

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
October 19, 2010**

- Call to Order:** President Ryback called the meeting of the Village Board of Trustees to order at 7:35pm.
- 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, Candye Nannini and Lynn Schlosser, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthefer.
- Public Comment:** There was no Public Comment.
- Special Business:** There was no Special Business.
- Establish Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Hansen, to establish a consent agenda for the following items:
- a. Approval of the October 5, 2010 Village Board meeting minutes
 - b. Approval of Treasurer's Report as of 9/30/10.
 - c. Approval of checks issued between meetings, totaling \$57,580.40 (9/22/10-10/19/10)
 - d. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of 10/19/10, totaling \$18,544.49
 - e. Adoption of an Ordinance Approving the Disposition of Surplus Property.
- Nannini asked to withdraw item a (minutes) for discussion. The motion and second was amended to approve items b,c,d,e.
- Voice vote: Ayes-all Nays-none Motion carried.
- Approval of Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Schlosser, to approve items b,c,d,e on the consent agenda as amended.
- Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried.
- Discussion of Removed Items:** Nannini referred to the Old Business section of the minutes where discussion of the Intergovernmental Agreement with Newport Township for road shoulder mowing was covered. She noted that the agreement called for a resolution by the Township Road District and asked how a single person could produce the resolution and also sign the document. Krafthefer advised that since the Township Road District does not have a Board, there was no requirement to convene a meeting. Johnson reminded that his motion to cancel the mowing contract was simply to avoid issues occurring between the Township Board and Township Road District. Harvey stated he did not want to argue about who would cut the grass. Krafthefer indicated that no one from her law firm had ever spoken with the Township Road District. Crittenden asked for a correction of item 14a under New Business where he voted Nay.
- A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Nannini, to table the minutes.
- Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried.
- New Business:** Ryback stated that he and Amidei discussed how to proceed with the Public Works garage addition. While the Board had preferred a "design-build" procedure, the Village Attorney advised that only Home Rule communities use that method. After Counsel provided further direction, the Village provided a basic specification to all three architects so the project could be re-bid. New quotes have since been received for architectural services only. Amidei has not yet received funding from the state, but believed that design and plans could proceed during the winter months. Trustees reviewed the three proposals from Sutter-Day for \$1500, Calvin Cox for \$1950 and Design Studio "C" for \$12,500

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A motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Nannini, to have Sutter-Day Architects provide architectural services as proposed in their letter of October 15, 2010.

Roll Call vote: Nannini, Johnson, Harvey, Hansen. Nays: Schlosser, Crittenden Motion carried.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business.

Village President's Report:

President Ryback reported on the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus meeting where several presenters discussed information helpful to area communities, but did not go into detail. .

Village Attorney's Report:

Attorney Krafthefer had no report.

Village Administrator Report:

Administrator Amidei reminded that a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting will be held next Wednesday regarding solar and geothermal energy systems. Amidei has participated on the Lake County Task Force to draft the initial county-wide model ordinance for wind, solar and geothermal and believes the last two are much less complicated than wind energy.

TruckStops of America is seeking a change in their existing signage, for which a variance will be sought. Johnson noted the new sign package presentation was attractive and would enhance the business.

Amidei spoke with the ICC regarding the Adams Road and Ninth Street Railroad crossing gates which could be installed as early as year end. He is also inquiring about making the downtown rail crossing a "quiet zone" which could require a raised median on Wadsworth Road or longer signal gates.

A bid opening will be held Friday for the final section of the Delany Road storm sewer project by Lake County Stormwater Management. When the final section is installed, resident Dave Willits can install a drain line through his own property to eliminate the water ponding problem in that subdivision.

Resident Lance Thieme on Elm Lane is working with the Lake County Forest Preserve District to install a drainage structure that will prevent flooding in an existing pond on his property. It will direct the overflow water southward onto Forest Preserve farm property.

At the next meeting, Clear Channel will be ready for presentation. Their existing billboard near Collier's RV on Route 41 at the state line will be modified to include a new smaller digital panel on the south face, with the sign being turned slightly west to face the tollway rather than Route 41. The north face will be removed entirely. Clear Channel has met and worked with several adjacent property owners to reduce the amount of light spill with shades. A Public Hearing and amendment to the annexation agreement will also be held regarding the license fee that was negotiated with Clear Channel.

Employee job descriptions are now complete and Amidei is seeking comments from Trustees.

Amidei received a complaint about a property owner on 21st Street who burns wet grass continuously. Trustees noted that the fire must be attended and Ryback reminded that Fire Department regulations regulate burning at night.

Berger Excavating is seeking \$672 for temporary detour signs installed as part of the Waukegan Park District Sport Complex project (Orchard Hills) on Bayonne Avenue and Hart Street. The signs directed construction traffic northbound, through the residential Southeast District of Wadsworth and were removed by our staff after Amidei advised the superintendent they were never permitted by Wadsworth. The signs were stored behind our garage but are no longer there. Attorney Krafthefer directed Amidei to forward the bill to the Waukegan Park District. Johnson volunteered to speak with Berger regarding any questions, as Berger had stored a road grader in Johnson's yard without permission. Johnson also observed that a right-turn only sign was erected at the exit to the Sport Complex as Wadsworth previously requested. Harvey was concerned that making Hart

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Street one-way to discourage Sport Complex traffic was an imposition on our residents. An explanation will follow in the next village newsletter.

**Committee Reports:
Public Service:**

Trustee Schlosser will prepare current events items for a newsletter and will present a Seasonal Tree Lighting ceremony budget at the next meeting. She has learned that our bulk mailing permit with the Wadsworth Post Office will expire next spring. Amidei reported that the two remaining Wadsworth Post Office bulk mailing permits will be transferred to the Gurnee Post Office as part of a postal service consolidation.

Parks and Village Hall:

Trustee Nannini had no report.

Finance:

Trustee Harvey had no financial report, but removed political signs from the front of Village Hall after Amidei received direction from the Village Attorney. The law is silent on campaign signs placed near polling places during early voting.

Road and Bridge:

Trustee Crittenden reported meeting with Kirschhoffer Trucking, Ryback and Amidei regarding storage of highway salt purchased through the state program. Because of a change with Newport Township, Kirschhoffer will no longer store their salt and can only store and provide salt to Wadsworth purchased from him. Several alternate locations to store salt purchased by Wadsworth through the state contract were discussed, which will be pursued. There is a significant cost savings to Wadsworth using the state procurement program.

He also noted the newly paved section of Route 173 at the railroad crossing acts like a ramp and needs to be corrected before motorists lose control traveling over it.

Planning, Zoning & Plats:

Trustee Johnson thanked Amidei for negotiating the billboard annexation agreement amendment and license fee with Clear Channel and reported that the neighbors were satisfied with the outcome.

Ordinance:

Trustee Hansen had no report.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Johnson

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

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk