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**Village Board Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Board Meeting: 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Senior Trustee R. Ken Harvey; all in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton called the roll. Present were Village Trustees R. Ken Harvey, Geralyn Hansen, Jim Zegar, Doug Jacobs, Ben Dolan Bob Hayden. Absent was President Glenn Ryback due to his recovery from a medical issue. Also present were Village Administrator Moses Amidei, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton and Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth.

There was no Public Comment this evening.

Dolan made a motion that was seconded by Hansen to establish the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Approval of Treasurer's Report As of 1/31/2019
2. Approval of Checks Issued Between Meetings (1/16/2019-2/19/2019)
3. Approval of Bills To Be Paid As Of 2/19/2019
4. Approval of Reimbursement to Administrator Amidei in the amount of \$540.84 related to 2019 ILCMA Winter Conference Expenses

All present voted aye; the motion carried.

Zegar made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. His motion was seconded by Hayden. All present voted aye following a role call by Clerk Hoselton; the motion carried.

*Agenda Item: Discussion/possible action related to providing direction to staff concerning Lake County Sheriff Patrol Services for 2019/2020 calendar years*

Administrator Amidei went over a recent email that was received by the Village from the Lake County Sheriff's Office. In 2018, the Village had contracted with the Sheriff a sum of ten hours per week for traffic control services for a period of six months (May-September; December 10 – January 10) at \$63 per hour. A six-month traffic control detail contract was the maximum length allowable under the previous Sheriff Administration. The new Lake County Sheriff has dropped this six-month limitation. Discussion by Trustees ensued; Amidei went over the current contract that contained language about where traffic control details should be focused. Consensus of the Village Board sought to continue the traffic control details for a period of six months starting on April 1, 2019 with the same focus areas that were spelled out in our 2018 contract. Possible extension of this initial six-month contract will be considered in the future. Further, Amidei indicated that he would ask Sargent Struck from the Lake County Sheriff's Office to appear at a future meeting to discuss their experience and observations regarding their details with the Village Board. Trustee Dolan made a motion to approve a six-month traffic control detail with the Lake County Sheriff's Office beginning on April 1, 2019 at ten hours per week. His motion was seconded by Trustee Hansen. Upon a role call vote, all present voted aye; the motion carried.

*Agenda Item: Discussion related to outstanding fire alarm installations in non-residential buildings*

Amidei provided the Village Board a list of business establishments that have yet to install a fire alarm system at their premises by the January 1, 2019 deadline. Two lists were provided – one contained the businesses that were notified about the fire alarm installation ordinance prior to its adoption in 2013 and the other list contained unalarmed properties that were notified in 2018 about the alarm requirement; these locations were overlooked when the notices were sent out

several years ago (some of which contain non-public non-residential uses). Discussion ensued about the remaining unalarmed properties as well as the possible interest in establishing an appeals process concerning looking at the circumstances surrounding the extent of the alarm installation needs at particular locations. It was also discussed that for whatever reason, Newport Fire did not adopt a similar alarm requirement for unincorporated areas when one of the original goals of the adoption of the 2009 International Fire Code was to marry the Village's and Newport's fire codes together. Amidei will work with Trustee Hayden regarding another notification to unalarmed properties to determine the status of their efforts and to determine if their case will warrant further discussion by the Village Board. Properties that were notified for the first time in 2018 will be given more time to comply with the alarm requirement as they did not have as much time to prepare as compared to those who were first notified back in 2013.

*Agenda Item: Discussion/possible action related to the approval of proposal from Shepperd Designs to replace destroyed Dilley's Road Welcome to Wadsworth sign in the amount of \$3,450*

Amidei explained that the Village's Dilley's Road welcome sign was recently destroyed by a commuter who experienced a medical issue while driving. Said sign will ultimately be paid for by that individual or their insurance company. Trustee Zegar made a motion to approve said sign replacement proposal; his motion was seconded by Trustee Hayden. Upon a roll call vote, all present voting aye; the motion carried.

*Agenda Item: Discussion/possible action related to providing direction to staff regarding mayor name sign addition to existing Welcome to Wadsworth signs*

Amidei explained that he had obtained a proposal to create a mayor name sign that would hang right under the main portion of the Village's welcome signs around town for \$175 each from the same vendor who created said welcome signs. In total, the Village has about ten of these welcome signs. Various discussions took place ranging from making said signs to not changing the Village's practice of not including the Mayor's name on the welcome signs, regardless of price. The Village Board decided to not take any action on this topic.

#### *Other Discussions*

Trustee Zegar gave the Board an update regarding a conference call that we had today with the County concerning the proposed industrial development at the northeast corner of IL-173 and I-94. Essentially, the end user prefers this Wadsworth site out of the three sites that it is considering but prefers to operate on a private septic system versus assisting with the need to extend Lake County sanitary sewer to the site which is located 2.25 miles to the west in Antioch. The sewer requirement is present within the Intergovernmental Agreement that Wadsworth has with Lake County and the Village of Old Mill Creek. It is the Village's preference that sewer be brought to the site/area to allow for future development/redevelopment in said area as a condition for it to consider any amendment to the current Intergovernmental Agreement to allow said industrial / distribution use to locate in the area. Should sewer not be extended to the site now, it is unlikely that it would ever be extended to the area thereby prohibiting future investment in said area. The cost of the sewer extension has been estimated at eight million dollars; half of which can be obtained through a tax abatement program over a period of up to ten years. Amidei also suggested looking into the establishment of a TIF District for the area, which would provide extra needed capital to help fund the sewer extension – this would thus make the sewer issue moot. Amidei explained that he will need to set up a meeting with the school districts (primarily) to discuss this concept with them, as TIF changes our previous conversations regarding a tax abatement program. Zegar explained that the Village would hold firm on the sewer requirement; without same, this proposal would not be a good deal for Wadsworth as there would be no sewer, sales tax or property tax benefits; long term benefits for Wadsworth need to be kept in mind.

Administrator Amidei updated everyone on the conversation he had with Lynch Truck; they are putting their expansion plans on hold now as they need to look for a possible new facility in the Bridgeview area as the property that they have been leasing for over twenty years was just sold.

Administrator Amidei provided the Board with an update regarding Lake County's regional meetings that will start tomorrow morning, the status of our IT cloud migration project and regarding recent snow events where we experienced two trucks break down. Amidei explained to everyone that we are behind with plowing the park path due to the snow

events that have occurred consecutively in recent weeks. He also announced that this year's Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 20.

Trustee Zegar passed out an email from Ken Marabella regarding the assistance that he can provide regarding larger scale projects. We can keep this in mind should the TIF concept be pursued in the future.

*Agenda Item: Discussion and possible action related to the adoption of Resolution 2019-286 A Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code regarding the use of \$290,000 of Village MFT monies to be used in conjunction with the Village's 2019 Road Program*

Trustee Dolan made a motion to adopt said Resolution to allow the Village to use MFT monies (\$290,000 worth) in conjunction with the Village's 2019 Road Program. The remainder of the project will be paid for using General Funds. His motion was seconded by Hayden. Upon taking role call, all present voted aye; the motion carried.

*Other*

Administration Amidei discussed with the Board the need to host a public hearing to consider changes to our Zoning Code regarding the keeping of backyard chickens. This item will be discussed separately from other zoning changes that are pending. Trustee Jacobs announced that the Lake County Farm Bureau will be hosting an educational event regarding the keeping of chickens upon residential properties.

Trustee Zegar made a motion to adjourn the meeting; his motion was seconded by Trustee Dolan. All present voting aye, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Moses Amidei, Village Administrator, Deputy Village Clerk