

**Village of Wampsville
Minutes
September 2, 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
Others: Village Clerk/Treasurer Debbi Waxenfeld, Village Attorney Joseph Frateschi, Fire Chief Symon Sumner, Carol and Bill Colvin, Anthony Salay, Mary Ann Anderson

Motion by Trustee Rafte, seconded by Trustee Bailey, to approve the attached meeting minutes with a spelling correction from the August 5, 2025, meeting. All in favor

Residents

Mary Ann Anderson commented that the solar panel people had surveyed the land, but she hadn't seen anything else. No other public comments were made.

Open Snow Removal Bids

No bids were received therefore no vote is needed. Mayor Seymour was going to either re-submit open bids again or reach out to some additional people.

Village Attorney

Attorney Frateschi reviewed that the village is digitizing our code, and the system flags potential issues or suggestions.

General code E-360 Questions:

1. Sign Code – The law states one sign per principal structure is permitted. Guidance is to leave as is
2. Administration and Enforcement –References the Uniform Code and the Energy Code. The question is regarding a 2006 local law, however after reviewing our codes there is nothing that is specific to 2006. The guidance is to not make a change to the current code.
3. Code Adoption Process – Repealer – There are two options – General Repealer (clean slate option) or Repeal Inconsistent Ordinances Only (safety net option). Guidance is the safety net option.

The board would like to meet to review the proposed changes to existing or new laws. A special meeting will be held September 25th at 6:30 to review E-360 questions.

Trustee Rafte made a motion to hold a public meeting on October 7th at 6:30 pm in the event any new laws need to be presented. Trustee Collins seconded the motion. All in favor.

Financial Report/ Clerk's Concerns

Debbi Waxenfeld provided the board with the Operating Statements, Bank statements and the monthly bills. Debbi also reviewed the following:

1. AUD – The annual financial statement has been submitted to the comptroller. According to the initial statements, there was a budget surplus of \$17,931.85
2. Website Concerns – There are parts of the website that Debbi is unable to update, and we are trying to work with Patrick Fowler to gain access to allow us to update things as

needed. We also need to update the website per the rules from NYS before the end of the year. Now that the audit is finished, Debbi will have more time to work on this project.

3. PO Box Concerns – A lot of mail gets returned due to not having the proper post office box. Both Mayor Seymour and Debbi have gone to the post office to try to produce a solution. A plea for correct addresses has been made via our sign and Facebook and will be included in the newsletter.

Debbi Waxenfeld asked for a motion to pay the bills presented as well as the outstanding September bills that have not arrived in the mail yet. Trustee Collins made a motion to pay the current bills in the amount of \$10,457.10; Trustee Bailey seconds the motion. All in favor. Debbi Waxenfeld asked the board to approve the following budget transfers: Transfer \$706.46 from 34104.01.0.015 Fire Department, CE-Truck Repairs to 34102.01.000.00 in the amount of \$289.40 and 34102.01.000.20 in the amount of 417.06. Trustee Rafte made the motion to approve, and Trustee Bailey seconded. All in favor. Debbi Waxenfeld also let the board know that the late notices for unpaid taxes have gone out. Fourteen letters were mailed to residents that have not paid their taxes.

Upgrade Fees (permits to equal or comparable to town)

Mayor Seymour compared our fees to other neighboring towns and suggested that we update a couple of our fees. A motion for a resolution to update our fees per the attached schedule was made by Trustee Collins and Trustee Bailey seconded. All in favor. The new fees will be posted to the website and mentioned in the newsletter.

Event Committee

Debbi Waxenfeld shared a calendar of events with the board. Upcoming events are Trunk or Treat on October 25th, Tree Lighting on November 30th. 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 reported that August was a slow month. As part of his chief's report, he advised that there were 9 calls, 3 were the Village of Wampsville, 4 Town of Lenox and 1 each for Village of Canastota and Town of Lincoln. He also mentioned that there has been minor traction on selling the trailer and the air packs are not yet up for sale. The fireman will be helping at the Canastota Carnival so that the Canastota fireman can attend a funeral for a long-time member. They will help cook on Friday and be on standby at the station on Saturday. Sunday is the car show at the field. They took down the banners this week as the hardware is not in good shape. We will look to get new supplies to re-hang next year. Chief Sumner spoke about the new radios that were purchased so that they can provide mutual aid for Oneida County. He also received a radio for Sylvan Beach. These radios allow the fireman to communicate with the Oneida County districts make it safer to provide mutual aid.

Town of Lenox

No one from the Town of Lenox was present.

Mayor's Comments

1. School Traffic – Mayor Seymour, Oneida School Superintendent and John Pinard had a meeting to discuss the traffic issue at Otto Shortell Middle School. With both the High School and Middle School being held at this location the mayor expressed his concerns to the school. He was advised that there would be Sheriffs and 2 School Resource Officers to direct traffic. The busiest times will be 7 am, 11am-12pm and 4:00pm. They spoke with 911 and were told that if we get an emergency call the Sheriff's would assist in getting our volunteer in and out. The mayor recommended that the seniors not be able to drive to school to cut down on traffic, but that didn't happen. Christina Court will potentially be an issue with traffic. Concerns of people parking in the Village parking lot blocking the firetruck bays were expressed. Signs may need to be hung to remind folks not to park there. Chief Sumner said he would remind the volunteers to use their blue lights when coming to a call. The mayor also let Bliss know to come before or after the midday pickup/drop off time to avoid delays in the garbage pickup.
2. Roofing and Contractor Update – Roofing is scheduled but don't have the start date yet. It should be in a few weeks. Randy Collins came in to look at fixing the front door, the kitchen door and the railing to the kitchen. An estimate should come soon.
3. Newsletter – Mayor Seymour will be working on the newsletter soon. Some topics to be included are the traffic concerns, fees, and mailing addresses. He asked for suggestions to be sent to him.

Trustee's Comments

Trustee Rafte wondered about getting information on the TV station about the traffic and parking due to the school traffic. To let people know that they cannot block the firetrucks. She also had concerns about those that haven't paid their taxes and wondered if any residents are struggling and need some help.

Trustee Collins asked about seeing the water report as she wants to have her water tested to see if there is any chlorine in the water. Also, she inquired if the mayor reached out to the county or the DOT regarding the drainage near her. Mayor Seymour advised he had placed calls but hadn't heard anything.

Correspondence

Debbi advised that we have received tax payments and the water report.

A motion was made by Trustee Rafte at 7:23 to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Collins seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Next meeting is October 7, 2025, at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbi Waxenfeld

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Clerk/Treasurer