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**Village Board Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Board Meeting: 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Village President Ryback.

Roll Call: Upon roll call, present were Village Trustees Crittenden, Dolan, Hansen, Harvey, Hayden and Zegar. Also present was Village President Ryback and Village Administrator Amidei. Village Clerk Hoselton was absent. Attorney Nelson-Jaworski joined the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Public Comment: Wadsworth resident Chris Michael provided the Board with an update on the quiet zone establishment efforts. She indicated that Lake County has 97 quiet zones and that the cost to hire a consultant to establish one could reach \$100,000. She had communicated with Antioch staff who was surprised to hear about local (Newport/Wadsworth Area) residents who were willing to contribute towards improvements to help establish a new quiet zone. The quiet zone crossing at IL-173 and IL-83 in Antioch saw some improvements take place to get one established at this crossing. Ms. Michael indicated she would like to get our State Representatives involved with this project. Further, the Wadsworth Road crossing may have to be involved in efforts to create a quiet zone corridor – one that may not result in improvements having to take place on IL-173. She had also stated that she had spoken to County Board Member Brent Paxton and the Beach Park School District 3 about them supporting efforts to reduce the speed limit on IL-173. Her attorney will be speaking with the Federal Railroad Administration; Amidei indicated he would be happy to meet with them also. Discussion ensued amongst Ms. Michael and the Board. Trustee Dolan indicated that once future quiet zone establishment costs are ascertained, the Village Board will have to make a policy decision on whether to move forward or not.

Establish Consent Agenda:

Trustee Harvey made a motion to establish the consent agenda as presented. His motion was seconded by Trustee Zegar.

- a. Approval of February 2, 2016 Village Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report As of 1/31/2016
- c. Approval of Checks Issued Between Meetings (1/20/2016-2/16/2016)

- d. Approval of Bills to be Paid As of 2/16/2016
- e. Approval of Final Payment to the State of Illinois in the amount of \$13,043.38 (MFT Fund) related to 2012 Mill Creek Road Resurfacing Project

Discussion took place regarding the legal services bill and what items fall under the monthly retainer and what type of items get reimbursed back to the Village. Voice vote: Ayes-all; Nays-none; motion carried.

#### Approve Consent Agenda:

Trustee Zegar made a motion to approve the consent agenda. His motion was seconded by Trustee Hayden. Roll call vote: Ayes-all; Nays-none; motion carried.

#### Village President's Report:

President Ryback reported on Lakeshore Chamber's February Burger Crawl Event.

#### Village Administrator's Report:

Administrator Amidei discussed the availability to purchase the Village of Beach Park's old loader at a sum of \$22,500. They had purchased a new unit to replace same a few years back. Beach Park inquired if Wadsworth had an interest in purchasing it prior to selling it to an interested private party. Amidei discussed the fact that the Village has spent \$36,000 in loader rentals during the past three winter seasons and that the Village would surely find use for this machine during the summer months. Discussion took place regarding the loader's condition, unexpected costs that would be required to maintain it and possible uses during the non-winter months. Amidei said that after a review by Village staff, the loader at least will need two new tires. In the event that the Village does not incur significant repair costs over the course of the next two years, it is possible that the Village would come out ahead financially should it choose to purchase this loader at this time. Following a discussion amongst the Board, Trustee Dolan made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to pursue the purchase of the loader from the Village of Beach Park provided it passes an inspection by a knowledgeable and qualified mechanic. His motion was seconded by Trustee Hayden. Roll call vote: Ayes-all; Nays-none; motion carried. Amidei was asked to inquire with Beach Park to see if a better purchase price could be offered as this purchase would be a no finance cash deal.

Amidei briefly discussed the meeting that he had with President Ryback and an individual from the American Transmission Company (ATC).

This company is an electric utility who is looking to construct a new transmission line to address electric reliability concerns associated with the power transfer between southeastern Wisconsin and northeastern Illinois. The proposed routes under consideration are the Kilbourne Road corridor, the Canadian Pacific Railroad corridor or along the west side of the current ComEd transmission lines that are located just westerly of the Union Pacific Railroad. A substation would have to be constructed near the connection point in the area southeasterly of Bergmann Landscaping on Delany Road. The representative from ATC will appear before the Board at the next meeting to present an overview about this project; a public open house meeting will take place in early March at Thunderhawk Golf Club.

Administrator Amidei also commented about the emergency repairs that are needed on the guardrail located at the western end of Yorkhouse Road. The guardrail was hit by a vehicle in late December and again last week. The contractor who replaced the guardrail in 2014 will repair it this week; the contractor will also fix the guardrail on Chicago Avenue that was hit by an unknown vehicle at the same time.

Trustee Comments: Trustee Harvey commented about the need to keep public comments under a reasonable time limit, say no more than 3-5 minutes. Discussion ensued regarding the Village's current public comment policy and the possible need to draw up a new policy. Amidei advised that a few years back, the Village amended its code to provide for such a policy but could not recall the rules that were agreed upon. For the next meeting, Amidei will research the public comment rules that were agreed upon previously, if none can be found, a new policy will be drafted for the Board's action at said meeting. The Board was in agreement that comments shall be limited to five minutes.

Trustee Zegar discussed the updated cash flow report that was provided by Amidei in recent days. He asked that this report be updated to show more current revenue and expenditure forecasts for the rest of this fiscal year. Amidei announced to all in attendance that the State is now current with its payments that are due to the Village; it is hoped that in the near future, legislation will be passed that will allow for MFT, income tax, video gaming and other monies be distributed to municipalities via a continuing appropriation versus only being available to be distributed if and only if there is an approved State budget.

Trustee Zegar stated that he will be composing another fire safety e-newsletter and will help the Fire District, on an individual basis, with their spring referendum. Further, he stated that the recent Shanty e-newsletter was a hit and will be sending out Part 2 of this story very soon. Trustee

Harvey commended Trustee Zegar for all of his efforts with the Village's e-newsletter.

Trustee Hayden presented a proposed ordinance that would adopt rules related to the sale of vehicles upon private residential properties. The rules governing same would be located within a subsection of the Village Code chapter on garage sales; no changes to the rules governing garage sales within the Village are being proposed. Considerable discussion regarding such rules took place amongst the Village Board. This topic was also discussed at the Ordinance Committee level. Amidei indicated that the framework of these rules came from Beach Park's policy, however, they were simplified down for ease of administration (e.g. a permit to sell a vehicle would not be required from the Village; the Village would not be involved in such sales as long as property owners followed the approved guidelines). Discussion also took place regarding the amount of cars that could be sold upon a residential lot in a given year and its "sale location" upon a property, among others. After further discussion and consideration, Trustee Dolan made a motion to approve the ordinance, as presented (a residential lot (that contains a home) would be allowed two (2) sales per year, vehicle must be registered to that specific lot and vehicle must be parked on an improved paved surface (a permit from the Village will not be required for such sales)). Trustee Dolan's motion was seconded by Trustee Zegar. Upon a roll call vote, Trustees Dolan, Hayden and Zegar voted aye, Trustee Crittenden voted nay and Trustees Harvey and Hansen abstained. Following some discussion about whether the measure passed or failed, Trustee Harvey announced that he would like to change his vote to "aye." Motion carried.

Trustee Dolan announced that a Parks and Village Hall Committee Meeting will take place in the next two weeks.

Adjournment: Trustee Dolan moved to adjourn the meeting; his motion was seconded by Trustee Hansen. With all present voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Moses Amidei, Village Administrator/Deputy Village Clerk