

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
May 5, 2009**

- 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.
- Swear-in Trustees:** President Ryback introduced the Honorable James K. Booras, Chief Judge of the Nineteenth Circuit Court and newly elected Trustees Geralyn Hansen, Rodney Johnson and Tyler Crittenden. Booras administered the Oath of Office.
- Roll Call:** In attendance were Village President Glenn Ryback, Village Trustees Tyler Crittenden, Geralyn Hansen, Ken Harvey, Rodney Johnson, Candye Nannini and Lynn Schlosser, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton and Village Administrator Moses Amidei.
- Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Nannini, to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried
- Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held 2/17/09** Motion by Harvey, seconded by Schlosser, to approve the minutes of 2/17/09 as corrected. Nannini asked for DeMarco's section under New Business to contain his verbatim account.

Motion by Harvey to table minutes.
- Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held 3/03/09** Motion by Schlosser, seconded by Harvey, to approve the minutes of 3/03/09 as corrected. Nannini asked for DeMarco's section under New Business to contain his verbatim account.

Motion by Schlosser to table minutes.
- Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held 4/07/09** Motion by Schlosser, seconded by Nannini, approve the minutes of 4/07/09 as presented.

Voice vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried
- Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held 4/21/09** Motion by Schlosser, seconded by Harvey, to approve the minutes of 4/21/09 as presented. One correction was requested under Road and Bridge regarding roll call. Minutes approved pending that change.

Voice vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried
- Correspondence 4/21/09-5/05/09:** All correspondence received at Village Hall from April 21, 2009 through May 5, 2009 was reviewed and placed on file. A letter was received from Village Attorney William Stanczak dated May 5, 2009 advising of his resignation, effective immediately.
- Public Comment:** Newly retired Trustee Nordigian volunteered his help to all board members. He returned his Ordinance Book and key for Village Hall.
- Bills to be Paid as of 5/5/09:** Motion by Harvey, seconded by Schlosser, to pay bills in the amount of \$24,619.18.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried
- Ordinances and Resolutions:** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Johnson, to Adopt an Ordinance Repealing Ordinance Number 2000-544, Re-establishing the Office of Village Attorney and Retaining a Village Attorney. President Ryback made reference to an engagement letter furnished by Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer, P.C. Attorney Julie Tappendorf was present to answer questions. Schlosser asked to go on record as supporting the new attorney.

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Roll Call vote: Ayes: Crittenden, Johnson, Hansen, Harvey. Nays: Nannini, Schlosser. Motion carried. Tappendorf joined the Board as the new Village Attorney. She explained that the firm specializes in municipal law and is retained by a number of villages. If she is not available, Attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthefer will be present.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Schlosser, giving Consideration of a Motion to reconsider the vote Adopting an Ordinance Amending the Village Code Regarding Liquor Licenses. Ryback explained that eliminating all presently unused licenses was not wise in the present economy which is why he had vetoed the reduction. Tappendorf clarified that a “no” vote would leave the President’s veto in place, retaining the existing licenses.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: Crittenden, Johnson, Hansen. Nays: Harvey, Nannini, Schlosser. Motion failed. Tappendorf explained that a 2/3 majority vote was required to reconsider the vote, which did not occur in this case.

New Business:

A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Johnson, Approving a Temporary Permit for the Lake County Shrine Club to sell Vidalia onions near The Shanty and Wadsworth Realty during May and to waive any permit fees.

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

Discussion was held regarding a letter received from Lake County Division of Transportation regarding additional right-of-way requested at the front of Village Hall and east toward Delany Road. Amidei referenced a plan requiring seven feet for an intersection improvement as part of Delany Road improvements. The parcels are .006 acres and .11 acres in size. The consensus was to agree to the County’s preference and simply transfer ownership to LCDOT rather than order an appraisal and request a small payment. Members asked if a trade-off for future sidewalks or other work along Wadsworth Road could be arranged. Amidei will discuss further with LCDOT planner Paula Trigg.

Discussion was held regarding attendance by trustees at Illinois Municipal League and Lake County Municipal League “Newly Elected Officials” conferences. Board members agreed the \$55 and \$20 enrollment fees would be reimbursed.

A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Johnson, to replace dead and missing trees in Wadsworth Park in an amount not to exceed \$1600. Amidei’s memo described placement of 6 new trees to be installed in Wadsworth Park. During discussion, Crittenden provided one additional proposal from Mill Creek Nursery which was included with the other three.

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

Amidei also noted that he will get pricing to replace old settled pavement behind village hall with either concrete or brick pavers.

A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Johnson, to purchase a new enclosed trailer in an amount not to exceed \$8,000. The former open trailer was unsafe and sold for scrap. A new one is needed to transport equipment for park mowing and maintenance and staff suggested an enclosed unit to store equipment. During discussion, Amidei provided an additional proposal for an open trailer which was included with the other four. Schlosser inquired about the weight capacity of the trailers.

Roll call vote: Ayes-Crittenden, Hansen, Harvey, Johnson, Schlosser. Nays-Nannini. Motion carried

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Village President's Report: President Ryback presented a Veto of Payment of Legal Expenses for Investigation of Clerk. Ryback's veto addressed the retention of outside counsel by two current and three former Trustees addressing the Clerk's acceptance of election petition challenges. The veto explained that the Clerk's actions were lawful and that any investigation or costs after the fact would be borne by the Trustees requesting the investigation, not the Village as specified under Article VIII, Section 1 (a) of the Illinois constitution. The charge was \$493. Schlosser disagreed with the veto.

Village Attorney's Report: Attorney Tappendorf stated she was looking forward to working with the Board and encouraged questions be sent to her or Attorney Krafthefer as they arise.

Village Administrator Report: Administrator Amidei received a request to reserve the park at Jonathon Knolls. There is currently no reference to that park in the ordinance, only Wadsworth Park is addressed. Attorney Tappendorf recommended adding Jonathon Knolls park to the ordinance. Trustees agreed to accommodate the request. Amidei will prepare an amendment for review by counsel.
Amidei attended a Lake County planners meeting where wind energy was discussed. A task force was established to address multiple issues. Of concern to Wadsworth is a potential wind farm to be constructed on the Sexton property in Lake County adjacent to village limits. Our wind moratorium expires on July 20th.
His Wadsworth crossing update indicated the foreclosure bank has plans to move forward but has no timeline.
The Wadsworth Queens have requested use of the sled hill area for a drive-in movie event in early June. It will be on the next agenda for a vote with any insurance requirements.

**Committee Reports:
Road and Bridge:** Trustee Schlosser stated that road patching was done, road signs are being installed and reported on recent flooding on Delany Road and on Ninth Street. Ninth may require excavation and new gravel and the end of 29th Street needs attention. She will meet with the township road commissioner regarding a proposed culvert on Delany Road terminating in the township.

Finance: Trustee Nannini had no report.

Public Service: Trustee Harvey asked if an ordinance could be prepared fixing the date for newly elected officials to be sworn in on the first regular board meeting in May after the vote is certified by the County Clerk.

A motion by Harvey, seconded by Schlosser, to have the Village attorney draft an ordinance. Tappendorf explained state statute and agreed to prepare the ordinance.

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

Trustee Crittenden had no report

Trustee Johnson had no report.

Trustee Hansen had no report.

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

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

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk