

**Village of Wampsville
Minutes
December 2, 2025**

Mayor Seymour called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Mayor Gerald Seymour Jr., Trustees: Marcia Rafte, Douglas Bailey, Dawn Collins, Ellen Bowe. Others: Attorney Joseph Frateschi, Fire Chief Symon Sumner, Village Clerk/Treasurer Debbi Waxenfeld, Lori Seymour, Carol and Bill Colvin.

Motion by Trustee Collins, seconded by Trustee Rafte, to approve the attached meeting minutes from November 18, 2025, with a correction to the date of the prior meeting. All in favor

Residents

Lori Seymour commented that the Tree Lighting event was great and she appreciated the turnout and the support of the village and the board.

Village Attorney

Attorney Frateschi let the board know that he will be going to Town of Lenox court in January for code enforcement issues with the Knotty Pine.

A motion was made by Trustee Collins to have a public hearing on January 6, 2026, to override the tax cap. Trustee Bailey seconded the motion. All were in favor.

ZBA/Planning

Lori Seymour spoke to the board to let them know she would be interested in re-joining the ZBA/Planning board when Justin steps down. She reminded the board that she had resigned due to family concerns that required her attention. She is ready to be part of the board again and would consider being the chairperson again. The board was all in agreement that Lori has the most experience and ran a great meeting when she was the chair.

Financial Report/ Clerk's Concerns

Debbi Waxenfeld provided the board with the Operating Statements, Bank statements and the monthly bills.

1. Debbi Waxenfeld asked for a motion to pay the bills presented. Trustee Bowe made a motion to pay the current bills in the amount of \$21,750.35, Trustee Collins seconds the motion. All in favor.
2. A motion was made by Trustee Collins to approve a budget transfer from 19904.1 Contingency to 34102.1 Fire Department EQ in the amount of 8,110.60. Trustee Bailey seconded the motion, and all were in favor.
3. Debbi lets the board know that she is still waiting for the checks to come in that she ordered for the accounting program.
4. Debbi also advised the board that an additional fee of \$99 was being charged from our payroll provider and a refund was requested.

Event Committee

Debbi Waxenfeld thanked the board and the village for the great work on the Tree Lighting event. We had a great turnout of around 50 people, and we distributed 24 toys. Emily Perry led the carols and did a wonderful job. Santa on the fire truck is always a big hit. Everything went really well and we were very happy. Debbi let the board know that she has resigned as the President on the Village of Canastota's Recreation board. The time commitment and stress involved was too much.

Next scheduled event is the Easter Egg Hunt. The board would like to entertain another painting class.

Fire Department

Chief Sumner provided the board with the Chief's report. They had 18 calls in November, which included 6 in the Town of Lenox, 2 in the Village of Canastota, 1 in the Town of Lincoln, 1 in the Town of Sullivan and 9 in the Village of Wampsville. They are 5 calls away from the busiest year.

The trucks are in good shape. Truck 323 did finally get a replacement part installed.

The fire department participated in the parade of lights. They really enjoy being part of these events. Sunday, the Chief drove around Santa and a lot of adults came out to say hi and children too. Chief Sumner expressed how much he enjoys being part of the community events and that the fire department has a lot of fun doing these.

Chief Sumner talked about the new extraction tool that was just purchased. With having sold equipment previously and getting a donation from the fire company it offset the cost. This new tool replaces 5-6 pieces of equipment on the fire truck. The new tool is portable, 3-5x more powerful and faster than the old one. There are no hoses, gas, generators, or oil needed. You just use a battery and go. Training will be held before the old equipment is sold. The value is approximately 5,000.

A motion was made by Trustee Collins to allow the fire department to sell the old extraction equipment and Trustee Bailey seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Seymour advised the board that he will be asking the county for 9,000 to compensate for the coverage that is provided to them. 12% of our calls are to the county.

Town of Lenox

No one from the Town of Lenox was present.

Infrastructure

The City of Oneida did sign the contract to pay the village \$1,000 for the plowing of the section of Daniels Drive that is part of Oneida.

Mayor's Comments

1. Septic – No new update.
2. The town adopted their budget, and it does include \$15,000 to the Village towards the purchase of our new fire truck.
3. A meeting was held with Anthony Salay last week. He has a lot of ideas, and we are looking forward to working with him. He is hoping to attend most of our meetings.
4. A meeting with Meghan Coe-Samsel is scheduled for 12/3. We are hoping that she will be a liaison with the town and the village.

Trustee's Comments

Trustee Bailey noticed that there were surveyors at the solar farm, the Mayor advised it has been sold.

Trustee Bowe expressed concerns over the sidewalks not being plowed during the day and that the school kids were walking in the road.

Correspondence

A notice of a public hearing was received from the Town of Lenox Planning Board.

A motion was made by Trustee Bowe at 7:08 to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Bailey seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Next meeting to pay any bills is November 16, 2025, at 6:00 pm and the next regularly scheduled meeting is January 6, 2026, at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbi Waxenfeld

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Clerk/Treasurer