

Village of Wampsville

Minutes – October 6, 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, Ellen Bowe and Dawn Collins. Others: Fire Chief Symon Sumner, Village Clerk Debbi Waxenfeld, Lori Seymour, Carol & Bill Colvin, Jen & Mack Funari

Motion by Trustee Rafte, seconded by Trustee Bailey, to approve the attached meeting minutes dated September 22, 2026. All in favor

Residents

No comments.

Public Hearing

A motion was made by Trustee Bowe at 6:31pm to open the public hearing to discuss changes on setbacks on shed and accessory buildings. Trustee Rafte seconded and all were in favor.

ZBA/Planning Board Chairperson Lori Seymour explained the need for consistent setback requirements, noting that the current standards are unrealistic for Village property sizes. Under the proposed changes, sheds in R-20 and R-30 residential districts would be set back 5 feet from rear and side property lines, measured from the roof, while other accessory structures would require 10-foot setbacks. The Board also discussed limiting accessory structures on primary lots to a maximum height of 30 feet. No residents or Board members had further questions. The Village will ask its attorney to draft the local law and submit it to the County for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Bowe at 6:38 pm to close the public hearing to discuss changes on setbacks on shed and accessory buildings. Trustee Bailey seconded and all were in favor.

ZBA/Planning

Chairperson Lori Seymour let the board know that on October 29th members of the ZBA/Planning board are planning to attend training held at Delphi Falls. This will count as 2 hours of the 4 hours needed for the year.

Village Attorney

Not in attendance, had nothing to share.

Financial Report/ Clerk's Concerns

Debbi Waxenfeld presented the operating statements and monthly bills to the Board and requested a motion to pay bills totaling \$17,638.98. Trustee Bowe moved to approve and pay all bills presented, and Trustee Collins seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Debbi informed the Board that she had completed Form VT-1 and the County's list of unpaid taxes. She read the certification and verification of unpaid Village taxes to the Board, and the members signed the documents to affirm them. The completed forms will be returned to the County.

Fire Department

Chief Sumner presented the Chief's Report and noted that it had been a busy month. The department responded to all 17 calls received, including six in the Town of Lenox, four in Canastota, one in Lincoln, and one at the County Complex. He also reported that efforts to sell 321 had generated little interest, so he plans to advertise it on additional sites. The new fire truck's proof's were received and it should be ready in January.

Town of Lenox

Councilman Perretta was not in attendance; nothing new to report.

Infrastructure

The Mayor requested authorization to offer the 2026–2027 snowplowing contract to Derek Field, noting that no bids had been received when the contract was advertised. Derek agreed to provide snowplowing services again. Trustee Collins moved to offer the contract to Derek Field, and Trustee Bailey seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Event Committee

Trunk or Treat will be held on October 24. To date, 15 trunks have registered, and additional participants are being sought. Debbi contacted Oneida school counselors and the Honor Society to recruit student volunteers. Direct Factory Furniture and Walmart each donated \$100, and thank-you letters will be sent. This year's event will also feature lawn games and music.

The Burn Run will take place on Halloween morning and will include a children's run, a 5K, and a 10K. Wampsville and other fire districts will assist with traffic control. Chief Sumner asked whether anyone had contacts who could help place signs on Court Street during the preceding week to alert travelers about the race.

Mayor's Comments

1. Septic Pumping Update: Work has been completed at 49 homes, leaving five homes remaining in Phase 1. Feedback has been entirely positive.
2. Newsletter: The newsletter has been printed and looks excellent. BearPaw Printing did an outstanding job producing it as a booklet for mailing. Copies will be mailed in the coming days.
3. Police Presence: Village representatives met with the Oneida City Manager and Police Department to discuss daily patrols in the Village. The proposed cost was beyond the Village's budget, so other options will be explored. Oneida officials indicated that they would consider lowering the price, but the parties remain far apart.

Trustee's comments

Trustee Collins wanted to request that another call be made regarding the pole that was hit on the corner of Rt. 5 and South Court Street.

Correspondents

Water report and Worker's Compensation quote for next year.

Adjourn

Trustee Bowe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 pm, Trustee Collins seconded and all were in favor.

Next meeting is October 20th at 6:00 for the bill paying meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbi Waxenfeld

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Clerk/Treasurer