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**Village Board Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, January 3, 2017  
Board Meeting: 6:00 p.m.

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Village President Ryback.
- Roll Call: Upon roll call, present were Village Trustees Dolan, Hansen, Harvey, Hayden and Jacobs. Also present was Village President Ryback, Village Attorney Lasker, Village Treasurer Kwiecinski and Village Administrator Amidei. Village Clerk Hoselton and Village Trustee Zegar were absent.
- Special Business: David Cain and Larry Kreuscher from Milburn Cain and Company, the Village's Financial Auditors, were present this evening and provided an overview of the Village's FY 2015-2016 Audit Report. They discussed their process and experience in conducting the audit, fund balances, IMRF liabilities, new GASB reporting standards and stated that the Village is in good condition from a cash balance standpoint. Considerable discussion ensued regarding the possibility of the Village making additional IMRF contributions in light of the fact that the Village's program is funded just under 80%. Based on the recommendation of our auditors and Village Treasurer Kwiecinski, additional payments to IMRF are not recommended at this time. Treasurer Kwiecinski stated that he is happy with the audit report and had no further comments regarding same. Following said presentation, all three gentlemen left the meeting.

Establish Consent Agenda:

- Trustee Harvey made a motion to establish the consent agenda as presented. His motion was seconded by Trustee Hansen.
- a. Approval of December 20, 2016 Village Board Meeting Minutes
  - b. Approval of Bills to be Paid As of 1/3/2017
  - c. Approval of FY 2015-2016 Audit Report

Discussion took place regarding the snowplowing bills totaling \$41,370; these bills represent all service within the month of December, 2016 (by private contractor). Trustees discussed the need for the contractor to utilize larger trucks; use of same may result in less hours that it takes to perform the service in addition to a better end product – as smaller vehicles are not designed for larger and heavier snow Voice vote:

Ayes-all; Nays-none; motion carried.

Approve Consent Agenda:

Trustee Harvey made a motion to approve the consent agenda. His motion was seconded by Trustee Dolan. Roll call vote: Ayes-all; Nays-none; motion carried.

## Old Business:

Administrator Amidei discussed the proposals that he received from TGF Enterprises and Buss Landscape Company concerning the removal of debris and vegetation within three drainage ways in town: Willows Subdivision easterly of Goldenrod Lane; Mulberry Subdivision from west end to east end; and, upon the Village's IL-173 property from west end to the UP Railroad right of way. Following the discussion at the last meeting, Amidei went back to each contractor to check if they would hold their individual prices for each site if they did not perform all of the work. He found that this would be the case; TGF was lower than Buss regarding two of the locations and Buss was lower than TGF regarding the IL-173 site. Further, Amidei also had to ensure that both estimates were for the same scope of work; he announced that each contractor was advised of the desired specifications for the areas in question; the proposals needed to reflect same. Both of these companies have performed drainage way clearing work in the past (though not for Wadsworth). Performing this work in the wintertime is ideal as the ground is frozen and impacts to such areas would be minimal; access to these sites is much easier in the winter as the surrounding vegetation is not in bloom. Trustee Jacobs made a motion to waive the competitive bidding process and award TFG Enterprises a contract in the amount of \$16,114.50 to clear the drainage ways in the Willows and Mulberry Subdivisions and to award a contract to Buss Landscape Company in the amount of \$3,360 for similar work upon the Village's IL-173 property. His motion was seconded by Trustee Dolan. All present voting aye, the motion carried. Trustee Harvey commented that he would have liked to have seen a third proposal.

## Village President's Report:

President Ryback talked about the Shanty's revised plans that he had an opportunity to review with the owner recently; the new concept provides for a much smaller second floor. The owner intends to make a submittal with the Village sometime this week. He also commented about the recent passing of Lake County Attorney Peter Nordigian. Mr. Nordigian was the uncle of Wadsworth's John and Matt Nordigian; he was also related to the Onan family whom he assisted with their recent annexation into the Village.

## Village Administrator's Report:

Administrator Amidei discussed that he is working with a program (referred to him by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus) to retrofit the Village's parking lot lights with LED lamps; this effort would entail the removal of the ballasts out of each parking lot light. The total cost of this effort (including purchase of the LED lamps) would run just under \$1,500; the program will provide the Village between \$800-\$900 in incentives. Amidei also discussed recent efforts to accumulate discarded Christmas trees for use for the Village's Winter Bonfire Event that will take place on January 14.

Trustee Comments: Trustee Harvey asked about the status of the Shelly Farm building/litigation. Amidei provided the Board with an update; the matter is now in the Lake County Court System; the owner has not been responsive to the Village and also recently defied a stop work order. The Village Attorney will contact Administrator Amidei as this matter progresses.

Trustee Hansen stated that set up for the bonfire will take place at 4:30 p.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup>. She asked Administrator Amidei to prep the west garage; as the caterer will use this space to serve food to event guests. It is forecasted that the bonfire will commence around the 6:30 p.m. hour. Amidei will procure some additional supplies/tablecloths for the event.

Trustee Jacobs and Trustee Dolan discussed a Parks Committee Meeting that will take place on January 10 before the Civil War lecture at Village Hall. Discussion about the replacement of park playground equipment will take place at the meeting. Amidei will find out about possible disposal options for our old equipment and will find out how long it would take for new equipment to ship, once ordered.

Adjournment:

Trustee Harvey moved to adjourn the meeting; his motion was seconded by Trustee Jacobs. With all present voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

By:

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Moses Amidei, Village Administrator/Deputy Village Clerk