to allow him to sign the agreement. Trustee Bowe made the motion and Trustee Rafte seconded. All were in favor.
3. Finance Committee – Legislative Priorities - NYCOM- The mayor is part of the finance committee, and he attended a meeting regarding the priorities of the legislative committee. This allows them to know what is most important to push for. One item of interest that was brought up is aid for host communities for SUNY colleges. The mayor added that there should be consideration for the communities with municipalities as well.
4. Mats – There was a misunderstanding in the price of the service as previously discussed. The cost was \$30 a week, so it was decided that we will not move forward at this time.
5. Snowplow contract – The contract was sent to Oneida for Wampsville plowing the end of Daniel's Drive. The city manager advised that he would present it to the board. He also indicated that it would be good to meet and to have some conversations regarding the water contract that expires in 2028. It was agreed that if Oneida doesn't approve and pay for the plowing that we would not plow that section of the road.

**Trustee's Comments**

No comments.

**Correspondence**

None to report.

A motion was made by Trustee Bowe at 7:05 to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Rafte seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Next meeting to pay any bills is November 18, 2025, at 6:00 pm and the next regularly scheduled meeting is December 2, 2025, at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Debbi Waxenfeld*

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Clerk/Treasurer