

**Village of Wadsworth  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
Held at the Village Hall  
August 16, 2016**

**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, Robert Hayden and James Zegar, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski. Trustee Ken Harvey was absent.

**Special Business:** Newport Township Assessor Jerome Behrens discussed the 2016 property assessment notices ("blue sheet") that will be mailed this week. He distributed information explaining Equalization Factors for all Lake County Townships and was pleased that Newport's 2016 tentative multiplier would again be below 6%. He noted that assessed values have decreased 30% over the last 10 years.

Trustees discussed a request by the outgoing Wadsworth Pageant Queens to share the customary scholarship amount with the Little Miss and Junior Miss since Miss Wadsworth resigned her reign early in her term. It was noted that Little and Junior Miss are sisters, so Pageant Parents numbered only 2 instead of the usual 6. Trustee Crittenden reflected on the numerous events at which the Queens represent Wadsworth and agreed with that their request for a \$1500 donation to the Pageant Program was warranted. In addition, he suggested that both of the outgoing Queens be awarded the \$1,000 scholarship amount, a trend he believed should continue in future years as well.

A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Zegar, to donate \$1500 to the Pageant Program and to award Little and Junior Miss 2015-2016 each a \$1,000 scholarship amount for their past term and to continue a \$1,000 amount for each Queen who completes her term in future years.

Roll call vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried. Trustee Harvey absent

**Public Comment:** There was no Public Comment.

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

- a. Approval of the August 2, 2016 Village Board Meeting Minutes.
- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report as of 7/31/16
- c. Approval of checks issued between meetings, totaling \$78,810.23(7/20/16-8/16/2016.)
- d. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of 8/16/16, totaling \$9,613.33. Two additional bills were added, \$310 for Clerk Training at IML and \$2491 for Beach Park Building Department inspections.

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

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Zegar, seconded by Hansen, to approve the consent agenda as amended.

Roll call vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried. Trustee Harvey absent

**Discussion of removed topics:** There were no removed topics.

**Old Business:** There was no Old Business.

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**New Business:**

Owners of the former Big Z Riding Club property on North Delany Road were again in attendance, to answer questions about the Mexican Independence Day Family Event to be held on September 18. Rancho Big Z also requested authorization to conduct liquor sales for the day by the organizer, who is working with a Waukegan restaurant that is currently being remodeled. Brief discussion followed.

A motion was made by Zegar, seconded by Hayden, to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to issue a one-day liquor license for 9/18/16.

Roll call vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried. Trustee Harvey absent.

Ryback informed Trustees about a meeting with the Lake County Division of Transportation on August 11 where the proposed Wadsworth Road at Route 41 Bridge and intersection improvement was discussed. Ryback, Amidei and Trustee Dolan attended the meeting, along with business and property owners from each corner of the intersection who would be impacted by a bridge. The County Engineer and several consulting engineers presented two proposals, the first being extensive widening of the intersection to improve traffic flow and second one which depresses Route 41 and bridges Wadsworth Road over it.

The McDonald's owner indicated the bridge would force him to close that location. The Shanty, who is planning an extensive expansion, suggested that his business and Captain Porky's would try to remain in operation but would not expand at that location. Land & Lakes was not sure how to plan for development of their currently vacant acreage and both gas station owners anticipated decreased sales. Lake County will bring their preferred plan to the Lake County Board in October. Actual construction might not start for 6 or 7 years at the earliest.

**Village President's Report:**

President Ryback reported on the Wadsworth Pageant, where he was called upon to be emcee. The new Little Miss is Brynn Skinner, the new Junior Miss is Cleo Hundley and the new Miss Wadsworth is Allison Belmont. The Little Miss first runner-up is Kaylin Reich and Miss first runner-up is Alyssa Cairns.

**Village Attorney's Report:**

Attorney Nelson-Jaworski did not offer a report.

**Village Administrator Report:**

Administrator Amidei reported that the Jonathon Knolls road program had begun. Road surfaces are being milled and curbs are being repaired and replaced as needed. He noted that the ball field is in constant use by teams who reserve it in advance. He also has a proposal to clean some exterior walls of Village Hall and paint windows and trim. Our old enclosed equipment trailer has been sold to a buyer in Ohio, and the new, open trailer is ready to be delivered. The trailer is used to transport mowing equipment to other areas and parks in the Village. He reported that Neil Palmer with ATC will be providing an update of the electrical transmission line project this week, where new poles and wiring will convey electricity from the state line, south to Route 173 along the east side of Delany Road. The Plan Commission will review their proposal at an upcoming meeting. He requested a brief Executive Session to discuss acquisition of real estate.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance:**

Trustee Harvey was absent and did not provide a Finance Report.

**Public Service:**

Trustee Hansen did not provide a Public Service Report.

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- Planning, Zoning and Plats:** Trustee Zegar did not provide a report, but indicated his next newsletter will cover the Pageant, the September 24 Concert in the Park, Voting dates and locations, our concerns regarding a bridge installation at Route 41 and Wadsworth Road and the Waukegan Air Show on September 10. Peyton Metzler is the Air Show contact person.
- Amidei noted the DeMarco lot split on Route 41 should be concluding this month. The Toors restaurant project has all revisions completed, with only the IDOT access permit updates remaining to be completed by the State. A Jamaican carry-out restaurant is hoping to locate near Routes 41 and 173. We will be meeting with the motel owners next week for a fire inspection of that building.
- Ordinance Committee:** Trustee Hayden did not provide an Ordinance Committee report.
- Road and Bridge:** Trustee Crittenden had no further report.
- Parks and Village Hall:** Trustee Dolan has learned from pavement borings that the tennis court pavement was placed upon black dirt. The existing pavement will continue to settle and crack as a result. He suggested finding a different use for the area and perhaps installing a new tennis court in another area.
- Amidei has met with architect Jim Belli regarding the gazebo project and is getting additional information from the Village Engineer which was requested by Belli.
- Executive Session:** A motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Hayden, to enter Executive Session at 7:32PM to discuss acquisition of real estate.
- Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Crittenden, Dolan, Hansen, Hayden, Zegar. Nays: none.  
Motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 7:39 PM.
- Return to Regular Session Roll:** Crittenden, Dolan, Hansen, Hayden, Zegar, Ryback. Trustee Harvey absent
- Executive Session Results:** Amidei was directed to negotiate with the property owner regarding acquiring the subject real estate.
- Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40PM on a motion by Hansen, seconded by Dolan.
- Voice vote: All Ayes. Nays – none. Motion carried. Trustee Harvey absent

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Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk