

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
January 16, 2007**

- Call to Order:** President Furlan called the meeting of the Village Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 P.M.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** President Furlan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call:** In attendance were Village President Ken Furlan and Village Trustees Mike DeMarco, John Nordigian, Glenn Ryback, Lynn Schlosser and Debbie Spurgeon. Trustee Candye Nannini was absent. Also in attendance were Village Clerk Christine Stickler, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney William Stanczak.
- Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by DeMarco to approve the agenda for the 1/16/07 meeting as presented.
- Voice vote: Ayes all; Nays none; Absent Nannini. Motion carried.
- Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting Held 1/2/07:** A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Schlosser to approve the minutes of the 1/2/07 meeting as presented by the clerk to all Board members.
- Voice vote: Ayes all; Nays none; Absent Nannini. Motion carried.
- Correspondence
12/20/06 to 1/2/07:** All correspondence received at the Village Hall from 12/20/06 through 1/2/07 was reviewed and placed on file. Stickler noted that nomination petitions for the offices of President, Trustee or Clerk for the Village of Wadsworth can be submitted at the Village Hall during normal business hours from 1/29/06 to 2/5/07. On Monday, February 5, 2007, the Clerk will be on site until 5:00 P.M. to accept petitions.
- Public Comment:** Dan Kjeldbjerg of Poul's Nursery addressed the Board to request an extension for the use of a temporary trailer on the 110-acre nursery site on Adams Road. Kjeldbjerg explained that the nursery is not financially ready to begin permanent construction on the site due to a loss of approximately 1/3 of the crop due to the Emerald Ash Borer and because of the delays and costs incurred when putting in the road. The company has developed a five-year strategic plan that includes initiating construction of an office building and garage in 2008 that will be fully operational in spring 2009. On 4/4/06 the Board granted permission for a 24' x 8' temporary trailer to be used to conduct wholesale nursery sales and to monitor the property with the condition that the trailer was to be removed from the property on or prior to 12/31/06. This permission was given based on information provided at that time indicating that construction of a permanent structure was in the near future. Several Board members were in agreement that it was not an aesthetic issue but rather a concern of a precedent being set if the trailer is allowed to remain on the property. Nordigian noted that Wadsworth receives tax revenue from the sales made on the site and questioned if the trailer could be incorporated as a construction trailer if plans were submitted or were in the process of being submitted. As the Board did not have all the details and information to discuss this issue, a motion was made by Nordigian and seconded by Ryback to postpone further discussion until the 2/6/07 meeting.

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Ayes all; Nays none; Absent Nannini. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Nordigian to refer the issue of the temporary trailer on the Poul's Nursery site to the Zoning and Plats Committee for a preliminary meeting to review and discuss the matter prior to the next Board meeting.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Ryback and Nordigian; Nays – DeMarco, Schlosser and Spurgeon; Absent Nannini. Motion failed.

Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Nordigian to approve the Treasurer's Report as of 12/31/06 as presented by Treasurer Kwiecinski.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Ryback, Nordigian, DeMarco, Schlosser and Spurgeon; Nays none; Absent Nannini. Motion carried.

**Checks Issued
12/20/06 – 1/16/07:**

A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Nordigian to approve the checks issued between meetings from 12/20/06 through 1/16/07 in the amount of \$102,096.89, as reported by Treasurer Kwiecinski.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Ryback, Nordigian, DeMarco, Schlosser and Spurgeon; Nays none; Absent Nannini. Motion carried.

Bills Paid as of 1/16/07:

A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Spurgeon to approve the bills to be paid as of 1/16/07 in the amount of \$35,317.55 as noted in the report of Treasurer Kwiecinski.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Ryback, Nordigian, DeMarco, Schlosser and Spurgeon; Nays none; Absent Nannini. Motion carried.

Audit Report 5/1/05-4/30/06:

Discussion of the Audit Report for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2005 to April 30, 2006 was deferred until the next meeting to allow Board members time to review the report.

Ordinances/Resolutions:

None.

Old Business:

Consideration of the budget for the 2007 Summer Concert-in-the-Park series was deferred due to the absence of Trustee Nannini.

New Business:

Police Service Contract:

Currently the contract with the Village of Winthrop Harbor for police services is monitored and dictated at the sole discretion of the Village President. It was suggested that the Board consider an ordinance amendment that would grant the authority to direct the police services to the Board as a whole.

Gaming Machines:

There is speculation that Toor's Truck Stop is paying out on its gaming machines. If that is true the Village has the right to rescind their liquor license. Attorney Stanczak will review the situation and advise the Village what can be done.

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- Mayor's Report:
I-94/Route 173 Interchange:** Furlan reported that the community informational open house meeting conducted by Lake County on 1/9/07 to discuss the intergovernmental land use agreement for the development of the I-94 and Route 173 Interchange was very successful.
- Chestnut Trails:** Furlan reported that he has been contacted by representatives of the Chestnut Trails Homeowners Association regarding a change to their covenants to eliminate the architectural review committee. Furlan will inform the HO Association that they must obtain the support of the homeowners to effect the change before bringing it to the Village Board.
- Furlan requested an Executive Session later in the meeting to discuss personnel and pending litigation.
- Attorney's Report:** None.
- Administrator's Report:** Amidei reported that a resident reported some overnight theft from vehicles in the SE District, south of Wadsworth Road. Similar thefts were experienced about three months ago. Police reports were filed by the residents.
- Proposed annexations of properties surrounded by Wadsworth will be presented at the 2/6/07 meeting.
- The Zoning Board of Appeals will be meeting on 1/30/07 to discuss the rezoning of recently annexed property. The Plan Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals will each meet in February to review the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Old Mill Creek, the Village of Wadsworth and the County of Lake regarding land uses for the development of the I-94/Route 173 Interchange.
- Trustees' Comments:** Spurgeon expressed disgust that the New-Sun would print a false article regarding the flag not being flown at half-mast at the Village Hall without first checking with the Village if the facts were true.
- Executive Session:** A motion was made by Spurgeon and seconded by DeMarco to move to Executive Session at 8:41 P.M. to discuss pending litigation.
- Roll call vote: Ayes – Ryback, Nordigian, DeMarco, Schlosser and Spurgeon; Nays none; Absent Nannini. Motion carried.
- Return to Open Session:** The meeting returned to open session at 8:54 P.M.
- Adjourn:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M. on a motion by DeMarco, seconded by Nordigian.
- Voice vote: Ayes all; Nays none. Motion carried.

Christine E. Stickler, Village Clerk