

**Village of Wadsworth  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
Held at the Village Hall  
February 4, 2020**

- 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 Mildred Corder, Ben Dolan, GERALYN Hansen, Ken Harvey, Robert Hayden and Doug Jacobs; Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth.
- Special Business:** Trudy Ala-Maata of the Newport Township Fire Protection District discussed plans to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the District on September 12, 2020. She is planning a parade with Fire Engines, several of them antique models, along with physical competition events to include filling a trash can with water and a bucket brigade utilizing old-fashion leather buckets. They will establish a parade staging area east of the railroad so as to prevent any interference from freight train traffic, which will end at Wadsworth Village Hall. The parade will begin at 10AM, with the event commencing from 12 noon to 5PM at Wadsworth Park. A silent auction will also be part of the festivities. They will discuss tee-shirt sales, among other topics, at their February 22<sup>nd</sup> event meeting.
- New business owners of a potential German/Austrian bistro and bar with gaming presented their plans to the Village Board. One partner is from Vienna, Austria. He noted that the authentic German and Austrian sausage products are gluten-free and produced with non-GMO ingredients. Their supplier is based in Bensenville. The location in Wadsworth Crossing is already suited to the retail sale of carry-out and on-premise food consumption from a previous enterprise. After they were encouraged to proceed by the Village President and Village Board, the Village Administrator indicated he will provide the necessary applications for the business operations.
- Public Comment:** There was no Public Comment.
- Establish Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Trustee Harvey, seconded by Trustee Dolan, to establish a consent agenda for the following items:
- a. Approval of the January 21, 2020 Village Board Meeting Minutes.
  - b. Approval of Bills To Be Paid as of February 4, 2020 in the amount of \$43,067.24.
- Voice vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried.
- Approval of Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Hayden, to approve the consent agenda as presented.
- Roll call vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried.
- Discussion of removed topics:** There were no removed topics.
- Old Business:** Old Business discussion included the transfer of Lake County Forest Preserve District property to the Village of Wadsworth. It will be used for a new 600-foot-long frontage road to be constructed easterly from the Wadsworth Crossing Retail Center. It will rejoin Wadsworth Road at a location farther away from Route 41, better facilitating traffic exiting the Retail Center to travel east on Wadsworth Road with a reduced possibility of collisions. Administrator Amidei noted that the LCFPD will first quitclaim the property to Wadsworth to operate as a roadway in perpetuity. After we pass an Ordinance, they will adopt a Resolution. He further noted that Lake County Division of Transportation has used their radius modeling program to revise the roadway curves needed to accommodate truck traffic.

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A motion was made by Dolan, seconded by Jacobs, to Adopt a Resolution Approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Wadsworth, The County of Lake and the Lake County Forest Preserve District for the Improvements to the Intersection of Wadsworth Road and US Route 41.

Roll call vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried. Resolution #2020-292.

Brief discussion outlined the second Old Business item, which included the Ordinance required to convey the property discussed above.

A motion was made by Dolan, seconded by Jacobs, to Adopt an Ordinance Requesting the Transfer of Property from the Lake County Forest Preserve District to the Village of Wadsworth Pursuant to the Local Government Property Transfer Act.

Roll call vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried. Ordinance #2020-1079.

Discussion was held regarding additional liquor compliance checks to be done at local businesses selling package goods at retail. Trustee Jacobs was concerned about a gas station on Green Bay Road which had violated the law by selling alcoholic beverages three times in two years. Further discussion revealed the Lake County Sheriff already conducts compliance checks quarterly across the County. It was also noted the offending business will soon be under new ownership. The Village Board will not contract for additional liquor enforcement at this time.

**New Business:**

Updates to the Village of Wadsworth Personnel Policy Manual were discussed. The Village Attorney has included changes required by adoption of the Illinois Cannabis Act.

A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Dolan, to Adopt the Amendments to The Village of Wadsworth, Illinois Personnel Policy Manual.

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

**Village President's Report:**

President Ryback did not present a report.

**Village Attorney's Report:**

Attorney Asprooth noted that the new Personnel Manual has a zero tolerance policy. If an employee is impaired by Cannabis, they can be sent for a drug test. If acting erratically, they can be disciplined. Those with a CDL (Commercial Drivers License) must comply with Federal Law, so that tolerance amount is "none."

**Village Administrator Report:**

Administrator Amidei provided an update on the potential mushroom farm business endeavoring to locate in Wadsworth. He noted that mushrooms are generally grown within dark barns. Access to the site may be through 21<sup>st</sup> Street, which the current property owner owns. Wadsworth has a street easement over the property. The Buyer would like to close 21<sup>st</sup> Street, but discussion followed regarding its use possibly by Fire Department vehicles or when Route 173 traffic is detoured due to flooding at the intersection of Delany Road. At the conclusion of discussion, the Village Board would prefer to keep 21<sup>st</sup> Street open between Delany and Kilbourne Roads.

Amidei has received a submittal from a potential Cannabis dispensary operator, with their preliminary application being submitted to Illinois. The site plan is complete, but the interior layout is not shown. He indicated a Public Hearing cannot be scheduled until all information has been submitted to Wadsworth.

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**Committee Reports:**

**Finance:**

Trustee Harvey reported on a Committee meeting with a financial provider earlier today. Several instruments which hold reserve funds must be reinvested as they approach maturity and the current provider is leaving the business of servicing smaller communities.

**Public Service:**

Trustee Hansen discussed the successful Bonfire Event held last weekend. She also has learned of thefts of catalytic converters in some nearby communities when vehicles are parked outside overnight. No thefts have been reported in Wadsworth.

**Planning, Zoning & Plats:**

Trustee Hayden did not present a Planning, Zoning & Plats report.

**Ordinance:**

Trustee Jacobs referred to an Ordinance which would update the Village Code regarding Cannabis and make Village Code compliant with newly revised Illinois Statutes.

A motion was made by Jacobs, seconded by Dolan, to Adopt an Ordinance amending the Village Code Regarding Cannabis Enforcement.

Roll call vote: Ayes-Corder, Dolan, Jacobs, Ryback. Nays-Hansen, Harvey, Hayden. Motion carried. Ordinance #2020-1080.

**Road and Bridge:**

Trustee Dolan briefly discussed the advantages of acquiring a second Peterbilt truck for snowplowing Village streets. He noted the improvement of service during snow events and better control over roadway salt usage. We have saved money by applying salt without excessive waste and by utilizing our own staff for operations. Trustee Harvey indicated he would be a no vote, as the Village Hall lower level has not yet been repaired. President Ryback inquired as to the timing of payments for the truck and was advised that after a small down payment, no further amount was due until the truck is built, equipped and delivered in September or October of this year. The truck discount amount is 32.5%.

A motion was made by Dolan, seconded by Corder, to Accept a Proposal from JX truck Center of Wadsworth, through a joint purchasing cooperative, in the amount of \$165,515 for a Model 348 2021 Peterbilt single axle chassis with the enclosed specifications on Quote.

Roll call vote: Ayes-Corder, Dolan, Jacobs, Ryback. Nays-Hansen, Harvey, Hayden. Motion carried.

**Parks and Village Hall:**

Trustee Corder and Administrator Amidei met recently with Boller Construction regarding restoration of the Village Hall offices. Boller has updated their proposal amount and can begin work shortly. Corder suggested engaging Boller Construction to begin as soon as possible.

A motion was made by Corder, seconded by Hansen, Waiving the Formal Bidding Process and to Accept a Proposal from Boller Construction Company, Incorporated in the amount of \$62,760 dated January 31, 2020 to remodel the Village Hall lower level.

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

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Hayden.

Voice vote: Ayes-all. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk