

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
February 17, 2015**

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 Julie Tappendorf.

Public Comment: Scott McFedries from the Laborers' District Council Labor-Management Cooperation Committee was in attendance and encouraged Trustees to only accept proposals which are complete at the time of the bid opening.

Establish Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Hansen, to establish a consent agenda for the following items:

- a. Approval of the February 3, 2015 Village Board Meeting Minutes.
- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report as of 1/31/15.
- c. Approval of checks issued between meetings, totaling \$97,450.55(1/21/15-2/17/2015)
- d. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of 2/17/15, totaling \$42,236.75

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

Approval of Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Zegar, 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: Discussion was held and a budget established for the retirement celebration, plaques and token gifts for two Village employees of very long standing. An Open House event will be held at Savanna House in March honoring both inspectors.

A motion was made by Dolan, seconded by Hansen, to authorize a budget amount not to exceed \$2,000 for plaques, token gifts and the event.

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

Discussion continued from last meeting regarding an offer from Beach Park to install a new water main within their village limits along the west side of Bayonne Avenue between 27th Place and 28th Street. While the pipe would be within the Beach Park right-of-way for Bayonne, at least three Wadsworth properties would have the opportunity to connect. Beach Park would waive several customary connection fees if the work was done while the water main installation was in progress. Ryback indicated he was aware of several Wadsworth residents in that immediate area who would welcome Lake Michigan water since their present wells produce poor quality and weak quantities of well water. Both he and Amidei had spoken with Beach Park administrator Jon Kindseth, who noted that water could be available for other Wadsworth residents on those streets if they were interested in sharing future water main costs. Trustees suggested the three Wadsworth residents should first be contacted by Ryback or Amidei to determine their interest in the offer.

New Business: There was no New Business.

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Village President's Report: President Ryback did not present a report.

Village Attorney's Report: Attorney Tappendorf did not present a report.

Village Administrator Report: Administrator Amidei reported on the February 11, 2015 Bid Opening for Demolition of the Old Post Office. Sixteen contractors obtained bid packages, and seven submitted bids ranging from \$19,350 to \$49,937. The low bid from Anthem Excavating and Demolition of Itasca did not contain the required insurance certificate noted in the bid documents. Trustees discussed the omission and elected to take the next lowest proposal which met all bidding requirements for the amount of \$21,124.00 from Campanella & Sons of Wadsworth.

A motion was made by Dolan, seconded by Harvey, to reject the incomplete proposal from Anthem and to accept the lowest complete proposal from Campanella & Sons for \$21,124.00.

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

Amidei reported on a complaint received from a Beach Park resident, alleging that a side window of his car parked on his own driveway was broken by a Wadsworth contract snowplow operator on Hart Avenue. According to the Beach Park resident, a group of youths were nearby when the broken window was discovered by the resident and the group suggested that a passing, unidentified plow truck, which was now two blocks down, may have caused the damage. No one witnessed the actual breakage event, and there had been some inconsistencies in the reports presented to Beach Park and to Wadsworth about the incident. The resident had the window replaced for \$85 and submitted the receipt to the Village, demanding reimbursement. Both the Administrator and Village Attorney informed him that he should deal directly with the snow plow driver since the contractor is responsible for damages under the contract with the Village. However, the resident informed the Administrator and the Village Attorney that he was holding the Village responsible and would not deal with the driver. After much discussion, Zegar offered his solution.

A motion was made by Zegar, seconded by Crittenden, to mail an \$85 check even though there was no proof the breakage was the fault of Wadsworth or the plowing contractor.

Roll Call vote: Ayes-Crittenden, Zegar. Nays-Dolan, Harvey, Hansen, Hayden.
Motion failed.

Attorney Tappendorf indicated she would contact the Beach Park resident tomorrow, advising him that no restitution would be forthcoming from the Village, and that he should contact the driver directly.

Amidei also discussed the current policy for reserving and using the baseball field during the summer season. He noted that some Little League teams were no longer calling for the field, as many members were now too old to participate. Trustees encouraged him to maximize use of the field for the remaining Wadsworth teams requiring a place to hold games.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Trustee Harvey did not provide a financial report, but inquired and was provided with an update for the railroad quiet zone along Route 173. He is also awaiting a cash-flow report model from the Village Treasurer.

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- Public Service:** Trustee Hansen did not provide a report but reminded that the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 4th at 1:00PM.
- Planning, Zoning and Plats:** Trustee Zegar did not provide a report.
- Ordinance Committee:** Trustee Hayden did not provide a report.
- Road and Bridge:** Trustee Crittenden is researching pricing for a gazebo to be placed on the Wadsworth Road 3 ½ acre park site, large enough to accommodate entertainment. Trustees discussed sizes and costs of the proposed purchase. A twenty-four foot size was suggested, but no action was taken.
- Parks and Village Hall:** Trustee Dolan indicated he is researching a replacement for our old John Deere tractor which can better maintain the ball field and an open trailer for transporting lawn care equipment to Jonathon Knolls Park. It will replace the enclosed trailer.
- Public Comment #2:** Resident Gordon Olson arrived late for Public Comment, but wished to inform the Board of a possibly dangerous situation involving stray farm animals adjacent to his yard in the Stonegate Drive subdivision. He reported the following:
- A vacant lot on Delany Road in unincorporated Lake County was recently sold to a new owner, who constructed two livestock shelters that encroach on Olson’s property and a fence along Delany Road. There is no side or back yard fencing. The new owner then populated the 2 ½ acre parcel with numerous chickens, peacocks and 3 horses. The animals remain there unattended except for two daily visits by the new owner, delivering water and food. They wander through the Stonegate area, with the horses often standing on Olson’s frozen pond. He is concerned the horses will fall into the 10-foot deep water when winter concludes and the thawing ice yields or they may be struck by Delany Road traffic after learning to go around the front fence. In addition, neighbors are not pleased with poultry roaming the subdivision and share their concerns with Olson as they pass by his yard, returning livestock to the vacant lot.
- As the property is not within Wadsworth, Amidei indicated he would contact Lake County tomorrow regarding the absence of a principal building and lack of supervision for the straying farm animals.
- Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Crittenden.
- Voice vote: All Ayes. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk