

Village of Wampsville

October 4, 2022

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: Douglas Bailey, Dawn Collins, Marcia Rafte
Clerk/ Treasurer: Maddison Jaquin
Others: Justin Szratter, Lori Seymour, Dominick Perretta, Heather Denby, Stephen Touron

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited at 6:30 pm

Minutes: Motion to approve last month minutes is made by Dawn Collins and seconded by Marcia Rafte.

Discussion: None.

Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

Village Attorney: Jerry Seymour will forward Heather Denby the solar application. Mayor inquired weather the SEQRA should be filled out as a whole project or if it will be segmented as they are proposing as a driveway permit.

Planning: Chairman, Justin Szratter, states the Comprehensive Plan is completely revised and wants the Board to adopt it. Justin shares that the shed topic has fallen back burner since we just got the solar farm permit. Dominick Perretta asked for a copy of the Comprehensive Plan as the Town of Lenox should have it on file. Lori Seymour shared that we should not be editing the Comprehensive Plan at all until we have the review sessions every 5-10 years as our Board sees fit.

Res #8-2022: Dawn Collins made a motion to adopt the Comprehensive Plan presented to the Board. Douglas Bailey seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Record to Vote: Dawn Collins -Yay Douglas Bailey – Yay Marcia Rafte – Yay Gerald Seymour Jr – Yay Ellen Bowe – Absent. All in Favor Motion – Carried.

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 the Board for motions for budget amendments to accounts listed in report. She also asks the Board for permission to close the Trust and Agency account as it is no longer useful. Maddison also tells the Board she believes we should try to piggy bag of the Town of Lenox accounting software as it may be the only way it is affordable.

Motion to make budget amendments is made by Marcia Rafte. Seconded by Dawn Collins.

Discussion: None.

Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

Motion to Trust and Agency Account is made by Marcia Rafte. Seconded by Dawn Collins.

Discussion: None.

Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

Motion to transfer the money out of the Tax account is made by Douglas Bailey and seconded by Dawn Collins.

Discussion: None.

Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

Town of Lenox:

Dominick Perretta shares that earlier today the Town went over their new budget. The taxes are to remain the same, but he hasn't had the opportunity to look it over too much as it was only a few hours ago. Dominick shares that the Town of Lenox did raise fees for the solar farms. Reinforced protection and raised standards on coverage and trees/shrubbery.

Infrastructure:

The 3 roads were just paved. There was outside comment commending the great work done by Ulster Paving.

Event Committee:

Lori Seymour head of the Event Committee shares that a week and a half ago she held a meeting at Village Hall looking for more members. She has 2 residents show. Deb Waxenfield and Alisha. The group of ladies came u with some great ideas including a Snowman Village at the Fireman's Field, movie night at the gymnasium of Heritage Baptist Church, Book Club, Old Home Days and a community spring clean up event. The group talked about the picnic attendance and believed next year we should try to do it in June as the end of the summer has too many sports and activities for families on weekends. Some other ideas were having all events tie into donations for the Food Bank or other charities alike. Lori brings to the Board a reoccurring issue of communicating with village residents and asked the Board to create a Facebook page that doesn't allow outside comments that the mayor approves of content and the Clerk will post. That way we don't need to worry so much about FOILS.

Res #9-2022:

Motion to set up a facebook page without allowing outside comments is made by Dawn Collins and seconded by Douglas Bailey.

Discussion: Dawn Collins has wanted a facebook page and Douglas Bailey believes we should reach out to other municipalities that have one. Marcia Rafte doesn't feel compelled to vote on the subject as she is not facebook literate.

Record to Vote: Dawn Collins – Yay, Douglas Bailey- Yay, Gerald Seymour Jr – Yay Marcia – No Comment Ellen Bowe- Absent. Majority in favor - Motion carried.

Speed Signs:

The mayor shares another step into getting the electronic speed signs on Route 5 include a resolution to agree to the undertaking of the electronic signs. The Town of Lenox put the break aways in on N Court and S Court. Waiting on Bill Colvin to get back to put them up.

Res #10-2022: Motion to sign and acknowledge the Village's undertaking of the electronic speed signs is made by Deputy Mayor, Dawn Collins, and seconded by Trustee, Marcia Rafte.
Discussion: Brief discussion about the process required to get the signs on Route 5.

Record to Vote: Douglas Bailey – Yay, Dawn Collins- Yay, Marcia Rafte- Yay, Gerald Seymour Jr – Yay, Ellen Bowe – Absent. All present in favor – Motion carried.

Annexation: Jerry Seymour, Mayor, shares that the back side of Daniels Drive has 8 houses and 9 properties in total he wishes to annex into the Village of Wampsville. The Village had a lawyer Joe come and have a meeting about the process. Helen Ecker, the Mayor of Oneida, sat in on the meeting as well as our Board. Joe will do all the steps beside the petition. Jerry already approached 5 residents and has 4 pledging to sign.

Mayor Comments: Jerry Seymour shared that Joe mentioned combining the ZBA and the Planning Board that were there is less conflict on issues as the people doing the SEQRA will also be doing the ZBA meeting. It will also save time as 2 meetings can be done in the same nights and will save on training expenses because only one Board will need to do the training not 2.

Lori Seymour states she thinks the Planning Board does a lot of work and believes that they should be offered some type of incentive. All agree. She also inquired if combining the ZBA and Planning Board will be 2 separate heads. Jerry responded with uncertainty, but we will investigate the matter further.

Trustee Comments: Marcia Rafte points out the new lending Library here at Village Hall. You can bring a book and borrow another. Dawn Collins has a cricket machine and offered to make a sign for the cabinet doors.

Douglas Bailey relays his appreciation for Dominick Perretta attending our meetings.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:55 pm is made by Marcia Rafte. Seconded by Dawn Collins.

Discussion: None

Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.