

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
August 5, 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.

Public Comment: Hope Forcier of the Wadsworth Farmers Market updated the Board regarding a Bicycle Safety Event to be held at the Market on September 12. She suggested obtaining safety helmets and selling them at cost at the event. Trustees noted that many cyclists already have their own helmets, but agreed to authorize the purchase of 50 helmets to be sold at one dollar over cost with the funds to come from the Farmer's Market account.

Roger Hayes of Wadsworth Feed discussed the proposed sales tax increase and was concerned customers might make purchases elsewhere. He has owned this location for 22 years and noted the last five years have been difficult, even more so during road construction during the previous 18 months.

Jay Getz of Jay's Treasure Island on Route 41 at Route 173 noted that his location has been open since 1949. He no longer carries groceries since most of his customers travel to Woodman's in Kenosha in an attempt to save on sales tax. He also farms about 2,000 acres in the area. He was also opposed to the sales tax increase.

Ed Collier from Collier's RV on Route 41 at Russell Road discussed the methods of collecting sales tax in different areas of Illinois and Wisconsin. At his Rockford location, their sales tax increase excluded vehicle purchases of all types.

Mary Bennett of Savanna House was also concerned that the tax increase on food and beverages might drive her customers to restaurants in other communities.

Establish Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Hayden, to establish a consent agenda for the following items:

- a. Approval of the July 15, 2014 Village Board meeting minutes.
- b. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of August 5, 2014, totaling \$30,180.09.
- c. Motion to establish 2014 Trick-or-Treat for Sunday, October 26, 2014 from 2-5PM.

Voice vote: Ayes—all. Nays—none. Motion carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Harvey, 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: The Comprehensive Plan was presented for review and adoption. Trustee Dolan suggested tabling the matter until next meeting.

A motion was made by Dolan, seconded by Hayden, to table the matter until August 19, 2014.

Voice vote: Ayes—all. Nays—none. Motion carried.

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Discussion was held regarding a sales tax increase and placement of same on the November 4, 2014 ballot.

A motion was made by Zegar, seconded by Dolan, to Adopt a Resolution Initiating the Submission of a Public Question to Establish a Non-Home Rule Sales Tax of 1%.

Voice vote: Ayes–Harvey, Hansen, Hayden, Dolan, Zegar. Nays–Crittenden.
Motion carried. Resolution # 2014-253

- New Business:** There was no New Business.
- Village President’s Report:** President Ryback did not present a separate report.
- Village Attorney’s Report:** Attorney Krafthefer did not provide a report.
- Village Administrator Report:** Administrator Amidei reported that he received an offer on the Route 173 property. A lot survey remains to be done on the Old Post office site. He noted that the adult bookstore on Route 41 near Route 173 in unincorporated Lake County closed in the past week. He also acknowledged the warm condition in the meeting room today was due to a failed air conditioner unit, which will cost approximately \$3700 to replace.
- Committee Reports:**
- Finance:** Trustee Harvey did not provide a Finance Report.
- Public Service:** Trustee Hansen discussed the proposed September 27 Concert in the Park event and associated costs. She spoke with Mary at Savanna House, who will again sell food and beverage during the event. She suggested a budget amount of \$2500 for the band and associated costs. A motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Dolan, to establish a budget amount of \$2500 for the Concert in the Park event. Roll call vote: Ayes–all. Nays–none. Motion carried. A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Hayden, to authorize the Village President to issue a Special Use Permit Liquor License to the Savanna House Restaurant in conjunction with the Village’s September 27 Concert Event. Voice vote: Ayes–all. Nays–none. Motion carried.
- Planning, Zoning & Plats:** Trustee Zegar reported that his last emailed newsletter went to 432 people, of which roughly 2/3 opened and read it.
- Ordinance Committee:** Trustee Hayden did not provide an Ordinance Report.
- Road and Bridge:** Trustee Crittenden reported on his Road and Bridge Committee Meeting that was held just before this meeting. He reported on snowplowing operations proposed for this winter. He also discussed trading an existing Ford dump-truck to purchase a new pick-up truck. He will get complete pricing for a 2015 Ford pick-up truck for the next meeting.
- Parks and Village Hall:** Trustee Dolan did not provide a report.
- Executive Session:** A motion was made by Zegar, seconded by Hayden, to enter Executive Session at 8:10PM to discuss the sale of real estate and review of Executive Session Minutes.

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Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Crittenden, Dolan, Harvey, Hansen, Hayden, Zegar. Nays: none.

Motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 8:17 PM.

Return to Regular Session Roll: Crittenden, Hansen, Harvey, Hayden, Johnson, Zegar, Ryback.

Executive Session Results: Amidei will send the real estate contract to the Village Attorney for review.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:18PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Dolan.

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

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk