

**Village of Wampsville
Minutes
January 6, 2026**

Mayor Seymour called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Mayor Gerald Seymour Jr., Trustees: Marcia Rafte, and Dawn Collins.
Others: Attorney Joseph Frateschi, Village Clerk/Treasurer Debbi Waxenfeld, Sue Brown, Anthony Salay, Carol and Bill Colvin.

Motion was made by Trustee Rafte to open the public hearing to override the tax cap; Trustee Collins seconded the motion.

Mayor Seymour asked the residents and board if anyone had any questions or comments regarding overriding the tax cap. No one spoke against the proposed local law.

Motion was made by Trustee Rafte to close the public hearing to override the tax cap; Trustee Collins seconded the motion.

Motion by Trustee Collins, seconded by Trustee Rafte, to approve the attached meeting minutes from December 2, 2025. All in favor

Residents

The residents did not have any comments.

Village Attorney

Attorney Frateschi had no new business to present during the public meeting.

Override the Tax Cap

A Motion by Trustee Collins, seconded by Trustee Rafte to adopt Local Law 1-2026 to override the state real property tax cap for 2026-27. All in favor.

ZBA/Planning

Justin Szcatter has submitted his letter of resignation to resign from the ZBA/Planning board effective 12/31/2025. Trustee Collins made a motion to accept Justin Szcatter's resignation from the ZBA/Planning board and Trustee Rafte seconded. All in favor.

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 Collins made a motion to pay the current bills in the amount of \$8,630.94, Trustee Rafte seconds the motion. All in favor.
2. A motion was made by Trustee Collins to approve a budget transfer from 19904.1 Contingency to 1620.2 Village Hall Equipment in the amount of \$162.00. Trustee Rafte seconded the motion, and all were in favor.
3. Debbi advised the board that she will be sending out the 1099s by the end of the month.

4. Debbi requested that we purchase a new printer/copier as the one we have is jamming and printing poorly. She presented the board with information regarding a new Brother printer. A motion was made by Trustee Collins and seconded by Trustee Rafte to approve the purchase of a new printer for up to \$1,000.00. All in favor.
5. Debbi also advised the board that the additional fee of \$99 will be reimbursed on our next bill.

Event Committee

Next scheduled event is the Easter Egg Hunt.

Fire Department

Chief Sumner was unable to attend the meeting but provided the board with the Chief's report and notes. This has been the busiest year in over a decade. There were 169 total calls. Chief Sumner stated he is looking forward to the new year and he will continue to modernize the equipment. He thanked the board and mayor for their support this year.

Town of Lenox

No one from the Town of Lenox was present.

Mayor Seymour let the board know that the County didn't bring our request to the board, we will bring this to financial committee.

The addendum was signed with the town to pay 15,000 per year until the fire truck is paid for. The 1st three years will be held in escrow for a down payment.

The town is looking at a revised DPW contract.

Jim Cunningham was reelected as the chairperson with the County.

Mayor's Comments

1. Septic – No new update.
2. General Code – No new update.
3. Ideas for budget spending/next month budget workshop.

Trustee's Comments

No comments

Correspondence

Debbi let the board know that we received the water report, some bank statements, a letter from Napa and a census request.

A motion was made by Trustee Collins to enter into executive session at 6:50. Trustee Rafte seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Trustee Rafte to end the executive session at 7:01. Trustee Collins seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Trustee Rafte to sign a letter of engagement with Attorney Frateschi for a codes matter. Trustee Collins seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Trustee Rafte at 7:03 to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Collins seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Next meeting to pay any bills is January 20, 2026, at 6:00 pm and the next regularly scheduled meeting is February 3, 2026, at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbi Waxenfeld

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Clerk/Treasurer