

**Village of Wadsworth  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
Held at the Village Hall  
September 18, 2012**

- Call to Order:** President Ryback called the meeting of the Village Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 pm.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** President Ryback led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call:** In attendance were Village President Glenn Ryback, Village Trustees Tyler Crittenden, Ken Harvey, GERALYN HANSEN, Robert Hayden, Rodney Johnson and James Zegar, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Kerilyn Krafthefer.
- Public Comment:** Newport Township Assessor Jerome Behrens appeared to make a brief presentation about information contained on the “blue card” notice which is sent to property owners in September. Appeals for Newport must be received no later than October 11. He noted that values this year are based on a 3 year cycle and that a local 5% increase and 3% state increase is the reason residents see increasing tax amounts while assessed values fall.
- Establish Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Hansen, to establish a consent agenda for the following items:
- a. Approval of the September 4, 2012 Village Board meeting minutes.
  - b. Approval of Treasurer’s Report as of 8/31/12.
  - c. Approval of checks issued between meetings, totaling \$127,957.96(8/22/12-9/18/12)
  - d. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of 9/18/12, totaling \$7,602.92
  - e. Motion to approve 2012 Halloween “Trick or Treat” hours for Sunday, October 28 from 2-5 PM.
  - f. Adoption of an Ordinance Approving the Disposition of Surplus Property.
- Harvey asked to remove Item F for discussion.  
Voice vote: Ayes-all Nays-none Motion carried.
- Approval of Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Harvey, to approve the consent agenda as amended.
- Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried.
- Discussion of removed item:** Trustees questioned the Surplus Property to be disposed of, consisting of a vibrating plate tamper. Public Works indicated the tamper is rarely used, but several Trustees suggested keeping the tamper for future service work. After further discussion, all agreed it should not be sold.
- Old Business:** There was no Old Business.
- New Business:** There was no New Business.
- Village President’s Report:** President Ryback presented 8 members for the Downtown and Comprehensive Plan Update Committee. They are: Trustees James Zegar and Tyler Crittenden, Plan Commission Chair Judy Adams and member Rob Schreiner; Zoning Board of Appeals Acting Chair Gil Bennett and member Rich Standriff; public members Ed Tomkowiak and Gidget Leable. The Comprehensive Plan is updated every decade and was last done in 2000. The ad hoc committee will meet with Village Planner Glenn Christensen periodically.
- A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Crittenden, to approve the committee.
- Voice vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried.
- Village Attorney’s Report:** Attorney Krafthefer did not provide a report.

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**Village Administrator Report:** Administrator Amidei reported that Wadsworth Road pavement grinding and resurfacing might begin next week from St. Pat's entrance driveway east to Wadsworth Park. The start date is dependent on completion of the new gas main installation and restoration by Meade. In addition, AT & T will be removing old telephone poles near Village Hall.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** Trustee Harvey did not provide a Finance report.

**Parks and Village Hall:**

Trustee Johnson noted that an existing sandbox in the park has been frequented by area wildlife and will be removed and replaced with turf due to continuing maintenance requirements. It is rarely visited by residents. He and Amidei have researched "exercise stretching stations" and suggested one be placed along the newly paved walking trail. Johnson noted that an increased number of residents are enjoying the trails since they were paved. Trustees agreed with the station installation and sandbox removal.

Johnson referred to a cyclone fence proposal from Aronson Fence Inc. He indicated the old split rail fence atop the sled hill was often dismantled by sled hill users, with the wood rails being thrown into a nearby retention pond. Trustees discussed installing fencing on the south hilltop and west side walkway, but leaving the remaining sides open for sledding.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Zegar to establish a budget not to exceed \$2500 for cyclone fence installation as discussed and indicated on the Aronson proposal.

Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried.

Johnson discussed the John Deere tractor, which needs a new clutch. He referred to three proposals of which the lowest cost was \$4,000. It was noted that when the tractor was vandalized several years ago, it was valued at \$5500. Lengthy discussion followed, regarding costs to acquire a new tractor versus the repaired 1993 model after repairs. Replacement tractor costs were also discussed.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Harvey to accept the low bid of \$4,000 from Highway C Service in Bristol for clutch replacement.

Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried.

Lastly, Johnson provided an estimate to repair and paint the exterior doors on Village Hall. Discussion followed regarding replacement with modern steel doors, but Trustees agreed the original wood doors were still in serviceable condition and match the architecture of the 1925 schoolhouse. The front door requires weather-damaged wood replacement. Ryback noted that this company recently reconstructed the back stairway into Village Hall to everyone's satisfaction.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Zegar, to accept the proposal from RGC Enterprises, Incorporated for \$2590 to repair, varnish and paint the doors as proposed.

Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried.

**Public Service:**

Trustee Hansen discussed 2 new signs recently placed on 21<sup>st</sup> Street regarding video surveillance to discourage fly-dumping. She suggested 2 more signs along the roadway in addition

**Road and Bridge:**

Trustee Crittenden requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel.

**Planning, Zoning & Plats:**

Trustee Zegar did not provide a report.

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**Ordinance:** Trustee Hayden did not provide a report.

**Executive Session:** A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Harvey, to enter Executive Session at 8:50 PM to discuss Land Acquisition, Personnel and Review of previous Executive Session Minutes.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Crittenden, Harvey, Hansen, Hayden, Johnson, Zegar. Nays: none. Motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 9:30 PM.

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

**Executive Session Results:** A motion was made by Zegar, seconded by Hayden, directing the Village Attorney to contact both property owners regarding taxes, status and acquisition. Amidei was directed to request written authorization needed from the employee or to seek an opinion from another professional.

Voice vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:32PM on a motion by Hayden, seconded by Zegar.

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

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Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk