

Village of Wampsville
Minutes – September 1, 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 Dawn Collins.
Others: Village Clerk Debbi Waxenfeld, Carol & Bill Colvin, Alex & Sue Brown

Motion by Trustee Rafte, seconded by Trustee Bailey, to approve the attached meeting minutes dated August 18, 2026. All in favor

Residents

No comments.

Open Bids for snow removal of sidewalks

49 people looked at the job on the bid site, but we received no bids.

Village Attorney

Not in attendance, had nothing to share.

Financial Report/ Clerk's Concerns

Debbi Waxenfeld provided the board with the Operating Statements, and the monthly bills. Debbi asked for a motion to pay the bills presented in the amount of \$10,838.39. Trustee Collins makes a motion to approve and pay all the bills presented tonight and Trustee Bailey seconds the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

Debbi let the board know that she sent the late tax payment letters out to those that have yet to pay.

ZBA/Planning

Mayor Seymour spoke on behalf of the ZBA/Planning board regarding the inconsistency with certain codes in our code book. Specifically, setbacks are an issue. The board is planning to review the current codes to make them consistent and more simplified. A public hearing will need to be held to change the current setbacks. A motion was made by Trustee Rafte to hold a public hearing on October 6th at 6:30 to approve Local Law 2026-4 to change setbacks. Trustee Bailey seconded the motion, all in favor.

Fire Department

Chief Sumner was not able to attend the meeting. Mayor Seymour advised the board that Engine 321 was in for repairs. The work should be done in a week or so.

Town of Lenox

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

Infrastructure

Parking Lot – The sealing of the parking lot will begin this month.

Event Committee

Upcoming events are Trunk or Treat on October 24th. Letters were sent to local businesses asking them to participate and a Facebook post has been made.

Mayor's Comments

1. Insurance Meeting: Went well. We decided to add umbrella coverage to protect the mayor and the board members.
2. Since the mayor and Debbi will be at NYCOM on 9/15, it was proposed that we move the bill pay meeting to September 22nd. A motion was made by Trustee Collins and seconded by Trustee Bailey, all were in favor to move the next meeting to September 22nd at 6:00.
3. Septic Pumping Update: 28 homes have been completed so far. There has been some trouble locating a few tanks. Everyone that has been contacted after completion was very happy with the service and process.
4. Newsletter: Besides the normal updates the Mayor asked for suggested topics. Ideas that were mentioned included: reminders about dogs being on leashes, taking care of your grass and the area between sidewalks and the road and the process of getting a building permit.

Trustee's comments

Trustee Rafte wanted to express her gratitude to everyone that had reached out to her during the past month as she was dealing with some family health issues. She appreciated all the well wishes and said it was really nice to see friendly faces during the difficult times. She is very happy to be living here in Wampsville.

Trustee Bailey let the board know that we met with members from Oneida Castle to talk to them about NYCLASS. The meeting went well and it was nice to meet neighboring board members.

Correspondents

A call was received by the City of Oneida's water department advising that they are seeing clearer water. They were reaching out to let the village know that the water is safe to drink and they are working on fixing the problems.

Adjourn

Trustee Rafte made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 pm, Trustee Collins seconded and all were in favor.

Next meeting is September 22nd at 6:00 for the bill paying meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbi Waxenfeld

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Clerk/Treasurer