# Village of Wampsville

## **Regular Meeting**

## **February 2, 2021**

The meeting of the Village of Wampsville Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:31 pm in the Village Hall, located at 118 North Court St, Wampsville, NY.

Present: Mayor Gerald Seymour Jr., Trustees Douglas Bailey, Dawn Collins, Ellen Bowe, Jacob Hatch, Chris Colvin

Others in Attendance: Clerk-Treasurer Tammy Wratten, Lori Seymour, Mike Klenotiz and resident Marty Clark.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

## **Approval of the Minutes**

**Res.** #7-2021: Motion to approve last meeting minutes for the meeting on January 12, 2021. Motion by Trustee Hatch and seconded by Trustee Collins.

**Discussion:** None

**Record of the vote:** All in favor: motion carried

Planning board: Mrs. Seymour advised the board has the definitions done and ready with recommendations, the village clerk will email to the board members. There are 7 items to review with Rosanne Warner as she was typing them once those questions are answered the board is hoping for the Attorney Mrs. Denby to review. Once that is done they will need to be sent to the county who will have 30 days to look over for recommendations. Mrs. Seymour advised at this time the decision was made to go ahead with the zoning and make changes after the compressive plan is done. Normally it would be done after the plan as more time passes the board determined to move forward. Trustee Bowe wanted to know if there was anything regarding cannabis farming, Ms. Seymour advised no and that

changes can be made later as needed. So hoping next month will present with new update zoning and public hearing following.

#### Financial s:

**Res.** #8-2021: Motion to accept the financial s and pay bills by Trustee Bowe and seconded by Trustee Bailey.

**Discussion:** None

**Record of the vote:** All in favor: motion carried.

Residence Concerns: Resident Marty Clark of Daniels Dr since 1989 advised he went to the Town of Lenox board meeting and asked the Town Supervisor about the increase in taxes and was told to speak to our Village Mayor. Mayor Seymour advised we did request Sales tax which we had not in previous years, Mr. Clark agrees the Village would need to get equable service for the sales tax they use to keep and never say that the Village did receive equable service. Mr. Clark expressed his sincere appreciation for the Wampsville Fire Department as he has had personal health issues and they have been of great service to him.

Mr. Clark mentioned the tax break for the Green House Farms and is concerned they will start growing cannabis and still get a great break with the pilot program. The board clarified that they agreement stipulated crops and advised if they leave the pilot agreement is dissolved. Mr. Clark asked about the county brining in the sewer collection for their properties. Mayor Seymour advised that he had sat in on meeting but the cost to the village was in the millions and not cost affordable. Mr. Clark suggest he would be interested in helping research putting in the Village own micro-filtration system vs a plant and has experience in this field in other small communities in the state. He asked if the board would put together a small committee he would be more than happy to help research grants and see if there is community interest in such a system. Mr. Clark explained a micro-filtration system is a step system that has not monthly sewer bill or tearing up of roads. Mrs. Seymour expressed she would be interested in being on a committee if the board so wishes to explore the option further.

Mr. Clark also wanted to know about the water system the City of Oneida operates and wanted to be sure the Village is being fairly treated regarding is a water main breaks and why we pay for hydrants blown out etc.

Lastly he lives on Daniels Dr and at the right turn loop more than once a car speeds down and does not stop as there is no speed limit sign. Mayor Seymour will look into a sign thinks just need to order a sign and ask the DPW to put up. Also will verify the limit allows as believes 20 miles is only for a school zone.

**Res.** #9-2021: Motion to set up a Sewer Committee with committee Chair as Mr. Clark by Trustee Bowe and Second by Trustee Bailey.

**Discussion:** None

**Record of the vote:** All in favor: motion carried.

**Fire department:** Chief Colvin stated the new truck is close to being ready that the Village has been saved a lot by the fire department doing much of the work on the new truck themselves. They are hoping to get the lighting done next week and by the next board meeting have the truck in service. They have received one written quote for the trailer and it has been slow to get others but are still working on that. Also some slow slide off the roof and separated the exhaust pipe for the heating unit and it is temporary taped up but will be reconnected by the installers shortly.

**Town Lenox:** Mayor Seymour advised he spoke to Josh the other day and he has no issues continuing as codes officer. So he sent an email to Rocky and Charlene stating Josh is okay with it and could they please send a contract and has not heard back as of yet. Will go to the office if does not hear back and wanted to know if the contract is similar to previous years would the board be opposed to him signing the contract. No one had an objection

**Mayor Business:** Reminder need to start working on the budget. Set a meeting date for Wednesday February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Mayor Seymour advised he had a meeting with the Engineers the original guy changed jobs so spoke with the new Engineer and his boss they are going to have plans ready so that we are shovel ready waiting for the money to start the project.

**Res.** #10-2021: Trustee Bowe made a motion to appoint Bill Colvin and Carol Colvin as election inspectors for the March 16<sup>th</sup> election to be held in the village hall. Trustee Bailey seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Mayor Seymour asked Trustee Collins if any other election inspectors had been found as back up to the two mentioned last meeting, Trustee Collins advised no.

**Record of the vote:** All in favor: motion carried.

#### **Trustee Concerns:**

Trustee Bowe said the Rome paper shows now that the drone highway will be on route 5 they will discuss places where they can stop and we should look into this. Trustee Bowe suggested the board look at the solar farms going up and think about not accepting any pilot agreements for any in the village. Trustee Bowe also wanted to know if current properties were turned into multi family or within law apartments but should not have been could they be made to change back at any time. Trustee Bowe also stated that Mays office wants a very short list for the initial meeting and maybe to include residence in a 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting regarding route 5 speed limit.

Trustee Bailey stated that the fire department asked for some assistance in applying for a grant and asks for help from the Clerk to find a 5013C showing the fire department as non profit.

Correspondence: none

# Next meeting 3/2/2021 6:30pm

# **Adjournment:**

**Res. 11# 2021**: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Trustee Bowe and second by Trustee Collins at 8:04pm

**Discussion:** none

**Record of the Vote:** All in favor, motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Wratten

Village Clerk-Treasurer