

# Village of Wampsville

**November 2, 2021**

The meeting of the Village of Wampsville Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30pm in the Village Hall, located at 118 N. Court St. Wampsville, NY.

**In Attendance:** Mayor: Gerald Seymour Jr.  
Trustees: Douglas Bailey, Ellen Bowe, Dawn Collins, and Jacob Hatch  
Clerk/ Treasurer: Maddison Jaquin  
Village Attorney: Heather Denby  
Fire Chief: Chris Colvin  
Others: Justin Szratter, Stephen Touron, Dominick Perretta, Scott Blanchard, Lori Seymour

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited at 6:31pm

**Public Comment:** Dominick Perretta and Scott Blanchard both took the opportunity to introduce themselves as candidates for the Town of Lenox election. Both parties state the desire to include and unify Wampsville within the Town of Lenox.

## **Reviewed Minutes:**

**Res. #63-2021:** Jacob Hatch made a motion to accept October Board Meeting Minutes. Dawn Collins seconded the motion.  
Discussion: None.  
Record to Vote: All in favor- motion carried.

**Village Attorney:** Heather Denby stated she did submit the local law change. Brief discussion about the speed in front of the school. Nothing further. Ms. Denby dismissed herself.

**Cannabis:** Brief recap on cannabis situation. Asked whether farms would be able to produce and sell if Oneida or Wampsville opt in. Brief discussion on circumstances. No straightforward answer. Still, plenty of unknowns on the topic.

**Res. #64-2021:** Ellen Bowe made a motion for a public hearing on cannabis on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Douglas Bailey seconded Ellen's motion.  
Discussion: Brief clarification on what type of meeting it will be. Public Hearing. Ellen Bowe brought up looking into how to prevent the consumption/ smoking of cannabis on public sidewalks within the Village of Wampsville. Mayor Gerald Seymour Jr. said he will research avenues to prohibit such actions.  
Record to Vote: All in favor- motion carried.

**Clerk's Comments:** Maddison Jaquin discussed meeting with the Village of Canastota Clerk on November 9<sup>th</sup> to ask questions. Discussed the errors with the Trust & Agency account/ payroll withholdings. Mrs. Jaquin also suggested for Trustees to alternate coming into the office to audit the checkbook on monthly basis. Maddison also asked for a motion to transfer money to accounts to pay bills as well as transfer money from the Tax account to General Savings leaving the Tax account with \$100 as done in the past.

**Financial Reports:** Maddison Jaquin presented the financial reports as well as spreadsheets regarding the repairs done at Village Hall. Ellen Bowe voiced her belief of having speed signs installed is of higher concern than the installation of the sign. Much discussion about already approving the purchase of said speed signs upon providing the Board with costs, warranties and options at an early meeting Ellen was not in attendance of.

- Res. #65-2021:** Dawn Collins made a motion for approval of the purchase of 2 speed signs after providing information about warranties, life expectancy and maintenance for no more than \$10,000. Jacob Hatch seconded the motion.
- Discussion: Chris Colvin stated that battery operated units are more hassle on the maintenance side and suggested looking into solar units as they will be operational longer. Ellen agreed to look extensively into the options.
- Record to Vote: All in favor- motion carried.
- Res. #66-2021:** Dawn Collins made a motion to transfer the rest of the money from the Tax checking account to the general savings account leaving a \$100 balance in the Tax account as done in the past. Douglas Bailey seconded the motion.
- Discussion: None.
- Record to Vote: All in favor- motion carried.
- Res. #67-2021:** Jacob Hatch made a motion to accept the financial reports. Dawn Collins seconded the motion.
- Discussion: None.
- Record to Vote: All in favor- motion carried.
- Fire Department:** Fire Chief, Chris Colvin needs to purchase a new alarm system. The current system is not operation and even if it was working it has no functionality. Chris abandoned the first contractor and found someone out of Rome who quoted him anywhere from \$3,200 to \$3,500 to get a new alarm system with heat detectors. Also, the contractor fixed the fire whistle. Chris will have it operational tomorrow. He is waiting for costs associated with the monitoring of the system. Chris will call to have the door contractors back out here to fix the doors that were not done correctly. He explained the issues he was having and the need to purchase a new compressor. Dawn Collins said there should be plenty of money in the budget for the small purchase, Chris believes to be a few hundred dollars.
- Res. #68-2021:** Jacob Hatch made a motion to approve the purchase of a new alarm system and the monitoring service not to exceed \$5,000. Ellen Bowe Seconded the motion for the alarm system.
- Discussion: Brief discussion amongst board members about price limit. Agreed \$5,000 should suffice.
- Record to Vote: All in favor- motion carrier.
- Budget Modification:** Mayor, Gerald Seymour Jr., described need to move the \$125,000 from the Grant into revenue and then into the building repair account A-1620.46.
- Res. #69-2021:** Jacob Hatch made the motion to accept the budget modification presented by the mayor. Ellen Bowe seconded the motion.
- Discussion. None.
- Record to Vote: All in favor- motion carried.
- Approve Alex Brown:** Alex Brown is now cleaning and maintenance. Has already saved the Village money by ripping up the ceiling in the basement. Applauded him on his cleaning and hard work. Ellen Bowe states possibility of having him do the mowing and yardwork as well. Mayor, Gerald Seymour Jr. exclaimed that was included in the scope of work and will save the village even more money in the future.
- Resolution #70-2021:** Ellen Bowe made the motion to approve of Alex Brown as the new maintenance man in charge of cleaning, grounds keeping and such. Dawn Collins seconded her motion.
- Discussion: None.

Record to Vote: All in favor- motion carried.

**Trunk or Treat:** Mayor, Gerald Seymour Jr, thanked everyone who had come or participated. Estimated to have about 300 children in attendance with 18 cars. Mayor expresses high hopes to make this an annual event with even more cars and planning next year.

**Tree Lighting:** Mayor, Gerald Seymour Jr, asked the Fire Chief which date was best for the decorating of the fire trucks. Dawn mentioned the Village use to coincide with the Munnsville parade of lights.

**Resolution #71-2021:** Dawn Collins makes the motion to have the Tree Lighting Ceremony on November 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm versus the previous agreed upon date. Ellen Bowe seconds.

Discussion: None.

Record to Vote: All in Favor- motion carried.

**Building Grant:** Mayor, Gerald Seymour Jr., gives a recap on how the building grant works. He goes on to explain there is already \$36,000 worth of invoices to get reimbursed through this grant.

**Stairs:** Stairs costs \$31,000. He went with a different company than who provided the original quote and saved \$5,000. Everyone expressed excitement for the new stairs and bid farewell to the old dangerous set.

**Painting:** Women named April Hall will be doing the painting of the Village Hall. Mayor goes over colors selected. Ellen Bowe states she believed it is overpriced. Jacob Hatch assured her it is, in fact, very reasonable. Everyone excited to see the Village Hall have a much-needed update.

**Flooring:** The flooring for the office and hall will cost \$8300 for the same flooring in the Clerk's office.

**Res. #72-2021:** Jacob Hatch made a motion to move forward with the flooring quote. Douglas Bailey seconded the motion.

Discussion: More than likely the flooring will be installed before the paint. Ellen shows concern but has faith the painter will do a fine job despite having new floors in place.

Record to Vote: All in favor- motion carried.

**Mayors Comments:** Gerald Seymour Jr. states need to accept the Town of Lincolns bid contract that didn't increase much despite rising fuel prices. Ellen Bowe contests: opens discussion regarding the Town of Lenox not plowing Wampsville roads yet proving the beach who has more narrow roads with plow service. All in attendance agree the Town of Lenox should be providing the services. Mayor gives his word follow up with Town of Lenox on the issue after election but insists it is too close to the season to not sign the contract with Town of Lincoln now. All agree.

**Res. #73-2021:** Jacob Hatch makes a motion to approve the plow contract with Town of Lincoln to do the roads and approve of the sidewalk contract as well. Dawn Collins seconds motion.

Discussion: None further.

Record to Vote: All in favor- motion carried.

Dawn Collins notes the storm drains on route 5 were flooding. Suggests getting them cleaned. Mayor agrees to call the DOT to find out how to go about getting that done.

Ellen Bowe suggests putting the plowing on the bid lists at the county to get more options in the future.

**Sign:** The LED sign for Village Hall will cost \$35,000 for a 4' by 6' high resolution display. The screen will be used for not only village correspondence and the fire hall but also to advertise local businesses. The company suggests not purchasing a base due to the costs but contacting a landscaper to dress it up.

**Resolution #74-2021:** Jacob Hatch makes the motion to purchase the sign. Douglas Bailey seconds his motion.

Discussion: Lori Seymour exclaims that she thinks this is the best way we can utilize the money for the stimulus grant.

Record to Vote: All in favor- motion carried.

November 15, 2021, at 6pm is the historical presentation. Jacob Hatch expresses family's excitement. Gerald Seymour Jr. pointed out the poem that Lori had found about Wampsville. Lori Seymour suggests the purchase of snacks and refreshments for the presentation.

**Resolution #75-2021** Jacob Hatch makes a motion to give Planning Board a \$1000 budget for the tree lighting ceremony and approval to purchase snacks and refreshments for the Historical Presentation by Matt Urtz. Dawn Collins seconds the motion.

Discussion: Ellen goes over what needs to be purchased for the tree lighting ceremony and expresses gratitude for the ability to use the money for the children of Wampsville.

Record to Vote: All in favor- motion carried.

Jacob Hatch announced Hatch family will donate a tree for the Ceremony.

**Trustee Comments:** No comments.

**Correspondence:** Water Report. No further comment.

**Resolution #76-2021** Ellen Bowe made the motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 7:50pm, seconded by Jacob Hatch.

Discussion: None

Record to Vote: All in favor- motion carried.