

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
September 20, 2011**

- Call to Order:** President Ryback called the meeting of the Village Board of Trustees to order at 7:30pm.
- 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, Robert Hayden, Rodney Johnson and James Zegar, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthefer. Trustee GERALYN Hansen was absent.
- Public Comment:** Grant Farrell, President of the Waukegan Regional Air Show, thanked the Village for their cooperation during the September 10th event. He apologized for the difficulties involved in the closure of Green Bay Road during the event and the problem with volunteers to manage traffic. If needed next year, professionals will be hired for traffic control. Next year's event is planned for September 8, 2012.
- Establish Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Johnson, to establish a consent agenda for the following items:
- a. Approval of the September 6, 2011 Village Board meeting minutes.
 - b. Approval of Treasurer's Report as of 8/31/11.
 - c. Approval of checks issued between meetings, totaling \$122,540.99 (8/17/11-9/20/11)
 - d. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of 9/20/11, totaling \$8,851.50
- Voice vote: Ayes-all Nays-none Motion carried. Trustee Hansen absent.
- Approval of Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Johnson, to approve the consent agenda as presented.
- Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried. Trustee Hansen absent.
- Discussion of Removed Items:** There were no removed items.
- Old Business:** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Johnson, to approve a contract with Kirschhoffer Trucking Incorporated to provide snow and ice removal services for the Village.
- Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried. Trustee Hansen absent.
- New Business:** A request for a three-sided horse structure was requested by Hidden Knowles Stables on Delany Road. Amidei indicated the request would not intensify usage of the Conditional Use Permit, as it is providing shelter for the horses already residing on the site. The property is zoned Agriculture and by Village Ordinance, an accessory building requires Village Board approval. Building contractor Rob Nicholas was in attendance and noted the building size at 24' by 36', which would hold hay and shelter the horses from the harsh winter weather and winds experienced during the past few years.
- A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Crittenden, to approve the request for the accessory building.
- Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried. Trustee Hansen absent.
- Administrator Amidei provided alternative costs to decorate a seasonal tree outside Village Hall. The large evergreen at the front corner of the building has become so tall that it will require about \$2,000 in lights and boom truck rental to decorate. He suggested a ten-foot pine be planted in the front yard, requiring far less lights and labor. After

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discussion, Trustees agreed on the new tree and suggested floodlights be placed to shine on the large, existing evergreen that was decorated in past years.

A motion was made by Zegar, seconded by Hayden, to purchase the new tree, new lights for it and floodlights for the existing tree at a cost not to exceed \$1100.

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

Village President's Report: Ryback did not present a report.

Village Attorney's Report: Attorney Krafthefer did not present a report.

Village Administrator Report: Administrator Amidei reported a change order for the new garage project in the amount of \$2270 for relocation of an unforeseen drain tile, an ADA requirement for the sidewalk and a retaining wall next to an existing sidewalk. The wall was not included in the contractor's proposal, but in an effort to mitigate costs it will be constructed of fieldstone that was encountered during excavation rather than of poured concrete. Trustee Harvey was quite unhappy the wall cost was not included in the original proposal. Others were anxious to complete the work before winter.

A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Zegar, to approve the change order for Whitney Miran Construction Company in the amount of \$2270.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Crittenden, Johnson, Hayden, Zegar. Nay: Harvey
Motion carried. Trustee Hansen absent.

Amidei reported progress on the new District 56 school project, with completion of the engineering, landscaping and final plat. Wadsworth Road improvements involving the addition of turn lanes required by Lake County Division of Transportation require filling a shoulder area. Compensatory storage required by Lake County Stormwater Management Commission will be located nearby on the Gonzalez property through a separate agreement. More information will be available at a future meeting.

Wadsworth Oaks Homeowners Association met here on September 15th in response to a notice they received from Lake County advising that the County will no longer operate their potable water distribution system supplied from two well which services 60 homes at the north end of the subdivision. Wadsworth investigated costs to bring Lake Michigan water from a Waukegan main on Yorkhouse Road to those 60 homes, and an additional 90 homes to the south, but learned the cost could be as much as \$17,000 per residence. The Association is considering asking each residence to install their own well.

Ryback, Crittenden and Amidei met with IDOT engineers and staff last week to discuss logistics of detour routes during the time period when the Russell Road bridge over Route 41 will be removed next summer. Fire Chief Kirschhoffer was extremely concerned about emergency response time to the Skokie Highway corridor near TA and Toors truck stops. He suggested paving the gravel section of Mill Creek Road north of Route 173 to support rapidly traveling fire engines, rather than traveling west to Hunt Club Road or east to Kilbourne Road. IDOT engineers agreed that the Chief's route was shorter and will pursue his request, but will not include it in the posted detour routing. Trustees are also concerned about the impact on local businesses caused by the summer bridge removal. Ryback suggested using the new Roller Compacted Concrete surface, as the life-cycle on this new product is significantly longer.

Amidei has resumed the culvert maintenance program and has been jetting numerous drainage pipes throughout Wadsworth with the help of Beach Park's jet-rodging truck. Some pipes have roots growing in them that will require excavation to clear. Some areas have been observed with heavily silted ditches, of which the worst will be cleared.

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Amidei has met with the Village Engineer regarding recent torrential rains and drainage problems, but has been told that nothing is engineered to swiftly drain a five-inch rainfall such as the July event that occurred during a one-hour period. They will look at many areas that can be improved, however.

Amidei looked at drainage problems on Golf Lane after residents came to us seeking assistance last meeting. An overflow outfall from the nearby pond which has been filled with concrete must be cleared, among other things.

The Village Engineer estimated reconstruction costs and engineering for 21st Street between Kilbourne and Delany would be \$160,000, but Lake County believes it would be closer to \$200,000 if Federal standards are followed. This cost would only be incurred if the road was repaved in advance of transferring it to Lake County for future ownership and maintenance. Road and Bridge Committee will discuss this further, although the current bi-annual cost to surface the road using old fashioned “sealcoat” or “chip&seal” is only about \$20,000 if the roadway section remains under Wadsworth’s jurisdiction.

He reported on a number of topics that were presented at the recent Illinois Municipal Conference, of which many will be helpful to operations in Wadsworth.

Parking on the streets of the Southeast District near the Waukegan Sports Complex has become a problem for residents during competitive events there. Trustees discussed how to ban parking during sporting events, yet not inconvenience residents needing on-street parking during occasional parties. Installation of fencing, berms and thorny bushes was considered to discourage foot traffic from migrating into the neighborhood. A “No Parking” ordinance similar to that on Schlosser Court will be prepared for adoption at the next meeting. It will apply to Pine Grove, Magnolia, Woodland and Hart.

Committee Reports:

Finance:

Trustee Harvey did not present a report, but was pleased with the progress of the grass seed installation on the Village’s Wadsworth Road Property.

Parks and Village Hall:

Trustee Johnson had no report.

Public Service:

Trustee Hansen was absent.

Road and Bridge:

Trustee Crittenden has learned the Fire Department may have some funding for a new building, but not enough to purchase property upon which to build. He asked Trustees to consider making some of the Village’s property available to them. He also suggested hiring a laid-off Township employee to fill our part time position through the end of 2011, as our part time employee recently found other employment. Trustees agreed to have Amidei pursue the employee.

Planning, Zoning & Plats:

Trustee Zegar had no report, but asked about when the annual audit might begin. He also requested a postcard mailing focused on collecting email addresses for the new electronic version of the Village Newsletter, to notify residents of the October 30th Halloween hours and for the December 3rd Seasonal Tree Lighting event at 6:30 PM.

Ordinance:

Trustee Hayden did not present a report.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:47PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Crittenden.

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

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk