

**Village of Wampsville
Minutes
August 5, 2025**

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, Dawn Collins, Ellen Bowe

Others: Village Clerk/Treasurer Debbi Waxenfeld, Village Attorney Joseph Frateschi, Town of Lenox Council Dominick Perretta, Carol and Bill Colvin, Sue Brown, Meghan Samsel

Motion by Trustee Rafte, seconded by Trustee Bailey, to approve the attached meeting minutes of the July 1, 2025, meeting. All in favor

Residents

Meghan Samsel introduced herself and advised the board that she is running for Town Supervisor. No other public comments were made.

Village Attorney

Joseph Frateschi did not have anything new to address.

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 \$22,681.62. Trustee Bowe makes a motion to approve and pay all the bills presented tonight and Trustee Bailey seconds the motion. All in favor – motion carried. Debbi Waxenfeld asked the board to approve the following budget transfer: Transfer \$1,122.44 from 34104.01.0.015 Fire Department, CE-Truck Repairs to 34102.01.000.00. Trustee Collins made the motion to approve, and Trustee Rafte seconded. All in favor. Debbi Waxenfeld also let the board know that taxes have been coming in and there are only about 20 left to collect. We did have one person pay by credit card. Debbi has been working with Cathi Williams to get the information in the system corrected for the auditor. The beginning balance was incorrect due to clerical errors last year and they are working to correct this. Debbi advised that the Premier Bank account is now set up with Community Bank. Mayor Seymour also mentioned that we have moved funds that were at NBT bank to NYCLASS and he has left \$1,000 just to keep the account open. It was discussed that we will start using the Money Market account at Community as it pays more than the savings account.

Event Committee

Debbi Waxenfeld advised that the Summer Wave was a success. We had almost 60 people attend. A big thank you was given to the fire department for their use of the field, Lyle Chafee for his tent and all of the event committee members and helpers. The music was provided by Scott Miller and it was great. Overall successful event. The event committee is meeting on 8/6 to discuss upcoming events. Debbi Waxenfeld also let the board know about upcoming events in Canastota, including trunk or treat, apple picking, dye dash and ASL classes.

Fire Department

Chief Sumner was not available, but he did provide a chief's report that provided the following. Total calls last month: 12, Structure fires: 1, Total calls YTD: 84.

A motion was made by Trustee Bowe to declare the old air packs and bottles as surplus and therefore they can be sold; Trustee Collins seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Sherrill has asked for Wampsville Fire Department to assist in structure fires and Sherrill will in turn assist Wampsville. Each county has different radios and at this time Wampsville cannot communicate with Sherrill. A motion was made by Trustee Bowe to purchase radios for the fire department so that they can assist with Oneida County (Sherrill) calls. Trustee Collins seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Town of Lenox

Mr. Perretta advised that he didn't have much to report except that they are working on a grant for the sewer project.

Infrastructure

1. Roof repairs - Mayor Seymour advised that he reached out to four roofing companies to get quotes for the repairs needed for the roof. He received two quotes. Campany and Immanuel provided quotes. Campany would replace the boots around the vents for \$5,185 and they are scheduling about 5 weeks out. Immanuel will remove the sheet metal off and repair and replace furnace and pipe boots and will be \$5,400 and they are scheduling 2 or 3 weeks out. The board discussed the two options and liked that Immanuel will remove the old sheet metal and replace the boots, and they like the timeline to start. A motion was made by Trustee Collins to accept the bid of Immanuel and Trustee Bailey seconded. All in favor.
2. Snow removal for the parking lot and sidewalks – Mayor Seymour discussed the fact that we will need to find someone to do our snow removal for the upcoming season. He will check with Canastota and Madison County to see if we can get some bids but has asked the board about putting the job out to bid. A motion was made by Trustee Bowe to put the snow removal project out to bid and Trustee Rafte seconded it. All were in favor.

Mayor's Comments

1. Fall Training – The Mayor and Village Clerk will be attending NYCOM the week of September 15th.
2. E360 – Mayor Seymour has been working on the questions to complete this phase and is down to about 10. Once completed we will present the board with the proposed changes and plan to make a motion at the October meeting.
3. Ipads – We have multiple Ipads that are not being used. The mayor would like to look into trading them in and getting a laptop computer instead.
4. IT issues – Our IT person has been unresponsive and seems to be retiring. We will need to find a new person. It was mentioned that perhaps Kyle Cashel could help. We will look into that.

Trustee's Comments

Trustee Bailey inquired about the Pizza place and was informed that we have seen no movement on the project.

Trustee Bowe asked about a schedule for brush pickup. Others have seen it's typically on a Monday, but they have been very busy. She also stated that a tire somehow ended up in her garbage and it was thrown into the middle of her driveway causing issues with getting into her driveway. Additionally, she stated that traffic is speeding too fast through the light. It was suggested that we move the speed signs to try to deter speeding. Also mentioned that we should reach out to the troopers or sheriffs to see if they can patrol the area and catch speeders.

Correspondence

Debbi advised that we have started receiving tax payments.

Executive Session

Motion by Trustee Bowe was made to enter into executive session at 7:20 and Trustee Rafte, seconded All in favor.

A motion was made by Trustee Bowe at 7:35 to end the executive session and adjourn the meeting. Trustee Bailey seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Next meeting is September 2, 2025, at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbi Waxenfeld
Clerk/Treasurer