

**Village of Wadsworth  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
Held at the Village Hall  
March 17, 2015**

- 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, GERALYN Hansen, Ken Harvey and Robert Hayden, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski. Trustee James Zegar was absent.
- Special Business:** Fire Chief Mark Kirschhoffer made a brief presentation regarding a Referendum question which will be on the April 7<sup>th</sup> ballot. The Newport Fire Protection District is seeking funding to maintain operations and to eventually replace aging equipment. He routinely provides 6 months of training to new applicants who receive no pay during that time. While the procedure diminishes salary requirements, the trainees always leave Newport for other departments, although 6 were hired back as part-time employees this year. The District has only 4 full-time employees. 68% of their calls are for EMS ambulance. While they bill for ambulance service, their only income is from real estate taxes. Two units strictly carry water for fires. He hopes to replace the 1989 unit, which is the oldest of the fleet. He was pleased to report that the Insurance Institute has recently improved the area's fire rating since a second station was placed in operation on Old Skokie Highway, reducing response time to only 3 or 4 minutes anywhere in the District. It has also solved the railroad crossing problem.
- Public Comment:** There was no Public Comment.
- Establish Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Dolan, to establish a consent agenda for the following items:
- a. Approval of the March 3, 2015 Village Board Meeting Minutes.
  - b. Approval of Treasurer's Report as of 2/28/15.
  - c. Approval of checks issued between meetings, totaling \$87,077.93(2/18/15-3/17/2015)
  - d. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of 3/17/15, totaling \$19,733.53
- Voice vote: Ayes-all Nays-none Motion carried. Trustee Zegar absent.
- Approval of Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Crittenden, to approve the consent agenda as presented.
- Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried. Trustee Zegar absent.
- Discussion of removed topics:** There were no removed topics.
- Old Business:** There was no Old Business.
- New Business:** Administrator Amidei referenced Ordinance 2015-946, which will amend certain portions of 2015-925, giving the Rosemary Ress Freedom Farm for Veterans use of an unimproved right-of-way adjacent to the farm property. John Ness was present to answer questions about three small portable shed-type buildings donated by Home Depot to benefit Veterans using services at the farm. They will be used to store farm implements and hand tools.

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A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Dolan, to Adopt an Ordinance Amending and Replacing in its Entirety Ordinance 2014-925 which Approved a License to use certain Boulevard View Avenue Right-Of-Way for Driveway & Other Purposes for the Rosemary Ress / Freedom Farm for Vets Property.

Roll Call vote: Ayes-all Nays-none Motion carried. Trustee Zegar absent.

The Wadsworth Queens appeared to request permission to promote their 2015 Activities and Fundraising Events at the 2015 Wadsworth Easter Egg Hunt. The Pageant is a self-supporting activity utilizing funds raised by the Queens and Ambassadors each year. During their report, the Queens enumerated the myriad of activities they attend and fundraising events in which they all actively participate, which includes a Spring Golf Outing at Midlane Resort.

Ryback and the Village Board expressed their appreciation for all the events and for their upcoming assistance with the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th.

A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Hansen, authorizing the Queens to present and promote upcoming activities at the Easter Egg Hunt.

Voice vote: Ayes-all Nays-none Motion carried. Trustee Zegar absent.

**Village President's Report:**

President Ryback reported on a fundraising event which former Trustee Mary Carmody held for the Veterans Closet, a charity providing donated clothing at no cost to Veterans who come to her location in North Chicago near the Lovell Health Center. The event included swing-dance lessons by two instructors at the Winthrop Harbor VFW hall. Noting that the hardwood floor in Village Hall is well suited for that same use, he asked Trustees to consider utilizing the meeting room for community dance lessons in the future.

**Village Attorney's Report:**

Attorney Tiffany did not present a report.

**Village Administrator Report:**

Administrator Amidei reported on the bid opening for the Lake County Municipal League's Joint Purchasing program. The bid pricing was better than expected and Wadsworth will utilize the services of tree trimming and sweeping, crack-sealing and patching of roads offered through the League. Ryback is Vice President of the League. April 7<sup>th</sup> will be a bid opening here at Village Hall for additional ditching and road patching maintenance work.

Amidei referenced a letter he will send to the Village of Beach Park, confirming utilization of their Building Department for permits and inspections beginning in April. Since two of our inspectors have retired and the volume of permits is small, Beach Park has acknowledged they have capacity to accommodate our inspections. Our plumbing inspector has already been working for Beach Park for several years. After discussion, Trustees directed the Mayor and Village Administrator to make the final determination of working with either Lake County Building and Zoning or Beach Park for future permits and inspections.

Amidei will schedule a pre-construction meeting with Campanella and Sons for demolition of the old Post Office on Wadsworth Road.

A liquor license application is in progress for the closed gas station at Routes 173 and 41. The new owner is performing repairs prior to a grand opening in the spring.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance:**

Trustee Harvey observed numerous trucks and trailers for sale at a residence along Wadsworth Road which already has a court order prohibiting commercial operations. A nearby vacant lot with a locked gate has had sheds constructed without authorization and equipment if being stored there. Amidei will direct the code enforcement staff to visit each site and issue citations for the violations as required.

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- Public Service:** Trustee Hansen has learned that Lake County Building and Zoning has never responded to the complaint of roaming and unsupervised livestock on a vacant lot along Delany Road near Stonegate Drive adjacent to the Village Limits. It was called in 2 weeks ago but the fowl and equine are still wandering at large seeking pasture. Amidei will place a reminder call to the County tomorrow. She also reminded that the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM.
- Planning, Zoning and Plats:** Trustee Zegar was absent and did not provide a report.
- Ordinance Committee:** Trustee Hayden referenced the updated Ordinance for Garage Sales and elaborated on the history which supported the change.
- Road and Bridge:** Trustee Crittenden continues to research pricing for gazebos and pavilions for the downtown Wadsworth Road property. He also reminded Trustees that a specific area survey should be conducted for property owners who are experiencing weak water production from their private water wells. Three or four areas within Wadsworth have experienced poor well water quantities for quite some time. He suggested a simple postcard mailing be sent to those areas to learn if some residents would have an interest in installing a water delivery system for Lake Michigan water. Dolan suggested a mailing list to gauge interest in the entire Village, but Crittenden noted it was really not needed in most areas. He wished to help the areas with scant water supplies. After further discussion, Amidei was directed to work with Crittenden in identifying the areas to receive the mailing. Most are adjacent to existing water systems in Zion, Beach Park or Waukegan. Fire Chief Kirschhoffer noted that Sterling Estates along State Line Road has a particularly poor quality of well water for nearly all the homes. The water directly from those wells come with a definite black color and requires treatment through each resident's own water-treatment system. It was observed the nearest water delivery system to that area might be in Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin.
- Parks and Village Hall:** Trustee Dolan did not provide a report.
- Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Crittenden.
- Voice vote: All Ayes. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk