

Village of Wampsville

October 1, 2024

The meeting of the Village of Wampsville Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:32 pm in the Village Hall, located at 118 N. Court St. Wampsville, NY.

In Attendance: Mayor: Gerald Seymour Jr.
Trustees: Marcia Rafte, Ellen Bowe
Others: Monte Collucci, Dominick Perretta, Debbi Waxenfeld, Mary Ann Anderson, Joseph Fratteschi, Lori Seymour

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. Ellen Bowe seconds the motion. Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

Residence Comments: Mary Ann Anderson had some comments regarding contacting the solar company about marking existing utilities. She's not received a response from Eric Anderson's replacement T. Nolan.

Planning: Lori Seymour advised that the board met in September. They are working on getting some training done. They've been working on updating the language for the Fence Law. Pros and cons of the current law versus updating them. Also want to familiarize themselves with the comprehensive plans that are in place.
Joe Fratteschi provided his thoughts on both regulating and not regulating approaches. He advised that the village stands to be in the middle of neighbor disputes by having too much regulation on fence laws.
Lori will research neighboring laws and bring them to the planning board for further review.
Jerry would like to investigate having code violations be handled at the board meetings as the courts are backed up.

Village Attorney: Joe didn't have anything new to report. Monte asked him about the waiver that he had presented to him previously regarding pumping basements and the Fire Department not being liable for any damage. Joe advised that the wording looked good.

Village Clerk/ Financials: Debbi Waxenfeld reported that the training is going well, and hopes to have a good understanding of the new accounting system soon.
Tax Update: Currently we have 7 properties that have unpaid taxes. Completed the form that goes to the county and had the board sign.
Bills: Since it is the 1st of the month, not all bills have arrived. The bills received as of today were \$14,256.71.
Marcia Rafte makes a motion to approve and pay all the bills presented tonight as well as the standard ones that will be received before the next meeting. Ellen Bowe 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 provided the Chief's report. There were 10 calls, one of which was the gas leak on the corner of Court Street and Route 5. He reported on closing

the road for safety. He along with Jerry and Marcia attended a recent OSHA meeting in Hamilton. There are still a lot of questions. He advised that they are looking into getting a washer so that they can wash the gear. To get one that can handle the gear it would be around \$6,000. He is working to see if he can get some funding.

Monte advised there are potentially two new, young volunteers. Two tankers need to go in for yearly service and rust proofing is needed. Monte also discussed possible mandates that will be approved and how it affects the current trucks.

Town of Lenox: Dominick Perretta said there wasn't a lot to report, but that the town was looking to make some changes to the rules regarding tiny houses. They are taking a six-month moratorium to look at the law and possibly change it from 450 feet to 650 feet. Marcia asked about using containers for houses and he said that is not allowed.

Infrastructure: Jerry sent the old contract for plowing to Oneida for plowing Daniels Drive and is hoping for a 3-year contract instead of annual. For the snow removal of the sidewalks, it was agreed that Derrick Fields does a great job, and we'd like to continue to use him. A motion was made by Marcia Rafte to renew the sidewalk contract with Derrick Fields for the same price as last year. Ellen Bowe seconds the motion. All in favor – motion carried.
Jerry submitted a CHIPS request for the paving of Christina Court. Should receive a check in December.

Event Committee: Trunk or Treat will be held October 26th from 2-4. Currently have about 10 confirmed trunks. Will work on getting more. The Holiday celebration will be held December 1st. Canastota has several events coming up including the Dye Dash, Trunk or Treat, Harvest Craft Fair and a trip to Critz Farm.

Mayor's Comments: Jerry had spoken with an electrician regarding getting an on-demand hot water heater and it was identified that we only have 200-amp service, where we should have 400-amp service to manage all that we use. The price to upgrade is \$25,000-30,000. Jerry will obtain other estimates.
We have secured the NYSERDA grant for \$10,000 but we are unable to use on the windows. Possible usage could be towards an Electric Dryer or towards the hot water heater.
The newsletter has been sent to the printer.
November's meeting is election day.
A motion to move the meeting to November 4th at 6:30pm was made by Marcia Rafte and Ellen Bowe seconds the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

Trustee's Comments: No comments.

Correspondence: Just advertisements for correspondence received.

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

Next meeting November 4, 2024, at 6:30 pm.