

# Village of Wampsville

**November 1, 2022**

The meeting of the Village of Wampsville Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:35 pm in the Village Hall, located at 118 N. Court St. Wampsville, NY.

**In Attendance:** Mayor: Gerald Seymour Jr.  
Trustees: Douglas Bailey, Dawn Collins, Marcia Rafte, Ellen Bowe  
Clerk/ Treasurer: Maddison Jaquin  
Others: Dominick Perretta, John Pinard, Heather Denby, Wayne & Mary Anne Anderson, Carol & Bill Colvin.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited at 6:36 pm

**Minutes:** Motion to approve last month minutes is made by Dawn Collins and seconded by Douglas Bailey.

Discussion: None.

Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

**Resident Comments:** Residents came in asking about what was happening with the proposed Solar Farm on South Court Street. The Andersons spotted a bulldozer that came in last Thursday and left yesterday. The Comments led the meeting to jump forward to the topic of the Solar Farm.

**Solar Farm:** The Solar Farm Moratorium will need to be done again as we had incorrect information to the steps required for a moratorium. A representative from Lone Star Energy will come to the next Planning Board Meeting to bring a presentation, this will be held on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 at the Village Hall at 6:00pm. Mrs. Anderson suggest sending letters to the folks on S. Court so they can attend the meeting. Discussion continues amounts Board Members and John Pinard from Town of Lenox about their dealings with Solar Farms and things to be mindful of. John Pinard stated we can also bill the applicant for any attorney fees incurred. Many members express concern for wasting our agricultural land as Heather Denby pointed out that 45 acres of the project is tillable land.

**Res #10-2022:** Motion for a Public Hearing for a Solar Moratorium on Dec 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm is made by Douglas Bailey and seconded by Dawn Collins.

Discussion: None.

Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

**Planning:** Chairman, Justin Szratter was unable to attend but is just reviewing the Solar Farm information and waiting to proceed when an application is submitted.

## **Financials/ Clerk's Comments:**

Maddison Jaquin, Clerk/ Treasurer, provides revenues and expenses for last month to the Board. She also went over the appropriations. She asked for budget amendments as follows. \$573.99 from A1990.0 to A1320.4, A1620.46 and A33202 for the amounts over. Account A5110.4 is over \$30,426.20 as \$14,500 incurred last year and wasn't billed until this year. And the bid for the roadwork was higher than we were estimated.

Motion to accept budget transfers as stated by the Treasurer is made by Ellen Bowe and seconded by Marcia Rafte.

Discussion: None.

Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

**Town of Lenox:** Dominick Perretta shares November 7<sup>th</sup> is the water districts public hearing and sewer expansion public hearing. John Pinard shares that taxes are 2/10<sup>th</sup> of a penny less than last year's. The next Town of Lenox meeting will be held on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Fire Dept:** Bill Colvin updated the Board that the truck is currently in the paint shop but the painters were out sick and anticipated further delays.

**Event Committee:** Jerry Seymour shares the great turn out for the Trunk or Treat events. He estimates around 400 kids showed up and 19 vehicles participated including the Fire Dept and 3 local police agencies.

**Speed Signs:** The speed signs are finally being put up. The S Court speed sign was installed and in operation earlier today. The mayor extended thanks to Mike and Bill Colvin for their help.

**Annexation:** Jerry Seymour, Mayor, shares that he got 6/9 of the property owners to sign his petition and got the City of Oneida Assessor to certify it was over 51% that was needed.

**Trustee Comments:** Ellen Bowe shared the pick up at OSMS is not smooth since they revamped the parking lot.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:13 pm is made by Ellen Bowe and seconded by Marcia Rafte.

Discussion: None

Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.