

**Village of Wampsville
Minutes – August 4, 2026**

Mayor Seymour called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Mayor Gerald Seymour Jr., Trustees: Marcia Rafte, Douglas Bailey, and Ellen Bowe. Others: Attorney Joseph Frateschi, Fire Chief Symon Sumner, Town of Lenox Council Dominick Perretta, Village Clerk Debbi Waxenfeld, Carol & Bill Colvin, Alex & Sue Brown, Chris Brown, Thomas and Gail Drury, Jen & Mack Funari

Motion by Trustee Rafte, seconded by Trustee Bailey, to approve the attached meeting minutes dated July 7, 2026. All in favor

Residents:

No comments.

Public Hearing for Resolutions 2026-4 and 2026-5

A Motion by Trustee Rafte, seconded by Trustee Bailey, to open the public hearing to regarding Resolutions 2026-4 and 2026-5. All in favor.

Resolution No. 2026-4 – A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WAMPSVILLE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A FIRE APPARATUS AND THE EXECUTION OF FINANCING AND SURETY DOCUMENTS

Mayor Seymour advised the board that we have made previous motions to approve the purchase of the fire apparatus and to execute the financing but felt it was best to have a resolution to include all details in one place. No one had any questions or concerns.

Resolution 2026-5: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WAMPSVILLE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2026-2027 FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT AND DEBT SERVICE OBLIGATIONS

Mayor Seymour advised the board and public that an amendment to the budget was needed to account for the purchase of the Fire Truck as well as the Principal and Interest payments for the firetruck. No one had any comments or concerns.

A motion was made by Trustee Bowe and seconded by Trustee Rafte to close the meeting. All in favor.

Resolution No 2026-4 was moved by Trustee Rafte and Seconded by Trustee Bailey.

A vote was held:

Dawn Collins, Trustee	Absent
Ellen Bowe, Trustee	Aye
Douglas Bailey, Trustee	Aye
Marcia Rafte, Trustee	Aye
Gerald Seymour Jr., Mayor	Aye

The Resolution was certified by Debbi Waxenfeld

Resolution No 2026-5 was moved by Trustee Rafte and Seconded by Trustee Bailey.

A vote was held:

Dawn Collins, Trustee Absent

Ellen Bowe, Trustee Aye

Douglas Bailey, Trustee Aye

Marcia Rafte, Trustee Aye

Gerald Seymour Jr., Mayor Aye

The Resolution was certified by Debbi Waxenfeld

Public Hearing for LL3-2026 “No Overnight Parking in Municipal Parking Lots”

A Motion by Trustee Bowe, seconded by Trustee Rafte, to open the public hearing to approve LL3-2026 No Overnight Parking in Municipal Parking Lots. All in favor.

Mayor Seymour advised the board and public that currently there are no local laws to permit overnight parking in our public parking lots. Attorney Frateschi prepared a Local Law that added no overnight parking to the list of current parking rules. No one had any comments or concerns.

A motion was made by Trustee Rafte and seconded by Trustee Bailey to close the meeting. All in favor.

A vote was held:

Dawn Collins, Trustee Absent

Ellen Bowe, Trustee Aye

Douglas Bailey, Trustee Aye

Marcia Rafte, Trustee Aye

Gerald Seymour Jr., Mayor Aye

Village Attorney

Attorney Frateschi spoke regarding the finance company requiring an Opinion letter from his firm. Since an opinion letter puts the firm at great risk, this will need to go in front of the Opinion Committee to be approved. There is a fee of \$1,500.00 to obtain the letter.

A motion was made by Trustee Bailey and Seconded by Trustee Bowe to allow Attorney Frateschi to seek approval from the Opinion Committee at a fee of \$1,500.00. All in favor.

Financial Report/ Clerk’s Concerns

Debbi Waxenfeld provided the board with the Operating Statements, Bank statements and the monthly bills. Debbi asked for a motion to pay the bills presented in the amount of \$17,185.87. Trustee Bowe makes a motion to approve and pay all the bills presented tonight and Trustee Rafte seconds the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

Debbi let the board know that we have collected 232 tax bills for a total of 118,163. We are awaiting 19 payments totaling \$6,918.

ZBA/Planning

Chairperson Seymour advised that she was not at the meeting, but did receive the minutes. The board had reviewed old business discussing the update to the pizza shop, water runoff and the introduction of the new codes person. They also discussed the proposed local law for no overnight parking in municipal parking lots. Chairperson Seymour has spoken with Greg Smith (codes) multiple times. He is working to catch up and provide us with monthly reports. Next meeting is August 18th at 6:30 pm.

Event Committee

The next event is Summer Wave on August 16th. Debbi let everyone know that we have purchased lawn games for the event. I’ve confirmed with Scott Miller, Allyson Malbouf and Russell Brown that we are all set for that day.

Upcoming events are Trunk or Treat. Canastota will hold theirs on October 24th. The event committee will meet and decide on our details. Also, the upcoming Burn Run will be held on October 31st.

Fire Department

Chief Sumner provided the board with the monthly report. During July there were a total of 14 calls. 9 were in the village, 3 in Lenox and 1 in Canastota.

Engine 321 broke down and had to be towed back from a funeral. Since it requires a large tow truck, it cost \$500.00 to be towed back to the firehouse. He will look to have it repaired. Chief Sumner also mentioned the Burn Run. This is a 5k and 10k that will run from Canastota to Wampsville. He has secured 2 fire departments from outside of our area to assist with traffic. The proceeds go to children burn victims.

Town of Lenox

Councilman Perretta said they are still waiting on word on the grant for Lewis Point. There have been a lot of questions and concerns surrounding the Harp Road Solar Farm. He indicated that there are a lot of procedures that they need to go through, it is not finalized yet.

Trustee Bowe asked if Solar Farms get tax exempt status since it's agricultural land. He stated that they do not. A joint meeting with the Town of Lenox and Wampsville will be held November 10th.

Infrastructure

1. Sidewalk plowing – Mayor Seymour has placed this out to bid on contract reporter again.
2. Parking Lot – We received a quote of \$55,000 to do the parking lot. Since this is not in our budget, we will look to see what it would cost to seal and stripe the parking lot.

Mayor's Comments

1. Septic Pumping Update: 18 homes have been completed so far. One person opted out as they haven't had their tank pumped in 30 years and it was unsafe to do so. Mayor Seymour are looking to see if there are any grants available to assist the homeowner. Trustee Bowe suggested looking into CAP.
2. Ambulance: No update
3. Recycling Bins – Mayor Seymour did pick up more bins for any residents that need them
4. Leaf Bags – We have been getting questions from residents to see if we have more bags. Mayor Seymour will look to see if we can find a deal to purchase more.

Trustee's comments

Trustee Bailey advised that members from Oneida Castle would be coming in to talk to us about NYCLASS. Tentative date was set for Thursday the 13th at 7:00 pm.

Correspondents

Water report and taxes

Adjourn

Trustee Bowe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 pm, Trustee Bailey seconded and all were in favor.

Next meeting is August 18th at 6:00 for the bill paying meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbi Waxenfeld

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Clerk/Treasurer