

Village of Wampsville

February 4, 2025

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: Marcia Rafte, Douglas Bailey, Dawn Collins
Others: Monte Collucci, Debbi Waxenfeld, Joseph Frateschi, Carol & Bill Colvin, Zach Chase and Steven Tourin

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited at 6:30 pm

Minutes: The board is presented with the last meeting minutes. Marcia Rafte makes a motion to accept minutes. Douglas Bailey seconds the motion. Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

Residence Comments: Zach Chase introduced himself to the board and let us know that he will be running for the Town of Lenox Highway Superintendent in November.

Pass Local Law 2025 – 10: Local Law 2025-10 – A Local Law to Amend Section 5.12 of the Zoning Code has been introduced to the Board, was moved, seconded and adopted by all present.

LL 2025 – 2 Additional information was given to Joseph Frateschi to review, and we will send the GML to the County and vote next month on the proposed changes to the fence law.

Village Attorney: Joseph Frateschi did not have anything to report.

Village Clerk/ Financials: Debbi Waxenfeld provided the board with the January bank statements, Operating Statement and the monthly bills. Debbi asked for a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$20,916.15 as well as the National Grid bill when received. Dawn Collins makes a motion to approve and pay all the bills presented tonight and Marcia Rafte seconds the motion. All in favor – motion carried. Debbi also asked to appropriate \$2,053.62 from 34104.1 Fire Protection CE to 34102.1 Fire Department EQ to cover recent expenses. Dawn Collins made the motion to approve, and Marcia Rafte seconded the motion. All in favor.

Community Bank has presented us with an option to get a Credit Card machine for no charge for the municipality. This can be used for residents paying their taxes, or for other items such as permits. Jerry has been speaking with Mike Lumb regarding the logistics and asked for a motion to proceed with obtaining one for the Village. Dawn Collins makes the motion and Marcia Rafte seconds. All in Favor.

Election Inspectors: Marcia mentioned that her neighbor might be interested in being an inspector. It was voted that once we have two people Jerry would be able to approve them by Dawn Collins and Marcia Rafte seconded the motion. All in favor.

Fire Department: Monte Collucci, the Fire Chief, provided the Chief's report. There were 13 calls, including one fire, making the year-to-date calls 13. Monte reported that the REM alarm system testing was completed. The washing machine that was ordered should be on its way after a lot of back and forth with the company. 323 Tanker needs a new canvas. Originally quoted around 6,500 but after shopping around has an estimate of 2,458.82 from Magee Canvas LLC. Monte also advised that a prospective member was denied after a background check. Monte expressed his gratitude to our volunteers during and after the recent fire. Many animals perished in the fire, and they brought all of them out of the house for the homeowner and he was very proud of the way they handled the situation. Dawn shared a letter that was received from the Rutledge Volunteer Fire Department in Rutledge, TN. The letter was a sincere expression of thanks for some equipment that was donated to them.

Town of Lenox: No one was at the meeting to report anything.

Infrastructure: Nothing new, just noted that the DPW was doing a great job with the plowing.

Event Committee: Debbi advised that we are looking to reschedule the New Year Bonfire to March. The next event is our Easter Egg Hunt. Debbi updated the board of the multiple events that are happening with Canastota.

Mayor's

Comments:

1. Oneida plow contract was received and the payment has been deposited.
2. Jerry advised that it would be best to move next month's meeting as both Debbi and Doug will not be available. A motion was made by Marcia to have March's meeting on March 11th at 6:30. Dawn seconded; all were in favor.
3. Constellation buy our energy -A representative from Constellation has reached out to lower our electricity bills. Jerry is still asking for quotes and more information currently.
4. Overview of NYCOM – Jerry attended the NYCOM meeting and said it was a good networking event and felt it was a worthwhile trip.
5. Budget workshop – Time and Date – February 13th at 6:00 will be the budget workshop. A motion was made by Doug Bailey to have a public hearing on March 11th to pass the tentative budget. Marcia Rafte seconds the motion, and all were in favor.
6. Policies and Procedures – Handbooks – We will send the information to Bear Paw printing so that we have booklets to distribute.

Trustee's

Comments:

Dawn inquired if there has been any additional information regarding the recent property closings. There have also been some concerns regarding the heat at the Knotty Pine.

Correspondence: A letter from the City of Oneida was received regarding EPA water service lines.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:22 pm is made by Marcia Rafte, Dawn Collins seconds motion. Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

Next meeting is March 11, 2025, at 6:30 pm.