

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
January 17, 2006**

Call to Order: President Furlan called the meeting of the Village Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance: President Furlan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: In attendance were Village President Ken Furlan, Village Trustees Mike DeMarco, Candy Nannini, John Nordigian, Debbie Spurgeon and Lynn Schlosser, Village Clerk Christine Stickler and Attorney William Stanczak. Trustee Glenn Ryback was absent.

Approval of Agenda: Furlan requested an addition to the agenda under the Mayor's Report regarding discussion of amendments to the Lake County Watershed Development Ordinance and noted a correction of the approval date for previous Board meeting minutes to 1/3/06. A motion was made by DeMarco and seconded by Spurgeon to approve the agenda as amended.

Voice vote: Ayes all; Nays none; Ryback absent.

Trustee Ryback arrived at 7:35 P.M.

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting Held 1/3/06: A motion was made by Nordigian and seconded by Schlosser to approve the minutes of the meeting held 1/3/06, as presented by the clerk to all Board members. Schlosser asked for clarification concerning McCarthy Road. The minutes were approved as presented.

Voice vote: Ayes all; Nays none. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Stickler reported that all correspondence received at the Village hall from 1/4/06 through 1/17/06 was reviewed and placed on file.

Public Comment: None.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Nordigian to approve the Treasurer's Report as of 12/31/05, as presented by Treasurer Kwiecinski. Schlosser inquired about the payment to Translogistic Services and was informed that costs were for courier services used to deliver documents to Village professionals. Schlosser also questioned if the \$10,000. borrowed from the general fund in 2005 for the MFT expense was repaid. Kwiecinski noted that accounting book entry was not yet completed but will be done as agreed upon.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Ryback, Nordigian, DeMarco, Schlosser, Spurgeon and Nannini. Nays none. Motion carried.

Bills Paid: A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Spurgeon to approve the bills to be paid as of 1/17/06 in the amount of \$44,747.77 as presented in the report prepared by Treasurer Kwiecinski. Nannini asked about paying for safety shoes for the maintenance crew and it was noted that it was a general practice in most communities.

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Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Ryback, Nordigian, DeMarco, Schlosser, Spurgeon and Nannini. Nays none. Motion carried.

Checks Issued: A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Nordigian to approve the checks issued from 12/21/05 through 1/17/06 in the amount of \$63,678.84 as presented in the report of Treasurer Kwiecinski.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Ryback, Nordigian, DeMarco, Schlosser, Spurgeon and Nannini. Nays none. Motion carried.

Ordinances/Resolutions: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Mayor's Report:
173 Corridor Council: Furlan presented a memorandum for the Route 173 Corridor Council regarding the final report and recommendations of the ERA for the I-94 and Rt. 173 corridor. The findings indicate that a full interchange would be very costly; that it is not likely because of the proximity to Route 50 and to Gurnee; that without a full interchange retail and commercial development would be unlikely; that there are ample developed sites available along Route 41; and that the Corridor Council should wait 5-10 years to determine what the true demand for the area will be. Furlan further noted that Tim Smith, Mayor of the Village of Old Mill Creek, prepared a letter for submission to the Illinois Tollway asking for a full interchange at Route 173 and to move the tollbooth that is currently just north of Wadsworth Road to north of Route 173. Smith requested the signature backing of all members of the 173 Corridor Council. Furlan would not agree to sign the document without approval of the Board and polled the Board for their opinion. The Board was in agreement that Furlan should withhold signature on behalf of the Village regarding the 4-way interchange until it can be determined what is going to happen in the area, particularly after reviewing the developer comments.

LC Watershed Development: The County Board has approved significant amendments to the Lake County Watershed Development Ordinance making it necessary for the Village to update the Village Ordinance 94-409 dated 10/18/94, which adopted the original Lake County Watershed Development Ordinance by reference. The revisions include isolated wetland program enhancements/clarifications, National Flood Insurance Program requirements, ordinance administrative enhancements, technical standard amendments and Phase 2 Amendments regarding the national pollutant discharge elimination system. A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Spurgeon to authorize Village Attorney Stanczak to prepare an updated ordinance to approve the new Lake County Watershed Development Ordinance as amended.

Voice vote: Ayes all; Nays none. Motion carried.

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Covenants: Furlan noted that he reviewed an example of redevelopment covenants for a street development that could be useful when developing the Rt. 173 area.

Attorney's Report:
Adams Road Bridge: Stanczak reported that he has followed up on the completion of the Adams Road Bridge with Manhard Consulting who is the project engineer. It is in the permit phase with a completion target in early spring. The design of the bridge was changed according to the recommendation of Village Engineer Bleck and the details are being completed and will be forwarded to LCSWM, IDNR and Bleck. Stanczak will contact Manhard Consulting and request a written response committing to a completion date for the bridge as it was originally supposed to be completed in November 2005.

Text Amendment: Text amendments to the zoning code are being completed and notice will be published to place the text amendment on the February ZBA meeting agenda.

Trustees' Comments: DeMarco reported that a committee meeting was held regarding the hiring of a Village Administrator. The committee is creating a job description and benefits package and upon completion will investigate advertising alternatives.

Schlosser reported that Road and Bridge Committee will be meeting on 1/30/06 to discuss road maintenance for 2006. Bleck is working on the plan for the 2-year project on August Zupec Drive. \$50,000 in county assistance funds is only available after a final plan is submitted. Lake County IDOT will also be approached to determine if additional assistance can be obtained from stormwater management. Schlosser also noted that the Village is collecting approximately \$8,500. per month under the 3% telecommunications tax. There is a balance of approximately \$92,000. in the account that could be used to fund road repairs or whatever is deemed a need.

Ryback noted complaints from residents on Burr Oak regarding excessive gravel in their yards due to snowplowing following the roadwork done in 2005. After discussion, it was agreed that this is a slow time for the maintenance staff and they will be sent to clean up the excessive gravel, beginning with the worst cases, and relocate the gravel to other areas in the Village.

Spurgeon reported that she obtained a quote from Masterbuilt Fence to repair the damaged cyclone fence. The Parks and Village Hall Committee will meet to review the quote. Spurgeon also noted 7 or 8 split rails have been broken on the snow hill fence. Some temporary repairs have been made and permanent repairs will be completed in spring. Finally, Spurgeon stated that the directory board was damaged by the wind and the replacement parts have been ordered to repair the board.

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Nordigian offered to help with organizing an appreciation dinner this year. Nordigian also reported that he attended a meeting with Randy Whitmore and other people from Lake County to discuss what Lake County can do to stop the migration of business to Wisconsin. It was suggested that the county should prepare a development plan to keep businesses in Lake County to generate revenue. A pre-determined plan would assist in negotiations with a developer like Centerpoint when developing the area around Route 173.

Executive Session:

None.

Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M. on a motion by Ryback, seconded by Nordigian.

Voice vote: Ayes all; Nays none. Motion carried.

Christine Stickler, Village Clerk