

Village of Wampsville

January 3rd 2023

The meeting of the Village of Wampsville Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:32 pm in the Village Hall, located at 118 N. Court St. Wampsville, NY.

In Attendance: Mayor: Gerald Seymour Jr.
Trustees: Dawn Collins, Marcia Rafte, Ellen Bowe
Clerk/ Treasurer: Maddison Jaquin
Others: Dominick Perretta, Lori Seymour, Carol & Bill Colvin.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited at 6:31 pm

Public Hearing: Ellen Bowe made a motion to open the Public Hearing to Override the Tax Cap. Marcia Rafte seconded the motion.

Discussion: Jerry explains why he thinks it best and safe to override the tax cap.

Public comment: None

Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

Motion to close Public Hearing is made by Dawn Collins and seconded by Ellen Bowe.

Res #1-2023: Motion to adopt the Local Law No. 1-2023 to Override Tax Cap.

Discussion: None.

Record to Vote: Dawn Collins – Yay, Ellen Bowe – Yay, Marcia Rafte – Yay, Jerry Seymour – Yay, Douglas Bailey – Absent. All in favor – motion carried.

Minutes: Motion to approve last month's minutes was made by Ellen Bowe and seconded by Dawn Collins.

Resident Comments: None.

Annexation: The joint meeting on December 19th was not what anyone could have expected. Jerry states he felt targeted and offended by the comments from Joe Magliola.

All that attended were upset about the comment that states Oneida got Wampsville 1/3 of the Greenhouse when in reality on 1/16th is in the Village and we have gotten so many resident complaints as well as an influx in traffic.

Dominick asked which Police Agency responds to the Oneida portion of Daniels Drive. Jerry explained that he looked into the matter and the closest agency is where 911 dispatches whether that be Oneida City Police, Sheriffs or Troopers. In most cases it would be the Sherriff's because they are right there. Dominick believes the comments he heard at the meeting were in poor taste.

Lori Seymour explains she wrote a letter to Helen Acker to clear up a few things she didn't think were clear to others at the meeting. The Letter is at Village Hall and available for viewing. Lori also states that a few of the residents wanted to go to the meeting but there

was a snow storm that night. Residents have stated they will write letters and be at the next meeting.

Due to the anonymous letter received by Helen Acker. Dawn Collins believes it is necessary to state on record that she personally signed all the checks while Lori and Cindy were clerks and it is outrageous for someone to make such claims and accuse the whole Board of failing the Village by implying something along those lines have happened.

Res #2-2023: Motion to vote for the Annexation of 9 properties on Daniels Drive is made by Ellen Bowe. Seconded by Marcia Rafte.

Discussion: Dawn Collins feels we should hold off on voting until Doug Bailey is present. Marcia and Jerry expressed wanting to go to the meeting in Oneida with a yes. Three yes votes are all that is needed, so Doug being absent will not affect the vote.

Record to Vote: Dawn Collins – Yay, Ellen Bowe- Yay, Marcia Rafte – Yay, Douglas Bailey – Absent, Jerry Seymour – No vote. Majority in favor – motion carried.

Clerk Report: Maddison Jaquin shares financial statements, vouchers, and appropriations with Board.

Motion to approve vouchers and pay bills is made by Dawn Collins. Seconded by Ellen Bowe.

Discussion: None

Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

Motion to make proposed budget transfers for the truck and speed signs is made by Ellen Bowe.

Discussion: None

Record to Vote: All in favor- motion carried.

Fire Department: Truck is back and in service. Got the rejection letter for the air pack grant in the mail today. Made it to the last round. Will try again. It will cost another \$750 to reapply. The grant is for \$600,000.

Town of Lenox: Dominick Perretta shares the Town of Lenox is working on a new chicken law. It will include allowing up to 6 chickens and no roosters, appropriate square footage, fencing, coop and so forth.

Infrastructure: Nothing new.

Event Committee: The group is meeting again January 18th at 6:30. They want to do a Snowman Village at the Fireman’s Field in February. May 19-21 will be the village wide garage sale.

Trustee Comments: Dawn Collins said she is concerned with the garbage pick up times because they fluctuate so much.

Ellen wants to talk to Derek about the sidewalks near the school because she thinks he does them too late. She expressed concern with speed signs not working. Bill Colvin explained it is because they can't turn them away from the snow and towards the sun because of the break away poles.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:42 pm is made by Marcia Rafte and seconded by Dawn Collins.

Discussion: None

Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

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