

Village of Wampsville

Organizational Meeting

April 28, 2020

The meeting of the Village of Wampsville Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 pm in the Village Hall, located at 118 North Court St, Wampsville, NY as well as Zoom.com.

Present: Mayor Gerald Seymour Jr., Trustees Dawn Collins, Ellen Bowe and Douglas Bailey.

Others in Attendance: Clerk-Treasurer Isaac Smith, Village Attorney Heather Denby.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Res. #11-2020: Motion to open public hearing on the 2020-2021 Budget by Trustee Collins and seconded by Trustee Bailey.

Discussion: None

Record of the Vote: All in favor; motion carried

Mayor Seymour: Open up public hearing on the budget. Anybody out there have questions on our budget this year? Okay. I need a motion to close the public hearing.

Res. #12-2020: Motion to close public hearing on the 2020-2021 Budget by Trustee Collins and seconded by Trustee Bailey.

Discussion: None

Record of the Vote: All in favor; motion carried

Mayor Seymour: We will go right to the budget this year. The budget this year, we are in really good shape. We are going to try to pass the budget here with no tax increase this year. On that note, anybody have problems or questions with it? On the Board?

Trustee Collins: I don't.

Mayor Seymour: If not, let's take a motion to pass our budget

Res. #13-2020: Motion to accept the 2020-2021 Budget by Trustee Collins and seconded by Trustee Bailey.

Discussion: None

Record of the Vote: All in favor; motion carried

Mayor Seymour: I can't here Ellen. Alrighty and I want to pass this on to quick that Zoom only lets us have a meeting for forty minutes so if you get cut off because we run too long we apologize in advance. Okay. The next thing is the Organizational Consent Agenda.

Clerk-Treasurer Smith: Real quick, I just need a motion to send out the tax warrant

Mayor Seymour: Okay

Res. #14-2020: Motion to allow Clerk-Treasurer Smith to send out the Tax Warrant by Trustee Collins and seconded by Trustee Bailey.

Discussion: None

Record of the Vote: All in favor; motion carried

Mayor Seymour: Good.

Clerk-Treasurer Smith: Thank you.

Mayor Seymour: You see a list of appointments and we will do everything up to the policies for this motion, okay? So the two that we are going to wipe out were the Zoning Board and the Planning Board, are all set. We do not need to do them. They were taken care of last year. All the other stuff is the Village Trustee's. Isaac is records management, receiver of taxes is Isaac, Heather Denby is our lawyer again, codes officer is Josh Stagnitti of Lenox and the newspaper will be the Dispatch again. Our regular meeting dates are as follows: we are changing next month's meeting to 5/18/20 because, maybe the state will be open and we can have it in public. 6/2/20, 7/7/20, 8/4/20, 9/1/20, 10/6/20, 11/3/20, 12/1/20, and then 1/5/21, 2/2/21, 3/2/21. April, we are going to switch this one 4/13/21 because the Fire Department has their elections and that will be our Organizational Meeting also. 5/4/21. That will get us all the other things you have listed. You will see. Anybody have questions on that part of the Organizational Consent?

Trustee Collins: No

Mayor Seymour: If not I will take a motion for the top half all the way down to the training and schooling resolution, right? Or mileage, I am sorry.

Clerk-Treasurer Smith: Real quick, I believe I have that wrong on the mileage policy. It should say, right in front of you, its .575.

Mayor Seymour: We use the federal guidelines right?

Clerk-Treasurer Smith: Yeah, I just want to make sure.

Mayor Seymour: .575 it should read? Okay. If I can have a motion to pass that first set.

Res. #15-2020: Motion to accept Village Clerk/Treasurer Appointment through the Mileage Resolution by Trustee Collins and seconded by Trustee Bailey.

Discussion: None

Record of the Vote: All in favor; motion carried

Mayor Seymour: Then we will do the policies. We had a question on one of the policies. There was a T missing in the

Clerk-Treasurer Smith: I will correct.

Mayor Seymour: Also on this list is the social media policy that we passed last year. Nothing has changed in any of these policies. They are the same as they have been, probably as long as you have been on the board, right Dawn?

Trustee Collins: Yes

Mayor Seymour: Anybody have any questions or anything on that? If not, I will take a motion to approve the policies and we will make sure everyone will get a copy of them; you can go over and read them. And we will certify it next meeting. So, I need a motion.

Res. #16-2020: Motion to accept Training & Schooling through Credit Card Use Policy by Trustee Collins and seconded by Trustee Bailey.

Discussion: None

Record of the Vote: All in favor; motion carried

Mayor Seymour: Did we get the minuets?

Trustee Collins: Yeah, he sent them to us.

Mayor Seymour: Ellen sent you a couple of corrections we took care of.

Clerk-Treasurer Smith: Yes.

Mayor Seymour: I take a motion to approve the monthly minuets.

Res. #17-2020: Motion to accept March Meeting Minuets by Trustee Collins and seconded by Trustee Bailey.

Discussion: None

Record of the Vote: All in favor; motion carried

Trustee Collins: Did you read them Dougy?

Trustee Bailey: I did.

Mayor Seymour: Now, the abstracts, I do not know if you are comfortable doing them tonight?

Clerk-Treasurer Smith: It is up to you guys, they [Abstracts] are there. I printed them out and emailed them to you also. We can wait until next month if you're more comfortable.

Trustee Collins: We only have forty minutes right?

Clerk-Treasurer Smith: Yes

Trustee Collins: We could table that.

Mayor Seymour: Table that then. Mayors business, I only have a couple of quick things. We just got a bunch of the insurance policies again. I think we should table them. They are not due until June 1st, so we can all have a chance to look at them and make sure they are all right.

Trustee Collins: Yes.

Mayor Seymour: We already said the next meeting will be 5/18/20 at 6:30pm. Hopefully the State opens up and we can all have a meeting here. The third thing I got, I had a meeting with the engineers and architect Friday [4/24/20] for the Dormitory Grant. I got a note; we are in the final approval stage. They told me to get a hold of Rep. Salka because Bill Magee sponsored us. I sent him an email to keep us informed and to see what he could do to push it along. We have 125,000 hanging out for, to fix the front make it ADA compliant and this bathroom.

Trustee Collins: We need to, before someone gets hurt.

Mayor Seymour: I had the engineers here and the architect and he took measurements, asked a few ideas on what we are looking at. I'll tell you guys in person when it comes up. He had some great ideas. Let's hope that thing gets going. Maybe we could have something done by the end of the year. That's all I have. New business is the Attorney contract. Heather, did you have any questions about your contract? We are just going to keep it the same.

Heather Denby: No, that is fine.

Mayor Seymour: okay, perfect. So I need a motion to...

Res. #18-2020: Motion to accept Heather Denby's Village Attorney Contract by Trustee Collins and seconded by Trustee Bailey.

Discussion: None

Record of the Vote: All in favor; motion carried

Mayor Seymour: Old business, I don't think we have any. Highway issues. I talked to Lenox and brush is going to be picked up May 11 – 15. I have the newsletter just about ready, I had to doctor it up a lot because the virus and take some things out. I am hoping it gets out this week.

Trustee Collins: Can you get that on the sign too? And Isaac, can you put it on the website?

Clerk-Treasurer Smith: Yes.

Mayor Seymour: So that will be may 11 – 15 for brush pick-up. I don't know, I haven't heard resident's concerns.

Trustee Collins: So this spring cleaning is wrong on the sheet?

Mayor Seymour: Yes, it should have been then but they weren't even working and I talked to TJ last week and he said the 15th is close enough. It's [the State] almost going.

Trustee Collins: I had a few people ask me when it was.

Mayor Seymour: I see some brush out already so...

Trustee Collins: That is good

Mayor Seymour: I haven't heard anything from residents. I am not sure if you guys did. Any concerns or anything? No, alright Fire Department. Of course the elections are going to be May 11th. They got pushed back because of [the virus]. May 11th they asked permission if they could push the Fire Trucks out. Get the doors open and that will allow them to spread out for social distancing. I told them I had no issues with it and I hope you guys didn't either.

Trustee Bowe: Jerry?

Mayor Seymour: Yes?

Trustee Bowe: Can I just mention two things? The Williams house, across from the courthouse.

Mayor Seymour: Okay.

Trustee Bowe: The lights that are at the county complex go right into their house so if we could ask them to somewhat dim them or shine them away from their house, I think they would appreciate that.

Mayor Seymour: Okay, we will talk to somebody.

Trustee Bowe: The other thing was when I was over on Citty lane doing petitions there was some concerns regarding the lawn from, I think it was the Town of Lincoln, had done the snow plowing. Some of the lawns have been ripped up. So if we could ask them to address that.

Mayor Seymour: Okay. If you have an idea of the addresses just send me a text with them. If you know what they are. If not, we'll take a ride anyways, but I will talk to Tony, alright?

Trustee Collins: Also, could you get a hold of National Grid too and tell them there is a light out up on RT5 by the tractor place, kind of kitty corner from me, by the other beauty shop.

Mayor Seymour: Okay.

Trustee Collins: It is really dark up there.

Mayor Seymour: As you notice the banners and flags went up the other day and I got a call from the people who do the banners and they brought us 15 more.

Trustee Collins: Nice. They look so nice.

Mayor Seymour: We are going to end up putting them up on poles because we do not have enough street lights. We had a couple of flags that got wrecked and poles. I ordered some today. I could have waited but I ordered them today. So I ordered extra flags and I ordered extra poles too. Last year we had a couple of poles break down.

Trustee Collins: Okay.

Mayor Seymour: I hope you guys are alright with that. We are up to trustees concerns. Oh, sorry, I talked to Monte just so you know. I don't know if you have noticed but they have been doing birthdays in the truck. If a kid has a birthday they ride down with the truck and flash the lights and sirens. He [Monte] asked permission and I did not see a problem with it and I hope you guys didn't either.

Trustee Bailey: It happened across the street from where I live and it would bring tears to your eyes because the kids have nothing. You know they were just so excited to see trucks come by with the balloons hanging out of them. It was well, it went well.

Mayor Seymour: I don't know if you saw the tape, they [fire department] had a little girl get her legs stuck.

Trustee Bailey: Yes.

Mayor Seymour: In between a wheel. Did you see that Ellen? They bought her a bike.

Trustee Collins: Wal-Mart donated it.

Mayor Seymour: It had 70,000 hits on Facebook.

Trustee Collins: Awesome.

Trustee Bailey: Great.

Mayor Seymour: So we are up to Trustee's Concerns and I think we have enough time. Going right along. Anything?

Trustee Collins: I don't have anything.

Mayor Seymour: Anything, Doug?

Trustee Bailey: I don't have anything just, other than the response to Ellen's, last meeting with the traffic speed. I submitted that. I assume everyone got it.

Trustee Collins: Yes.

Mayor Seymour: Can you hear him alright, Ellen?

Trustee Bowe: Yes.

Mayor Seymour: Okay.

Trustee Bailey: There is no way I can retrieve the state police's data, but the Sheriff's [office] told me they got about 70% of them [speeders] anyway. None of the accident reports say speed and all these speed related things that you check off at an accident investigation. None of them were checked off. And Ellen and I had this conversation, the debate is: was the car that struck the car in the rear speeding

before they hit and didn't slow down in time. That is argumentative I guess, I don't know how it can be proven, you know? Unless you have got an excessive, very serious wreck.

Mayor Seymour: I was really surprised that there were that few accidents up there [intersection of RT5 and Court Street].

Trustee Bailey: Yeah, it seems like there is one every day.

Trustee Collins: Yeah.

Mayor Seymour: Ellen, you got anything?

Trustee Bowe: I did email the guy from the DOT and I am just waiting to hear back from him. He did get the email, but of course, they have been busy. The other thing that I just think we should keep in mind for the next meeting, obviously not this one, but something about the drones seems to be coming up more now because they use them for package delivery and different things. So I don't know if we have anything [local law] about that. Just taking into account my understanding that RT5 will be a drone corridor. That is my understanding. So what does that mean for certain things? The other thing is the solar panels. I read an article that the county had put out and some of the concerns they had mention were some of the rural land being taken over for some of these projects and how that will have an impact on landscape in Madison County. I just think that is something that we can look at.

Mayor Seymour: It [Solar Farms] has already been addressed. There is a Local Ordinance in place. You guys did it.

Trustee Bowe: Is that for commercial solar panels or is that...

Mayor Seymour: I think it's for anything.

Trustee Collins: It's for anything.

Mayor Seymour: It is like eight pages. So...

Clerk-Treasurer Smith: You want me to get it?

Mayor Seymour: No, I think we have a copy. We can put it in your mailbox.

Trustee Bowe: Okay.

Mayor Seymour: Alright, correspondence. We have had very little so I don't think we got anything, do we? We haven't even been getting mail. It's unbelievable you go in there and...

Clerk-Treasurer Smith: This is the only thing of note and if you want to go over that.

Mayor Seymour: Okay.

Clerk-Treasurer Smith: That [check] is for taxes, we received it from the County [Madison], for back taxes.

Mayor Seymour: Oh, okay, we got paid for the back taxes. The county [Madison] makes us whole when somebody doesn't pay their taxes. And we have those checks?

Clerk-Treasurer Smith: Yes.

Mayor Seymour: Did you have anything Isaac, I blew right by you.

Clerk-Treasurer Smith: I do not, unless there are questions for me.

Mayor Seymour: Anybody got anything for Isaac? Alrighty, are we forgetting anything?

Trustee Collins: We don't have any bills to pay?

Mayor Seymour: We tabled all of it.

Clerk-Treasurer Smith: Yes. I can

Trustee Collins: we are just going to table all of it? Okay.

Clerk-Treasurer Smith: I can leave them out like I did last month and then you can just come in and sign.

Mayor Seymour: Alright, does that work for everybody? We haven't really been spending money because we cant do anything. So, I need a motion to adjourn.

Res. #19-2020: Motion to adjourn meeting by Trustee Collins and seconded by Trustee Bailey

Discussion: None

Record of the Vote: All in favor; motion carried

Meeting closed: 6:51pm

Mayor Seymour: I thank everybody for this and hopefully we are whole in May.