

# Village of Wampsville

May 1, 2023

The meeting of the Village of Wampsville Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:40 pm in the Village Hall, located at 118 N. Court St. Wampsville, NY.

**In Attendance:** Mayor: Gerald Seymour Jr.  
Trustees: Douglas Bailey, Dawn Collins, Marcia Rafte  
Others: Lori Seymour, Maddison Jaquin, Ed from NYMEP

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited at 6:31 pm

**NYMEP Presentation:** Ed is from the Syracuse area. He has worked in the energy field his whole life. He currently works with Green Energy and is one of 4 ambassadors for NYMEP's program that is endorsed by NYCOM. NYMEP offers a municipal endorsed program for residents with no contract that can reduce the energy portion on their electric bill. Ed explains in detail that National Grid owns the equipment that carries the energy to the consumer and their revenue does not depend on whom supplies the energy. What Ed can offer is taking Wampsville and other communities and waging a lower fixed cost for natural gas and electricity with greater buying power than that of one individual. He will not know the actual cost or amount saved until the Board of Trustees passes a resolution allowing this program. Once that is completed, they will look at what discounts can be made. The Village will then have the option to move forward or back out. Once they proceed Ed will need to produce a 1-800 number for residents to call with questions, hold a public meeting as well as send out mailers giving residents the opportunity to learn about the program and opt out. This can also open doors to other grants as well. Residents are able to opt out at any time, but the program is opt out, not opt in. So once the village settles on a price and the program moves forward, all residents will automatically be enrolled. Wampsville can barter for either lower rates or greener energy with higher rates. The Board agrees they are more concerned with lowering rates for residents. Lori Seymour suggested the Board send letters out to all the residents as she feels the mailer in the national grid bill will be overlooked by many.

The motion to have a public hearing next month on joining NYMEP is made by Dawn Collins and seconded by Douglas Bailey.

Record to Vote: All in favor- motion carried.

**Minutes:** Board is presented with last meeting minutes. Dawn Collins makes a motion to accept minutes with the spelling error fixed. Douglas bailey seconds motion.

Discussion: None

Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

**Budget:** Board of Trustee's adopt tentative budget.

**Res. 5-2023:** Motion to adopt the 2023-2024 Village Budget is made by Douglas Bailey and seconded by Dawn Collins.

Discussion: None

Record to Vote: Dawn Collins: Yay Douglas Bailey: Yay Marcia Rafte: Yay

Jerry Seymour: Yay Ellen Bowe: absent.

All in favor- motion carried.

**Planning Board:** Justin Szratter is absent. Lori Seymour shares a message from Justin to update the Board. Message read that all planning board members wish to join the ZBA/Planning Board. There is a special use permit on the docket for the next meeting.

**Local Laws:** The Board of Trustees is presented with 2 local laws to adopt.

**Res. 6-2023:** Motion to adopt Local Law 3-2023 Abolishing Village of Wampsville Planning Board was made by Marcia Rafte and seconded by Douglas Bailey.  
Record to Vote: Dawn Collins – Yay, Marcia Rafte – Yay, Jerry Seymour – Yay, Douglas Bailey – Yay , Ellen Bowe – Absent.  
All in favor – motion carried.

**Res. 7-2023:** Motion to adopt Local Law 4-2023 Combining of The Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board is made by Dawn Collins and seconded by Marcia Rafte.  
Record to Vote: Dawn Collins – Yay, Marcia Rafte – Yay, Jerry Seymour – Yay, Douglas Bailey – Yay , Ellen Bowe – Absent.  
All in favor – motion carried.

Dawn Collins makes a motion to appoint Justin Szratter as head of the ZBA/Planning Board. Douglas Bailey seconds motion.

Discussion: Board commends Justin on the job well done with the Planning Board.

Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

Dawn Collins makes a motion to pay the ZBA/Planning members \$25 per meeting attended and \$100 addition for completing the required training. Marcia Rafte seconds the motion.

Discussion: Payments will be disbursed in May and November. Some members have already expressed interest in waiving compensation, but they believe it will provide a good incentive to keep well trained and attentive members.

Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

**Fire Dept:** Chris Colvin tells the Board they had to replace fire extinguishers and had someone look at raising the ceiling in the garage.

**Town of Lenox:** May 16<sup>th</sup> the Town of Lenox DPW is coming through for Village Pickup.

**Financials:** The Board is presented with Financials. No income in the month of April.

Marcia Rafte makes a motion to accept and pay bills. Douglas bailey seconds motion.

Discussion: None

Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

Marcia Rafte makes a motion to appropriate funds from fund balance. Dawn Collins seconds the motion.

Discussion: None

Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

**Infrastructure:** The new electronic speed sign is here. Jerry Seymour states he will ask TJ to put posts in further up the road to prevent any damage to the new sign.

A motion to seek changing Village speed limits to 25mph and setting vehicle weight limits on Village roads is made by Dawn Collins and seconded by Marcia Rafte.

Discussion: Jerry explains that this will not affect Route 5, Court Street, or local deliveries. Dawn Collins states she believes the Village spends too much taxpayer money to repair the streets to have them misused and not last. Lori Seymour elaborates that the grants given by the state for street repairs can only be used once every ten years per road. The Board agrees seeing the condition of Daniels Drive deteriorate in such a short amount of time is disheartening amongst other occasions.

**Mayor's Comments:** Jerry Seymour shares that he will have the new lawyer look over the Solar Law so we can lift the moratorium. The Board consensus is they feel unprotected by the moratorium considering. Also, they are down to two candidates for Code Enforcer. Jerry shares the Old Erie Canal Museum event with the Board.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:24pm is made by Dawn Collins and seconded by Marcia Rafte.  
Discussion: None  
Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.