

## Village of Wampsville

### October 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes

**Present: Mayor Gerald Seymour Jr., Trustees: Douglas Bailey, Dawn Collins, Ellen Bowe and Jake Hatch. Others in attendance: Clerk-Treasurer: Lori Seymour, Attorney: Heather Denby, Fire Department Chief: Chris Colvin, Marcia Rafte, Maddison Jaquin, Marty Clarke and John Pinard.**

**6:30PM** The pledge of Allegiance was recited

**6:31 PM** Mayor Gerald Seymour opened the Public Hearing for text amendment change on Agricultural Special Use.

Discussion took place about options, pros and cons, traffic flow.

**6:36 PM Motion was made** by Trustee Collins to close the special use permit. Trustee Bailey seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**6:37 PM** The meeting of the Village of Wampsville was called to order.

**Motion** made by Trustee Collins to approve the text amendment change on Agricultural district to include Animal Hospital. Seconded by Trustee Hatch Roll call: Trustee Collins, yes, Trustee Bailey yes. Mayor Seymour, yes. Amendment approved.

**Village Attorney:** Ms. Denby shared that she attended the ZBA meeting on Friday, October 1, 2021. No further actions

**Village Taxes:** The clerk went over the paid and unpaid tax amounts and the steps that still needed to take place. **Motion was made** by Trustee Bowe to send the unpaid taxes to Madison County in the amount of \$8701.39. (8,056.84 plus 644.55 interest which equals 8,701.39.) Trustee Collins seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried. All Trustees and Mayor signed the resolution that will be delivered to the Tax and Finance Department at the County Offices.

**Transfer tax funds: Motion was made** by Trustee Bowe to transfer from the tax account to the general Savings the amount of 122,058.65 Trustee Bailey seconded. All in favor. Motion carried

**September Board meeting minutes:** Reviewed. **Motion was made** by Trustee Bailey to approved the minutes. Was seconded by Trustee Trustee Hatch. All in favor. Motion carried

**Planning:** Ms. Rafté reviewed the process that we are going through for the comprehensive plan. She shared the newest mission statement for the village with a favorable response.

**Candidate for Town Supervisor:** Mr. Pinard had sent a request to be added to the Board meeting. He shared his vision if he is elected as Town Supervisor and what he hopes to accomplish. Asked that we consider him for Supervisor as well as TJ Tornatore for DPW supervisor.

**Cannibus: Discussion on what is understood thus far on Cannibus.** Mayor Seymour clarified that if we opt out at this time, we can be considered to opt in if we want in the future. If you opt in now, you can't opt out in the future. It was determined to wait until December and possibly a special meeting to vote on this. This could all change, and the Mayor will keep the Board informed as information comes in. Mayor shared a training that is offered at the Turning Stone, and encouraged anyone to sign up for it.

**Financial reports:** Ms. Seymour reviewed the vouchers for the month and last months vouchers. She shared that the checkbook was carrying a check for \$60.00 for several years. **Motion** made by Trustee Hatch for add the difference in the checkbook and seconded by Trustee Bowe. All in favor, motion carried. She also reviewed all revenues for the month. **Motion** was made to accept financial report by Trustee Collins. Seconded by Trustee Hatch. All in favor, motion carried  
Motion made by Trustee Collins to transfer funds for the Vouchers. Seconded by Trustee Hatch. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Clerks concerns:** None

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Colvin states that things are quiet. They should be getting the DEC grant funds this week for the pump. National Grid provided a class and then gave the fire Dept. a free gas meter. The estimated cost was \$15,000.00. Nat'l Grid will maintain it as well at no cost.

**Town of Lenox:** No representation

**Infrastructure:** Mayor Seymour shared that the Frir Lane and Daniels Drive were paved and the paperwork has been mailed for CHIP for reimbursement.

**Trunk and Treat:** Trustee Bowe shared the information about the Trunk and Treat. This is the first year and we are hoping for a good turnout. Mayor Seymour will mail the flyer for the Trunk and Treat with the newsletter this week.

**Building Grant:** Mayor Seymour states that the handicapped ramp will be complete by the end of the month. New front steps should be in by the end of October and two new doors by mid-December. The one door for the ramp will have an auto open button on it. They will hire a local company to put in the electrical for it. The mayor will also be getting prices for interior painting.

**Flood:** Smith's Flooring will be coming next week to replace the clerk office floor from the flood. We will wait to replace the bathroom floor until it is remodeled as part of the Grant. The mayor was also given approval to get a price to replace the main floor in the hall. It is very old and damaged. The cost to refinish it would be very expensive.

**Mail Direct:** Mayor Seymour voiced concern with how much mail ends up back at the office undeliverable. He researched a program and was recommended by the Postmaster in Wampsville that will give you all the residents addresses. **Motion was made** by Trustee Bowe to purchase the program at a cost of \$100. Seconded by Trustee Bailey. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Mayor comments:** The Mayor has asked that the Board approve hiring a local company to print and fold the newsletter and Trunk and Treat flyer. The Board asked that he check with Bear Paw Printing in Chittenango as they believe they are more inexpensive than the company that already gave a quote. **Motion was made** by Trustee Bowe to spend no more than \$350 for printing. Seconded by Trustee Hatch. All in favor. Motion carried. Mayor also shared some of the classes that he attended at NYCOM.

**Trustee Concerns:** Trustee Bowe shared frustration that she has with the process for the speed signs. She has sent the mayor a list today listing all that she has done to try to get this moving. Attorney Denby stated that she does know someone at Ms. May's office, so will reach out to try to get some help.

**Correspondents:** The trustees and the mayor reviewed all the correspondences. There were no questions on the information.

**7:47 PM Executive session: A motion was made** by Trustee Collins to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Trustee Hatch. All in favor. Motion carried.

**7:52 PM A motion was made** by Trustee Bowe to come out of executive session. Seconded by Trustee Collins. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of new Clerk: A motion was made** by Trustee Bowe to approve hiring Maddison Jaquin for the Clerk position. Seconded by Trustee Hatch. All in Favor. Motion carried.

**7:53 PM Adjourn A motion was made** by Trustee Hatch to close the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Bowe. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Next meeting: November 2, 2021 at 6:30 PM.**