

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
January 19, 2016**

- Call to Order:** President Ryback called the meeting of the Village Board of Trustees to order at 6:00pm.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** President Ryback led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call:** In attendance were Village President Glenn Ryback, Village Trustees Tyler Crittenden, Ben Dolan, GERALYN Hansen, Ken Harvey, Robert Hayden and James Zegar, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthefer
- Public Comment:** Wadsworth resident Christine Michaels and Attorney Tom Thorsen inquired about progress with IDOT for the railroad Quiet Zone project on Route 173. Ryback indicated he would provide an update during his report.
- Establish Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Zegar, to establish a consent agenda for the following items:
- a. Approval of the January 5, 2016 Village Board Meeting Minutes.
 - b. Approval of Amended July 7, 2015 Village Board Meeting Minutes.
 - c. Approval of Treasurer's Report as of 12/31/15
 - d. Approval of checks issued between meetings, totaling \$110,256.29(12/6/15-1/19/2016)
 - e. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of 1/19/16, totaling \$50,302.67.
- Amidei suggested removing items "a" and "b" from the consent agenda.
Harvey and Zegar amended their motion and second to agree with the removed items.
- Voice vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried.
- Approval of Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Hayden to approve the consent agenda as amended.
- Roll call vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried.
- Discussion of removed topics:** Amidei indicated the January 5 minutes had inaccuracies. The July 7 minutes involved a resident who wished to operate smaller receptions in her backyard; corrections to these minutes along with the January 5 minutes would be ready for the next meeting.
- Old Business:** There was no Old Business.
- New Business:** The Village Board was updated on the proposed re-opening of a closed business on Route 41 at Route 173. Owners Larry and Adam Brosten described several new ideas for the auto recycling business which has been located there for many years. Parts for small trucks will be added to the inventory, in addition to sale of used vehicles. Within the showroom, used snowmobiles and motorcycles will also be offered for sale. They also prepared to accommodate a para-transit bus company with up to 30 short busses to supplement the dial-a-ride bus service in Lake County. After discussion, Amidei noted that sales of used parts could begin immediately, but the new uses would require amendments to the Conditional Use Permit issued in 1999. Trustees encouraged the Brostens to move forward with their plans.
- Village President's Report:** President Ryback reported on the meeting at IDOT in Schaumburg which he and Amidei had attended that morning. They met with 6 engineers regarding the railroad "quiet zone" at the Route 173 crossing. The lead engineer was apprehensive about installing the "quick-curb" product and plastic delineators in the center of a 2-lane roadway with twelve foot wide traffic lanes and only four-foot gravel shoulders. He was concerned that larger vehicles and truck traffic might inadvertently hit or side-swipe the installation in the 50 mile per hour speed zone, possibly causing it to hit other traffic. Another engineer

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noted the speed limit had recently been lowered from 55 to the present 50 mph, which did not meet the safety criteria for the proposed installation. He also indicated another speed study would not be done for several years. After lengthy discussion, another engineer suggested the installation of quad-gates or a wayside horn-signal which is attached to the crossing gate installation that is already in place. The horn sound is localized for traffic at the railroad crossing rather than being emitted from the locomotive as it approaches from a mile away. IDOT engineers will follow up with a letter detailing their policy concerning such curb installations as well as the unlikelihood of the road speed being further reduced within the area.

Village Attorney's Report:

Attorney Krafthefer did not report on any additional items.

Village Administrator Report:

Administrator Amidei reported on progress for issuing an adult entertainment license for an existing adult use business at Old Skokie Highway and Russell Road. The corner was recently annexed to Wadsworth after nearby property to the west which was planned for a future Pilot Fueling Center was purchased by the Lake County Forest Preserve District. The business had a current license from Lake County prior to annexation. Trustees discussed waiving the annual \$5,000 license fee for this specific business, though the annual application/reapplication fee would still apply.

A motion was made by Zegar seconded by Hayden to waive the annual \$5,000 fee for the this specific adult use business (Wisconsin Vendors, Inc.).

Voice vote: Ayes-Crittenden, Dolan, Hansen, Hayden, Zegar. Nay- Harvey.
Motion carried.

Lake County Animal Control provided an updated fee schedule for animal care and control. The Agency assists municipalities with service visits, animal bites, impoundment and neglect investigations, among other services. The modest fee increases were briefly discussed.

A motion was made by Dolan, seconded by Zegar, to adopt the new fee schedule submitted by Lake County Animal Control.

Voice vote: Ayes-all. Nay-none. Motion carried.

Amidei also updated the Board on the most recent meeting held by the Lake County Division of Transportation for the Stakeholders Involvement group regarding Wadsworth Road intersection improvement planning for the intersections at Dilleys Road, Route 41 and Kilbourne Road. He noted that a roundabout and traffic signal are options at Dilleys Road, while Kilbourne Road may only need a wider by-pass lane or conversion to a dedicated left turn lane for eastbound traffic. The planning group discussed the Route 41 intersection in much more detail, including several access scenarios using vacant land at the southwest corner. A Route 41 overpass was also discussed, which might require land acquisition from existing businesses and is the most expensive solution. Stakeholders include property owners at several locations along Wadsworth Road and some nearby affected properties.

Committee Reports:

Finance:

Trustee Harvey inquired why the snowplow was not currently installed on the dump truck. Amidei noted the plow is easily removed when there is no snow to be plowed and puts less strain on the truck. Harvey stated he does not remove the plow from his own truck until April.

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- Public Service:** Trustee Hansen reported on the success of the January 16th Winter Event at Wadsworth Park. Wadsworth resident Eddie Bauer and his Catering firm from Libertyville provided hot dogs and chili which were served by the Wadsworth Queens. Nearly 100 residents braved the falling temperature of the day to attend the bonfire of 350 discarded Christmas Trees. Many thanks to both Eddie Bauer and the Newport Township Fire Department for being on-site until the fire concluded.
- Planning, Zoning and Plats:** Trustee Zegar is ready to release another newsletter with a recap of the Bonfire Event and an update of The Shanty remodeling project. He received one proposal from Retail Strategies and is still awaiting a second one with a different outlook.
- Ordinance Committee:** Trustee Hayden reported on another Ordinance Committee meeting earlier today regarding updates to the building permit fee schedule. Progress will continue at subsequent meetings,
- Road and Bridge:** Amidei announced that the Village will participate in the Lake County Municipal League Joint Purchasing Program this year to procure crack sealing services for our roadways.
- Parks and Village Hall:** Trustee Dolan did not provide a Parks and Village Hall report.
- Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:49PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Dolan.
- Voice vote: All Ayes. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk