

VILLAGE OF WOLCOTT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING
September 23, 2025

Members Present: Mayor Chris Henner, Trustees: Dave Lewis, Andrew Marshall, Dan Smith and Misty Harper

Others Present: Fran Acker, Eva Banas-Duncan, Ed Wazinski, Jack Roberts, Tommy Mettler, Chris Breen and Jerry Lasher.

Mayor Henner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fire Department-Jerry Lasher

See 911 monthly report.

Pete Gillette was top responder.

Annual member physicals tentatively to be done in November.

The Annual Wayne County Memorial Service will be held September 26, 2025 at Cross Creek Church in Palmyra.

North Rose- Wolcott School Homecoming is September 26, 2025. The Wolcott Fire Department will have a truck present.

Fire Prevention at North Rose – Wolcott Elementary School has been scheduled for October 9, 2025.

3 Fire Department members attended training at Old Forge in September.

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve use of the Fire Hall on October 9, 2025 from 8am-5pm by Fastrac for Employee Appreciation. Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve use of the Fire Hall on October 18, 2025 for a spaghetti dinner Fire Department Fundraiser to be sponsored by the American Legion and the VFW. Serving hours scheduled for 4-7pm. Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Police Department-OIC Brian Ritchie-absent

Highway-Chris Breen

Krown Undercoating will be servicing the village vehicles on October 3, 2025. Personal vehicles are welcome with a fee of \$135.00 per vehicle.

Scheduled oil and stone of streets are completed. The Highway Department will be vacuuming to remove any stone.

Sewer Department-Tommy Mettler

A lighting strike hit the sewer plant and damaged several electrical components. Costs were covered under insurance with a check in the amount of \$7,986.45. Gross amount of costs = \$8,195.00 less Deductible/MUNI PAC Reduction: \$208.55. Trustee Smith made the motion to approve ProTech quote in the amount of \$7,090.00. Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor. \$1,105.00 for invoice from NE Controls was previously completed. Remainder of damage is for WCWSA/Town of Wolcott.

The morning of September 23, Mr. Mettler received a high wet well alarm. Turned out phone lines for the Sewer Department were dead. A Verizon tech is scheduled to troubleshoot September 24.

Mayor Henner did speak with Marty Aman with WCWSA inquiring on an ETA for Pump #3, Mr. Mettler previously mentioned damaged. Mr. Aman will have Seth reach out to Tommy. Tommy Mettler confirmed Seth did reach out and all items needed have been ordered. The estimates for WCWSA repairs range is \$17,000-20,000.

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve Chamberlain Quote #98 in the amount of \$3,865.00 for annual aerators cleaning. Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve Chamberlain Quote #99 in the amount of \$3,865.00 for annual pump stations cleaning. Trustee Marshall 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Water Department-Ed Wazinski

The Water Department is now pumping from the Lake Plant.

Mr. Wazinski has been doing valve pump repair with Joe Tecconi from Highway Department.

Village Clerk/Treasurer

Tax collections as of September 22, 2025=\$668,916.40 which includes \$1,443.96 in penalties.

AIM funds in the amount of \$10,230.00 from the NYS Comptroller's Office was direct deposited on September 15, 2025.

Meeting Minutes

Trustee Smith made the motion to accept and approve the September 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Trustee Marshall 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Resolutions

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-21. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion.

Resolution 2025-21

AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW OPTING OUT OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW 487

WHEREAS, NYS Real Property Tax Law §487(8)(a) provides a 15-year real property tax exemption for properties located in New York State with renewable energy systems, including solar electric systems, and

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law §487(8) (a) authorizes county, city, town, village, or school districts to adopt a local law opting out of the exemption for solar, wind and farm waste energy systems as well as exemption for micro-hydroelectric energy systems, fuel cell electric generating systems, micro-combined heat and power generating equipment systems, electric energy storage equipment or electric energy storage systems and fuel-flexible linear generator electric generating systems; and

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law §487 also authorizes a municipality to opt out of granting that property tax exemption by adoption of a local law; and

WHEREAS, the Notice of said Public Hearing was duly advertised in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, said Public Hearing was duly held on September 23, 2025 at 6:30 pm in The Village Hall Board Room, 6015 New Hartford Street, Wolcott, NY, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law, or any parts thereof; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Wolcott, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Village of Wolcott to adopt said Local Law; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Village of Wolcott adopts Local Law 2-2025.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Henner, Trustees: Lewis, Smith, Marshall and Harper

Nays: None

Office of the Village Clerk

Village of Wolcott

County of Wayne

I hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of a resolution with the original duly adopted by the above mentioned Board at a meeting held on the 23rd day of September, 2025 and that the same is a true copy of said original and of the whole thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the official seal of the said Board, this 23rd day of September, 2025.

Village Clerk

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-22. Trustee Harper 2nd the motion.

Resolution 2025-22

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSMAN NICK LANGWORTHY'S ENERGY CHOICE ACT (H.R. 3699, S. 1945) AND IN OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT-MANDATED NATURAL GAS BANS

WHEREAS, affordable and reliable energy is essential to the health, safety, and economic prosperity of New York families, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS, natural gas remains a dependable, cost-effective, and clean-burning energy source used by millions of New Yorkers to heat their homes, cook their food, and power their businesses; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, New York State enacted the **Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA)**, which mandates aggressive emissions reductions and serves as the foundation for sweeping energy restrictions, including efforts to phase out natural gas; and

WHEREAS, building on the CLCPA, Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature in 2023 enacted provisions in the state budget banning natural gas and other fossil fuel hookups in most new residential and commercial buildings, effective 2026 for smaller buildings, and 2029 for larger buildings, thereby eliminating consumer choice and limiting access to affordable energy; and

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul has publicly supported these bans and related measures as part of her administration's climate and energy agenda, despite widespread concerns that such mandates will increase costs, strain grid reliability, and restrict energy diversity; and

WHEREAS, these top-down policies undermine affordability, threaten reliability during peak demand, and strip away the freedom of consumers and businesses to choose the energy sources that best meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Nick Langworthy of New York and Senator Jim Justice of West Virginia introduced the **Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699, S. 1945)**, federal legislation that ensures state and local governments cannot restrict consumer access to natural gas and other affordable energy sources, thereby protecting freedom of choice for New Yorkers and all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Choice Act would safeguard households, small businesses, hospitals, farmers, and manufacturers from harmful government overreach and preserve access to an "all-of-the-above" energy strategy that strengthens reliability and affordability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Wolcott Board strongly supports the Energy Choice Act as introduced by Congressman Langworthy (H.R. 3699) and Senator Justice (S. 1945) and stands firmly opposed to New York State's natural gas bans, the CLCPA-driven restrictions, and other state energy mandates that eliminate consumer choice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Wolcott Board urges Congress to pass the Energy Choice Act to defend consumer choice, protect energy affordability, and preserve reliable access to natural gas for New Yorkers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Congressman Nick Langworthy, Senator Jim Justice, the New York Congressional delegation, Senators Chuck

Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Governor Kathy Hochul, and leadership of the New York State Legislature.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Henner, Trustees: Lewis, Smith, Marshall and Harper

Nays: None

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Facilities Use Request

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve use for the Fire Hall on November 22, 2025 by Vanessa Lapp for a family Thanksgiving Dinner. Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor. Approved by the Fire Department.

Mayor Henner

The village's union employees voted to change health insurance from the Rochester Teamsters to the plan offered by Wayne County due to comparable coverage and lower rates. Eye and dental will still be through the Rochester Teamster's plans.

Mayor Henner mentioned the scheduled street projects have been completed.

The Mayor also reminded those with delinquent water/sewer bills to get paid to avoid water shut off.

Trustee Harper

Nothing at this time

Trustee Marshall

Nothing at this time.

Trustee Smith

Nothing at this time

Trustee Lewis

Trustee Lewis inquired if any information was obtained regarding tree replacement within the village. Chris Breen responded trees can be purchased from Wayne County Water and Sewer in March.

Executive Session

Mayor Henner made the motion to move the meeting into executive session at 7:30 pm for a Personnel and Contractual issue. Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. Water Department Head Ed Wazinski remained and Clerk -Treasurer Acker was asked to stay. All present voted in favor. Mr. Wazinski left the session at 7:51 pm. Trustee Smith made the motion to move back to regular session at 8:53 pm. Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Adjournment

Trustee Smith made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 pm. Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

The next Village Board meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fran Leber

Clerk- Treasurer