

# Village of Wampsville

## Regular Meeting

**August 3, 2021**

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 North Court St, Wampsville, NY.

Present: Mayor Gerald Seymour Jr., Trustees: Douglas Bailey, Jacob Hatch, and Dawn Collins

Others in Attendance: Clerk-Treasurer Cindy Gardner, Marcia Rafte, Lori Seymour, Heather Denby

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Res. #37-2021** Motion to approve the minutes from the July 6, 2021 meeting made by Trustee Bailey, seconded by Trustee Collins.

**Discussion:** none

**Record of Vote:** All in favor: motion carried.

**Village Attorney:** Ms. Denby spoke with Tina from the county regarding placement of solar panels. The county has nothing to do with their placement.

The county hasn't taken a stand on cannabis at this time.

Speed limit signs have been placed on several streets. Ms. Denby will inquire on whether STOP signs can be installed and what the process is for that.

**Resident Concerns:** No concerns noted but a suggestion was made to have a community wide garage sale during the car show. Question raised on whether this would take the focus off the car show as this is a major fund raiser for the fire department.

**Sewer committee** – There has been no movement on this committee.

### Mayor Business:

Infrastructure: Paving has started by Suit Cote. Daniels and Friar Lane will be paved.

LED Street lights: Lights are in, and we will receive a rebate from NYCERTA.

Ice Cream Social: nothing has been discussed regarding this. Ms. Collins and Ms. Bowe are taking the lead on this event.

Tree Removal: The tree in front of the village hall is in poor shape and needs to be removed before it does substantial damage. The tree is half on village property and half on the neighbor's property. Mayor Seymour discussed removal of the tree with the resident, and he agrees to having it removed. Estimates were received with the lowest being \$650. Discussions held on removing the tree.

**Res. #38-2021** Motion to remove the tree for the estimate of \$650 was made by Mayor Seymour and a vote was held.

**Discussion:** Vote: Ms. Collins – no; Mr. Hatch – yes; Mr. Bailey - yes

**Record of Vote:** Majority ruled - motion carried.

**Building Grant:** There was 1 bid received for \$250,000. Our grant is for \$125,000. Mayor Seymour is looking at finding a cheaper way to complete renovations, which need to include the entryway and bathroom being done. The grant money needs to be spent in 2 years.

**Res. #39-2021** Motion to decline the bid made by Ms. Collins and seconded by Mr. Bailey.

**Discussion:** none

**Record of Vote:** All in favor: motion carried.

**Complaints:** 122 Genesee Street garage is at least 6' deep with brush and trees and needs to be cleaned out. Animals are going in and out. Stimulus money can be used for this. Codes advised it is the village's responsibility to clean up the area. An estimate was received from Hershey for \$1650. Suggestions for other estimates received – John Carrier and Adam Bayer.

**Res. #40-2021** Motion to pay up to \$1650 with 2 more estimates for clean-up of 122 Genesee Street property made by Trustee Collins, seconded by Trustee Bailey.

**Discussion:** Can the county take over the building?

**Record of Vote:** All in favor: motion carried.

Complaint of only having 1 garbage pail provided by Bliss. This was the agreed upon contract.

**Correspondence:** NYCERTA work completed. An extension letter was received for the Annual Update Document (AUD). The new date is 10/1/21.

**Planning:** Ms. Seymour stated the committee met this month and has started working on the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Lutter and Ms. Geary attended the meeting and encouraged the committee to work on a mission statement for the village. Suggestions were made for: a village logo? Getting counties input as their staff utilize village as well? Developing new businesses? Ways to enhance the village, but not overwhelm? Making additional village signs as a possible Eagle Scout project (will have to check with DOT).

New maps are being copied for the zoning books. Once books are completed, each board member will receive a copy. Ms. Seymour requested that if a board member leaves, please return the book.

**Park:** Two new pieces of equipment have been installed and the Book Nook is up and running. Ms. Gardner will make labels for the books/magazines requesting everyone enjoy the books while visiting the park but return prior to leaving the park. Thank you to village residents for donating books for the nook. Discussions held on a children's garden – planting bulbs in the fall to bloom in the spring. It was noted that many people are utilizing and enjoying the park.

**Cannabis:** Tabled until September's meeting. Discussion held on precedence for how village has dealt with bars in the past. It was noted that the Bistro has a liquor license, but there are no other bars in the village. An informational meeting with positives and negatives will be held in the near future.

## **Financial Reports:**

**Res: #41-2021** Motion to accept the reports as written and pay bills made by Trustee Collins and seconded by Trustee Hatch.

**Discussion:** Discussion on the need for the stimulus money to have its' own account. A different account will be emptied and placed in general savings to create the stimulus money account. We are very limited on what the stimulus money can be spent on.

**Record of vote:** all in favor, motion carried.

**Fire Department:** No one was present at today's meeting. The Car Show is September 12, 2021, and the department is looking for volunteers to help with food tents.

**Town Lenox:** No one present for today's meeting. Mayor Seymour stated that he has been working with and praised TJ from the town of Lenox regarding storm sewers not keeping up with all the rain the village has received this summer. Storm sewers need repairs. Estimates are being solicited. Stimulus money can be used for sewers.

**Trustee comments:** Ms. Collins discussed the increased traffic and speeding on South Court Street and the possibility of prohibiting use of J brakes. Ms. Bowe has approached Congresswoman Tenney for federal money to assist in the speed limits for the village, i.e., solar paneled speed sign, rumble strips, speed bumps?

**Clerk:** 24 tax bills are pending payment. Online banking account was created making it easier to review balances and transactions and transfer monies from one account to the next, as needed.

**Res: #42-2021** Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Bailey and Seconded by Trustee Collins at 7:46 pm.

**Discussion:** none

**Record of vote:** all in favor, motion carried.

Next meeting September 7, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Gardner, Village Clerk