

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
April 6, 2011**

- Call to Order:** President Ryback called the meeting of the Village Board of Trustees to order at 7:45pm.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** President Ryback led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call:** In attendance were Village President Glenn Ryback, Village Trustees Tyler Crittenden, Ken Harvey, Geralyn Hansen, Rodney Johnson, Lynn Schlosser, James Zegar, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Keri-Lynn Krafthefer.
- Public Comment:** There was no Public Comment.
- Establish Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Schlosser, to establish a consent agenda for:
- a. Approval of the March 15, 2011 Village Board meeting minutes.
 - b. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of 4/6/11, totaling \$27,349.44.
- Voice vote: Ayes-all Nays-none Motion carried.
- Approval of Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Schlosser, to approve the consent agenda as presented.
- Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried.
- Discussion of removed topics:** No topics were removed.
- Old Business:** There was no Old Business.
- New Business:** There was no New Business.
- Village President's Report:** President Ryback reported that the Lake County Bar Association would be holding a newly elected officials conference on April 29th, from 1PM to 4PM. He also noted the Metro Mayor's Caucus would be holding an event honoring founding member Mayor Richard M. Daley at Navy Pier on April 29th beginning at 5PM. He proudly announced that Mark Kirschhoffer was named Illinois Fire Chief of the Year by the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association. Ryback then initiated a discussion regarding the number of liquor licenses currently in service and additional licenses being held in reserve for future businesses. Several Trustees were in favor of updating the liquor ordinance to provide for elimination of extra licenses and to have existing licenses terminate, should an existing business close. A new license of any type would require Village Board approval in addition to the existing background reviews currently in place before a license is authorized by the Liquor Commissioner (Village President.) After lengthy discussion, the Village Attorney was directed to make ordinance changes for review at a future meeting.
- Village Attorney's Report:** Attorney Krafthefer reported that the new "Public Comment" law is being reviewed at her firm, with a recommendation to be made to all of their clients in the near future.
- Village Administrator Report:** Administrator Amidei had invited John Ress of the proposed Freedom Farm to make a presentation, but due to a conflict, it will be at a future meeting. Amidei suggested an ordinance which would allow use of village right-of-way areas for farming by Ress. Krafthefer agreed to review the proposed ordinance.
- Amidei provided a letter from Dr Hutton, asking to waive \$350 in application fees for the new elementary school. After some discussion, Trustees arrived at the following decision

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A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Zegar, to deny waiving the fees.

Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried.

Regarding baseball field maintenance, Amidei suggested the Village furnish clay mix for the field, which will be placed by ball team users with their own equipment. Users will pay the existing use fees. Trustees agreed.

On April 16 and 17, Newport Fire Department will perform a controlled burn on the Village's 14 acre site and wetlands burning in the High Ridge Trail area. Chainsaw training will also take place.

The Road Program has begun, with ditching to take place in Min-Oaks and Mulberry. More work will take place in May when the asphalt plants open.

The tennis courts in Wadsworth Park require patching, which will be done after an existing field tile drains out. The outfall was recently cleared. He and Public Works Director Pat Pasko recently attended a field tile presentation held by Lake County, which demonstrated the importance of maintaining old farm tiles installed many years ago.

He has spoken to the Village Engineer about annual costs to comply with the Federal mandated NPDES program. This year's estimate will be provided by mid-summer.

Amidei met with the Army Corps of Engineers last week regarding several drainage projects he is evaluating. He is concerned that Illinois may reduce the amount of income tax remitted to municipalities, which in turn will limit the amount of maintenance funds available to Wadsworth for these projects. He is also anticipating dredging of the retention pond behind Village Hall and of the creek at Adams Road, which sometimes overtops the road during heavy rainfall. Permits are not required if the work is done by hand. He has also learned what can be done to improve drainage at Ninth Street without Army Corps permits.

A drainage way in The Willows requires clearing near the bridge. He has spoke with Lake County Stormwater and the Army Corps regarding what can be done.

Advertising will be placed in the newspaper and on the Village website to hire a full-time, seasonal employee for the summer and fall.

A pre-bid meeting of contractors for the garage expansion project was held last week, with 13 people in attendance. Afterwards, 3 said they would not be bidding. The bid opening will be April 19 at 2:30 PM.

**Committee Reports:
Public Service:**

Trustee Schlosser reported that all is in order for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. All Board members are invited to stuff 4,000 plastic eggs with candy and prizes at 8:30 AM on April 23. The Wadsworth Queens are also bringing about 15 helpers. The eggs will be "hidden" around Village Hall just before the 1 PM starting time. The Easter Bunny will be in attendance.

Finance:

Trustee Harvey asked Attorney Krafthefer for a billing adjustment on a current legal matter. She agreed to a \$1400 credit.

He also reported that spending through March was close to last year's costs, assuming the FEMA reimbursement amount for the February Blizzard costs. Amidei will provide a confirmation of the estimate, after he learns of several state funding amounts (income tax, sales tax, etc) that may be reduced. Home Rule was suggested as a means of improving revenue, for which Attorney Krafthefer volunteered to provide a presentation.

Parks:

Trustee Zegar asked to review the letter of engagement for the annual audit before accepting it. As a CPA, he has performed audits in the past.

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Road and Bridge:

Trustee Crittenden asked to initiate a Neighborhood Watch program in an area suggested to him by residents and will work with Zegar to place signs and have a presentation for those residents. Zegar instituted the same program near his home last year after his car was stolen from his driveway.

He also received complaints from residents in The Willows about a new property owner in unincorporated Lake County, adjacent to The Willows, who is landing his helicopter on a 15 acre home site. He suggested sending a letter to Lake County, as the helicopter is quite noisy. Amidei reminded that the Village has no jurisdiction in the county, but learned that Lake County requires a Conditional Use to operate a helipad.

As a way to minimize labor costs, he also suggested procuring labor for The Willows ditch clearing project (covered in Amidei's report) from Lake County Sheriff Curran, possibly utilizing work release prisoners.

Planning, Zoning & Plats:

Trustee Johnson had no report.

Ordinance Committee:

Trustee Hansen had no report.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45PM on a motion by Johnson, seconded by Crittenden.

Voice vote: All Ayes. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk