

Village of Wampsville

September 3, 2024

The meeting of the Village of Wampsville Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 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, Ellen Bowe
Others: Debbi Waxenfeld, Bill & Carol Colvin, Maryanne Anderson, Joseph Fratteschi, Stephen Turrin, Sue and Alex Browne

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited at 6:31 pm

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

Residence Comments: Sue Browne advised that Elaine Williams from Elm Street died recently.

Public Hearing for Prohibiting Battery Farms: Motion to open the public hearing for prohibiting battery farms was made by Marcia. Stephen is against having the farm, concerned about electric bills going up. Sue asked if they can force the farms upon the village. Joe advised that we have done all that we can do to ban it. Jerry advised that we have mirrored the Town of Lenox law. Motion to close the public hearing made by Doug, Marcia seconds the motion.
Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

Planning: Jerry spoke on behalf of the board; A meeting was held last week to discuss E360 – there are four parts. Initial copies reviewed the wording. The board didn't feel that policies are needed on the 360 reports. They've sent the information in and are awaiting a response for Phase 2.

Village Attorney: Joe didn't have anything new to report. Short Environmental Assessment Form was reviewed regarding the Impact Assessment regarding banning the battery farms. No, or small impact may occur. Motion made by Marcia Rafte and seconded by Douglas Bailey. All in Favor – motion carried.

Adopt LL 2024-2 Prohibit Battery Storage Systems: Motion to adopt Law 2024-2 entitled "A Local Law To Amend Chapter 1 and Chapter 9, Section 9.6(l) of the Code of the Village of Wampsville to Prohibit Tier Two and Larger Battery Energy Storage Systems" was made by Ellen Bowe and Seconded by Douglas Bailey. All in Favor- motion carried.

Financials: Debbi Waxenfeld advised that all vouchers have been input in the new accounting system for the fiscal year to current. Dawn Collins makes a motion to approve and

pay all the bills presented tonight. Marcia Rafte seconds the motion. All in favor – motion carried. Current bank balances and investments were provided to the board for review.

Fire Department: Monte, the Fire Chief, was not available. No comments left.

Update Generator: Jerry shared that the generator is here and the work has begun on the gas lines. Potentially less pipe will be needed and the price might be adjusted. It was suggested by Jeff Salerno that we should install a siren switch as the siren uses 50 amps and we would want to bypass the siren when we are using the generator. Also suggested that we install a block aid to protect the generator from a vehicle or plow hitting it. Jerry will look at prices and purchase a structure. Dawn asked if the generator should be added to our insurance policy. Jerry said that he would call and check on that.

Town of Lenox: Town of Lenox was not present.
Jerry advised that the dump is now charging for green waste. However, the Town of Lenox will pick up leaves as long as they are in brown bags. Jerry was able to purchase around bundles of leaf bags for 50 cents a piece and we will offer them to residents to use. Dawn commented how great the Town of Lenox is about picking up limbs and brush.

Infrastructure: Christina Court is finished and the final cost was approximately \$5,000 less than quoted.

Event Committee: The event committee met on August 29th to review the Wampsville Summer Wave and future events. All agreed that the Summer Wave was a great success with approximately 70 people attending. We will look to hold a similar event next year. Trunk or Treat will be held October 26th from 2-4. The Holiday celebration will be held December 1st. The Car Show is Sunday at the fireman's field. Canastota has several events coming up including the Dye Dash, Trunk or Treat, Harvest Craft Fair and potentially a trip to Critz Farm.

Mayor's Comments: We have submitted the NYSERDA grant and they have done the energy evaluation. Will advise when we receive a response from the grant submission.
The newsletter will be created and sent out soon.
Debbi will be attending the NYCOM meetings in Saratoga Springs the week of September 16th.

Trustee's Comments: Ellen Bowe had a meeting with Joslyn from Hamilton PCO, this is a county wide chamber of commerce that works with Hamilton and Cazinovia areas. She spoke with her regarding her concerns for housing for the elderly and she found out there could possibly be some grants. She will introduce her to Jerry to discuss further. Also she spoke with her about other grants that might be available for street lighting and benches for the trail.

Correspondence: Just advertisements for correspondence received.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:02 pm is made by Ellen Bowe. Marcia Rafte seconds motion. Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

Next meeting October 1, 2024 at 6:30