

Village of Wampsville

December 5th, 2023

The meeting of the Village of Wampsville Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:36 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: Maddison Jaquin, Bill & Carol Colvin, Justin Szratter, Joseph Fratteschi

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited at 6:37 pm

Moratorium: Motion to open the public hearing to enact a moratorium on lithium battery farms is made by Marcia Rafte and seconded by Ellen Bowe.
Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

The mayor and attorney explain the proposed action, follows suit with Town of Lenox and explains what a lithium battery farm is. No public comment.

Motion to close public hearing is made by Ellen Bowe and seconded by Marcia Rafte.
Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

Marcia Rafte makes a motion to designate Wampsville as lead agency and seconded by Ellen Bowe.

Joseph Fratteschi walks the Board through the SEQRA form. The Board determines this Moratorium has a low impact.

Res 9-2023 Motion to enact resolution and adopt moratorium contingent to county recommendations is made by Ellen Bowe and seconded by Marcia Rafte.
Record to Vote: Ellen Bowe- Yay Marcia Rafte – Yay, Jerry Seymour -Yay, Doug Bailey – Absent, Dawn Collins- absent. All in favor – motion carried.

Minutes: Board is presented with last meeting minutes. Marcia Rafte makes a motion to accept. Ellen Bowe seconds motion.
Discussion: Marcia asks Jerry and Monte if there was follow-up with the school. Jerry did make a phone call but hasn't followed up due to the busy time of year. Monte and he agree to pursue this after the holidays.
Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

ZBA/Planning: Justin Szratter, Chairman of the ZBA/ Planning Board, filled in the public and board of trustees that they have fulfilled their commitments this year and attend to address manufactured homes more clearly in the code book this coming year. Justin asks the Board if they have any suggestions on what the board should devote time to in 2024. Ellen Bowe said she would like to see stricter rules in place on the upkeep of lawns and rental properties.

Override Tax Cap: The mayor asks the board to make a motion to have a public hearing next month to override the tax cap as we have in the past.

Marcia Rafte makes a motion to have a Public Hearing to Override the Tax Cap on January 2, 2024 at 6:30pm. Ellen Bowe seconds the motion.
Discussion: N/A

Record To Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

Clerk:

Maddison Jaquin provides the Board with financials. She explains that she and Cathi Williams are still working on getting the accounting system up and running, with a goal of January 1st.

Motion to Transfer \$350 into account 1320.4 from the contingency account A1990.0. is made by Marcia Rafte and seconded by Ellen Bowe.

Discussion: N/A

Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

The motion to pay the bills is made by Ellen Bowe. Seconded by Marcia Rafte.

Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

Fire Dept:

Monte gives his report citing 127 calls YTD. And had 15 calls in November. He gave a briefing on the calls. Monte brought to the boards attention that NYS is working on a program to offer a stipend for training to volunteer fireman. He said if the Board was interested in looking into this further, he can get a coordinator to a meeting to give a presentation. Everyone suggests waiting till the new year but wants to have a way to give back to our volunteers. Monte says they are voting on adding in a new member next meeting and may have another 2. The Fire Department also got 2nd place in the Canastota Parade of Lights.

Event Committee:

Debbie Waxenfield, Chair of the Event Committee, recaps recent events. She said 30 gifts were handed out by Santa and the elves at the Christmas tree lighting. She is meeting with the Town of Lenox and Canastota Recreation departments. She hopes to have a paint class here at Village Hall and a snowman village in February if the weather cooperates. Monte Colucci suggests a new years bon fire event.

Website:

Maddison Jaquin presents the website to the Board. Silver City did a fantastic job. Jerry suggests adding a page to link local businesses and their pages or websites. All agree.

Mayor's Comments:

Jerry has not received plow contract back from Oneida yet but thinks he will soon. Jerry also suggests hiring Town of Lenox DPW with a long-term contract to ensure the village receives these services long after John Pinard and himself are no longer in office.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:25 pm is made by Marcia Rafte and seconded by Ellen Bowe.

Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.