

Village of Wampsville

March 28, 2023

The joint meeting of the Village of Wampsville Board of Trustees and the Town of Lenox 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: Douglas Bailey, Dawn Collins, Marcia Rafte, Ellen Bowe
Town of Lenox: John Pinard, Dominick Perretta, Wesley Hood, Dick Wimmer
Others: Maddison Jaquin

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited at 6:31 pm

Mitigation Plan: John Pinard brings up the topic of the mitigation plan. Due to increased news coverage on train derailments he got to thinking it would split the village of Wampsville and Canastota right in half. John wants to work with the county to get a clear and defined plan in place and know how it will be enforced. Any aid needed in one was to take place will need to be done through the county, so working together with them is imperative.

Ambulance Tax: John Pinard states he is working with the county on creating an ambulance tax district. Discussion was invoked about where the money the county plans to give GLAS is coming from. John Pinard explained that it will come from sales tax. We see the sales tax revenue climb every year, the county will put in a “cut off” so to speak and anything over that amount will be used to assist with the ambulance services. Topics covered under discussion included:

- GLAS is a nonprofit unlike many of the other ambulance services in the area.
- There is not adequate ambulance coverage in Madison County
- NYS does not recognize ambulance services as emergency services to state funding is not in the picture now. Pushing for that on a state level is a must but we still need something in place to keep our local ambulance service afloat until then.
- Consensus amongst both Boards is that everyone sees the value in the services GLAS provides and wants to do what we can to keep them operational.

Storage Container: The Town of Lenox is looking into implementing storage container guidelines. This will prevent the collection of dumpsters, trailers and roll off boxes being used as storage buildings throughout the Town. Ellen Bowe inquired if they see much of that and pointed out the possible dangers including squatting and drug manufacturing.

Chicken Law: The Town of Lenox Board exclaimed that the chicken law has seen a bit of opposition but with the increased interest in home egg production and maintaining the value and integrity of the Town and its villages the law was a necessary measure.

Plow Truck: John Pinard says the newest update is the truck is expected in June of this year but implored the Village of Wampsville to contract with the Town of Lincoln once again in case the truck is delayed yet again. Jerry Seymour states he wants a 30-year contract so this plowing agreement doesn't dissolve when they are no longer in office.

Wampsville Updates: The Board of Trustees extends their gratitude to the Town of Lenox for coming together for a joint meeting beforehand. The tentative budget is going up to vote at the next meeting on April 11th. Jerry states they are not decreasing taxes because he wants to ensure they won't need to be raised with the inflation we have been seeing. Wampsville

is looking to raise the beam in the Fire Department because the refurbished truck has a quarter inch of clearance. Also, Wampsville received a \$5,000 grant toward green energy and is looking into new LED lights in the fire department and possibly another light in the parking lot.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:25 pm is made by Ellen Bowe and seconded by Douglas Bailey.

Discussion: None

Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.