

Village of Wampsville

July 11, 2023

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

In Attendance: Mayor: Gerald Seymour Jr.
Trustees: Douglas Bailey, Marcia Rafte, Ellen Bowe, Dawn Collins
Others: Lori Seymour, Maddison Jaquin, Maryanne & Wayne Anderson, Mote Colucci, Joe Frateschi, Justin Szratter, Mike (GLAS), Alex and Sue Brown, Chris Brown, Dominick Peretta, Bill & Carol Colvin.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited at 6:30 pm

Public Hearing 1: Motion to open public hearing to end moratorium and update the Solar Law is made by Ellen Bowe. Marcia Rafte seconds motion.
Discussion: The village attorney explains that we can not vote on the updated law until a GML is sent to the county. Once that is done, then we can have a public hearing next month.
Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

Motion to close public hearing on Solar Law is made by Ellen Bowe. Douglas Bailey seconds motion.
Discussion: None
Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

Public Hearing 2: Motion to open public hearing to establish an Ambulance Tax District is made by Dawn Collins and seconded by Douglas Bailey.
Discussion: None.
Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

Mike the president of GLAS shares the tax is \$0.16 per thousand as well as the timeline of events as follows:
June 12th the Town of Lenox approved the tax district.
June 18th a Public Notice was distributed.
They need to wait 30 days after the public notice to vote on the tax district.

Ellen Bowe asked what happens if the state passes something to compensate the ambulance companies? Mike explains that they do not plan on increasing the tax district but right now the state has not offered funding of any sort and they need something in place to stay operational. Mike also explains that Greater Lenox Ambulance Service has hired a collection attorney versus and agency and has been having better luck collecting debts but still are facing an issue with unpaid bills. Mike also elaborates that a law is in the process of being passed to

Motion to close public hearing on Ambulance Tax is made by Ellen Bowe. Dawn Collins seconds motion.
Discussion: None
Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

Bills: Motion to pay bills is made by Ellen Bowe and seconded by Doug Bailey.

Discussion: None
Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

Minutes: Board is presented with last meeting minutes. Doug Bailey makes a motion to accept minutes with spelling correction. Motion is seconded by Ellen Bowe.
Discussion: N/A
Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

Residents Comments: Sue Brown shared the house next to hers appears to be vacant as her neighbor moved.

Fire Dept: Monte Colucci said they had a relatively quiet month. Monte also shares that the compressor is on its last legs and will cost between \$15,000-\$20,000. Monte says there are lots of mini grants out there, but we need to start planning now before it fails.

Monte also explains he did hear back from Active 911 and it was a billing mistake that occurred years ago and was just now noticed. They will not issue a refund but we now are aware to cancel accounts next year.

Town of Lenox: Dominick Peretta shared an hour of the last TOL meeting was spend on the chicken law. He thinks one more month and they should be able to come to a compromise. Town of Lenox is currently looking into regulating Air BNB. They believe motel tax on Air BNB's is applicable. Town of Lenox Recreation Department has asked for someone from Wampsville to join the committee and Debbie Waxenfield joined the Board.

ZBA/Planning: Justin Szratter, shares the Boar consists of all previous planning members and one previous ZBA member and another ZBA member as an alternate. They are currently working on a special use permit for a storage barn on Route 5.

Paving: Jerry Seymour, Mayor, gives the Board the estimate given by Dolomite to pave Markell Drive at \$28,000. Jerry asks for a motion to approve.

Ellen Bowe makes a motion to pave only half of Markell Drive. Motion is not seconded.

Motion to pave the entire Markell Drive is made by Dawn Collins and seconded by Douglas Bailey.

Discussion: Ellen Bowe shares she is in opposition because she feels the buses do plenty of damage. She hopes the school would be liable to help cover costs. Jerry explains that is not how it is done. Ellen stands firm on paving half the Markell drive.

Record to Vote: Dawn Collins- Yay, Marcia Rafte – Yay, Douglas Bailey -Yay, Jerry Seymour – Yay, Ellen Bowe – Nay. Motion Carried.

Mayor's Comments: Jerry Seymour states Jeff Salerno is expected to put in the LED lights the last week of July. He also invites Board Members to attend NYCOM the 3rd week in September.

Trustee's Comments: Marcia Rafte shares her concern for the children on Daniel's Drive as she and other neighbors present have witnessed a few inattentive drivers speeding on the cul-da-sac. The Board discusses how it is hard to get the police to enforce or monitor Daniels Drive. Doug Bailey states that it would be virtually impossible to radar at such low speeds. The Board agreed to send a letter to everyone on Daniels Drive reminding them to be cautious while driving and to give everyone notice of the new law on village roads.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn meeting at 7253pm is made by Ellen Bowe and seconded by Douglas Bailey.
Discussion: None
Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

Next meeting is August 1st at 6:00 pm