

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
March 4, 2014**

- Call to Order:** President Ryback called the meeting of the Village Board of Trustees to order at 6:00pm.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** President Ryback led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call:** In attendance were Village President Glenn Ryback, Village Trustees Tyler Crittenden, Ben Dolan, Robert Hayden, Ken Harvey, Geralyn Hansen and James Zegar, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthefer.
- Special Business:** Miss Wadsworth Brooke Wilt appeared to make a presentation regarding activities she and the other Queens have participated in during their reign since last June. She also asked the Board for the annual college scholarship which is given to Miss Wadsworth.
- A motion was made by Zegar, seconded by Hayden, to issue the annual scholarship check to be presented at the June pageant in the amount of \$1,000.
- Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried.
- Public Comment:** Mayor Tim Smith of Old Mill Creek was in attendance. He had reviewed the proposed Comprehensive Plan and had several suggestions regarding the area nearest the railroad. He pointed out several areas on a downtown area map already on display, indicating his property and manufacturing facility. Since not all of his building is currently utilized, he suggested a portion be used as a future train station. He also reminded Trustees of his existing sewage treatment lagoons that are currently only at 10% capacity that might be used to service the nearby area. A brief discussion followed regarding how both Old Mill Creek and Wadsworth would benefit from a railroad depot.
- Establish Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Zegar, seconded by Dolan, to establish a consent agenda for the following items:
- a. Approval of the February 18, 2014 Village Board meeting minutes.
 - b. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of March 4, 2014, totaling \$32,731.37.
- Voice vote: Ayes—all. Nays—none. Motion carried.
- Approval of Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Hansen, to approve the consent agenda as presented.
- Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried.
- Discussion of removed topics:** There were no removed topics.
- Old Business:** Discussion resumed from a previous meeting regarding contracting a grant writing specialist to fund special projects. Trustee Dolan had information from Mr. Dominick regarding his experience preparing and presenting grants to the Department of Natural Resources, along with an information sheet. Trustees asked to meet the grant writer, which Dolan will plan for the next meeting. It was also suggested a special committee be formed to review who will be contracted and to follow the progress of grant requests once they are underway.
- New Business:** There was no New Business.
- Village President's Report:** President Ryback did not provide a report.
- Village Attorney's Report:** Attorney Krafthefer did not provide a report.

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Village Administrator Report: Administrator Amidei and Trustee Crittenden attended an Illinois Department of Transportation meeting recently, regarding Route 173 improvements between Hunt Club Road, eastward to Route 41 and 21st Street. Three scenarios for roadway and intersection improvements were presented by IDOT. Each plan included removal of between five to eight existing homes and possibly the gas station at Route 41. Crittenden described the site plans and renderings presented at the meeting. He observed that retaining walls would be installed near some of the existing homes if owners wanted to remain. He suggested that property owners work with the highway department to accommodate the improvements.

Amidei reported that Lake County is ready to structure a local purchasing agreement for municipalities to purchase highway salt next winter. The present State Of Illinois contract arrangement has had trouble keeping up with demand this season and Lake County believes it can provide a better system. Trustees agreed. Discussion followed regarding purchasing a portion of road salt from the State, but all are ready for a better system to be implemented. Amidei was directed to inform Lake County that Wadsworth would purchase salt through the new program.

Crittenden suggested retaining the Route 173 property that is currently being offered for sale. While our barn holds only 300 tons of salt, the larger barn there would hold nearly 1,000 tons and eliminate the situations which occurred this winter when salt was in short supply or completely unavailable.

Amidei also reported on the fire alarm system at Tri-Star Shell. It was initially installed only in the restaurant area and was turned off when the Subway restaurant closed. They have been directed to expand and update the system to include the gas station for a future date when the restaurant area is planned to re-open.

He also reported that the restaurant section of Toors truck stop on Russell road is closed for remodeling.

Committee Reports:

Finance:

Trustee Harvey did not provide a Finance Report.

Public Service:

Trustee Hansen did not provide a Public Service report.

Planning, Zoning & Plats:

Trustee Zegar reported on a positive recommendation by the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding a new sign for Dunkin' Donuts on Route 173 at Route 41. The sign panel would be below the panels that previously identified the Pick-N-Pull auto recycling center, south of the doughnut shop along Route 41. ZBA commissioners agreed with the Petitioner that the position of the gas station building obscures the view of existing Dunkin' Donut signs facing Route 173 from Route 41 traffic.

A motion was made by Zegar, seconded by Hayden, to Adopt an Ordinance Granting Variations for a sign located at 41339 US Highway 41 for Dunkin' Donuts.

Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried. Ordinance #2014-918

Ordinance Committee:

Trustee Hayden did not provide an Ordinance Report.

Road and Bridge:

Trustee Crittenden did not provide a Road and Bridge report.

Parks and Village Hall:

Trustee Dolan did not provide a Parks and Village Hall report.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Crittenden and seconded by Hayden, to enter Executive Session at 7:15 PM to review Executive Session minutes for review and possible release; and to discuss real estate acquisition and sale.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Crittenden, Dolan, Hansen, Hayden, Zegar. Nays: none. Motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 8:25 PM.

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Return to Regular Session Roll: Crittenden, Dolan, Hansen, Harvey, Hayden, Ryback. Zegar left the meeting at 7:30PM.

Executive Session Results: A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Hayden, to release certain Executive Session Minutes with personnel information redacted from 2008 up to prior to July 6, 2010.

Voice Vote: Ayes: All. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:27PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Hayden.

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

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk