

Village of Wampsville

January 7, 2025

The meeting of the Village of Wampsville Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:33 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
Others: Monte Collucci, Debbi Waxenfeld, Dominick Perretta, Justin Szratter, Joseph Frateschi

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited at 6:33 pm

Public Hearing For Fence Law: A motion was made to open the public hearing for changes to the fence law by Marcia Rafte and was seconded by Dawn Collins. All in Favor. All of the changes were not provided to the lawyer previously, so no vote was to be had. The public did not have any questions, and the lawyer will review the proposed changes, and a vote will be held next month. A motion was made by Marcia Rafte to close the public meeting, and Dawn Collins seconded it. All in Favor.

Public Hearing To Override Tax Cap: A motion was made to open the public hearing to override the tax cap by Dawn Collins and Douglas Bailey seconded it. All in Favor. The public did not have any comments, but the mayor indicated that the reason to override is due to some property changes that could affect the levy. A motion was made by Dawn Collins to close the public meeting and Marcia Rafte seconded it. All in Favor.

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

Residence Comments: Justin Szratter advised the board that an incident had happened in his neighborhood resulting in a vehicle taking out powerlines that go to a house. He was wondering who was responsible for ensuring the height of the lines. The board suggested that it is National Grid's responsibility to ensure the lines are the proper height.

Pass LL 2025 – 1 A motion was made by Dawn Collins to pass Local Law 2025-1 To override the state real property tax cap for 2025-26. Douglas Bailey seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Planning: Justin Szratter advised that there was not a planning meeting in December. The next meeting will be held 1/21/2025. He asked the board if there were any specific areas they would like the board to focus on. Dominick Perretta suggested that Tiny Houses might be something to investigate.

LL 2025 – 2 Additional information was given to Joseph Frateschi to review, and we will send the GML to the County and vote next month on the proposed changes to the fence law.

Village Attorney: Joseph Frateschi did not have anything to report. Jerry let everyone know that Joe had made a partner at his firm.

**Village Clerk/
Financials:**

Debbi Waxenfeld provided the board with the December bank statements, Operating Statement and the monthly bills. Debbi asked for a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$11,367.97. Marcia Rafte makes a motion to approve and pay all the bills presented tonight and Dawn Collins seconds the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

**Resolution for
Polling Place:**

A motion was made by Marcia Rafte to make a resolution to make Wampsville Village Hall the polling place on March 18, 2025, from 12:00 noon – 9:00 pm. Dawn Collins seconded the motion. All in favor.

Fire Department:

Monte Collucci, the Fire Chief provided the Chief's report. There were 13 calls, making the year-to-date calls 136. Monte reported that the National Grid training got canceled. There is a training to be held on 1/15 in Canastota regarding the Railroad that they will be attending. Monte advised that they would be taking sealed bids for the old equipment that they can no longer use. Monte spoke at a recent OSHA meeting. The fire department held their last fish fry for a while. He feels they did well and noted that the weather held off. The banquet that was held to honor the years of service went well and everyone expressed their appreciation for the dinner and evening.

Fire Truck:

Pre-construction meeting will be held on Monday, 1/29 at 9am. Spartan will be coming in to discuss the truck and answer questions.

Town of Lenox:

Dominick Perretta advised that the Town of Lenox has placed the sewer line project on Roberts Street on hold. There was not enough funding, and they are re-bidding the project. Jerry noted that the town did a great job on the budget this year.

Infrastructure:

Nothing new, just noted that the DPW was doing a great job with the plowing.

Event Committee:

Debbi advised that the New Year Bonfire had to be canceled due to safety concerns regarding the wind. We will look forward to have a new date in the future. Debbi updated the board of the multiple events that are happening with Canastota, including, Senior bowling, line dancing, ASL classes and a painting class. Our next planned event is the Easter Egg Hunt.

Mayor's

Comments:

Oneida plow contract: Jerry is still awaiting a response from Oneida for plowing Daniels Drive and will follow-up again. It was suggested that we should stop plowing if we do not receive payment or a response.

Electric upgrade-update: Salerno has started working on the main box. He will run new circuits out of a new box. Monte has been in communication with Salerno and it was discussed that they are hoping to extend the pole instead of having to dig up the driveway.

e-360 update: They are almost done with the first phase. The second phase will take some time as they have to aggregate all of the local laws.

Jerry reminded the board that the budget planning will start soon. Also mentioned that he spoke with assemblyman Brian Miller on Saturday at the banquet and expressed what a pleasure it was. He did reach out to him regarding some funding for the firetruck. Mr. Miller indicated that they would look into any assistance they can provide and also work with us regarding a FEMA grant.

Trustee's

Comments:

Dawn inquired if there has been any additional information regarding the recent property closings.

Correspondence:

Water report was received.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:16 pm is made by Marcia Rafte, Dawn Collins seconds motion. Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

Next meeting is February 4, 2025, at 6:30 pm.