

**Village of Wadsworth  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
Held at the Village Hall  
March 16, 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:** Owners of a prospective mushroom farm were present to discuss their suggestions on the improvement and future maintenance of 21<sup>st</sup> Street. It is the preferred route of entry to the future farm endeavor, should Lake County not permit access to the property from a Lake County highway. Lengthy discussion followed between the prospective owners and Village Board regarding the aspect of either improving, patching or closing and abandoning the section of 21<sup>st</sup> Street between Kilbourne and Delaney roads. After additional technical discussion, it was determined the matter should be forwarded to the Road and Bridge Committee in advance of the next Village Board meeting.
- Public Comment:** There was no Public Comment.
- Establish Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Trustee Harvey, seconded by Trustee Hansen, to establish a consent agenda for items a,c,d,e, but not item b:
- a. Approval of the February 18, 2020 Village Board Meeting Minutes as presented.
  - b. Approval of January 21, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.
  - c. Approval of the Treasurer's Report as of February 29, 2020.
  - d. Approval of Checks Issued Between Meetings, February 19, 2020 to March 16, 2020, totaling \$244,031.65.
  - e. Approval of Bills To Be Paid as of March 16, 2020 in the amount of \$ 30,825.12.
- It was noted that Item B minutes were not ready for approval.
- Voice vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried.
- Approval of Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Trustee Harvey, seconded by Trustee Hayden, to approve the consent agenda as amended.
- Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Nays-none. Motion carried.
- Discussion of removed topics:** The removed topic did not require discussion.
- Old Business:** There was no Old Business.
- New Business:** Clarke Mosquito provided a proposal for summertime mosquito control similar to last years, with up to four village-wide applications performed on the same dates as several adjacent communities. An additional cost was provided for the organic spray product which we used last year. The organic spray does not affect butterflies, honeybees and other wildlife which may be harmed by the basic chemical composition spray. Amidei noted that all four applications were required last year. Discussion followed regarding the necessity of four applications versus three applications at a lesser cost.
- A motion was made by Dolan, seconded by Hansen, to authorize the expenditure of \$4,709.60 per application for up to three (3) applications village-wide, and to authorize the expenditure of \$324.80 per application for up to three (3) applications in Wadsworth Park for special events, not to exceed \$16,000 in the aggregate.

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

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

**Village Attorney's Report:** Attorney Asprooth spoke about Governor Pritzker's recent Executive Order, requesting all restaurants and bars to close by the end of business this evening. Open meetings may be required to use only Web-X or Livestream to avoid public gatherings of multiple people, thus avoiding the further spread of the Covid-19 virus.

**Village Administrator Report:** Administrator Amidei discussed his meetings with Lake County Partners, Lake County and others related to the Gateway Economic Development Area at the Interstate 94 and Illinois State Route 173 intersection. There is also a call for projects and grant proposals by the State of Illinois.

Two weeks ago, we discussed possible grants for Route 173 sanitary sewer service. Last Tuesday he met with Lake County Planning and Lake County Partners. A large vacant parcel on Route 173 is not shovel ready because of the lack of utilities in the area and the potential need to amend the existing IL-173/I-94 IGA. The agreement was structured in 2006, public hearings were held in 2007 and the plan was obsolete by 2008. The demand for office parks has diminished considerably, so a plan with new standards will need to be crafted. This will require the IL-173 Corridor Council getting together again to discuss potential changes to the agreement, which may require a revised market study be done to provide framework for future discussions/future agreement modeling.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** Trustee Harvey did not provide a Finance Committee Report but was concerned with additional fees requested by the firm which now conducts our annual audit. He suggested seeking a new auditing company.

**Public Service:** Trustee Hansen discussed the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt and possible postponement due to the Governor's Executive Order. Discussion followed. The Easter Egg Hunt will not be held this year.

**Planning, Zoning and Plats:** Trustee Hayden did not provide a Planning, Zoning and Plats Committee Report.

**Ordinance Committee:** Trustee Jacobs discussed a culvert beneath Wadsworth Road which always retains at least 3 feet of water. He suspects that grading of the front lawn, north of the culvert near Prairie Trail School may be at fault, as the adjacent grade prevents water from draining to the Newport Ditch as it once did.

**Road and Bridge:** Trustee Dolan reported that when Pratum Terra was resurfaced three years ago, the shoulders were not done properly. All of the full-depth black dirt washed out over time. It will require replacement with 5 inches of stone, topped with 3 inches of black dirt. This work needs to be completed timely to avoid detriment to the existing pavement edge.

A motion was made by Dolan, seconded by Corder, to waive bidding and accept the proposal of Campanella and Sons, Incorporated dated March 3, 2020 in the amount of \$29,210.00 to excavate 8" of shoulder, install 5" of gravel (compacted) and 3" topsoil.

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

**Parks and Village Hall:** Trustee Corder and Administrator Amidei reported that Boller Construction is working out details for remodeling items affected by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If the cost to renovate the lower level is more than 20% of the cost to provide an accessible access, that aspect is exempt from ADA. He will be on a conference call with Boller to continue the discussion tomorrow.

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It was discussed that Trustees Jacobs and Corder recently met on-site with Bob Gardiner and Glenn Westmann of the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission regarding the banks of the retention pond behind Village Hall. Trustee Jacobs exhibited a cardboard display he crafted last autumn after boating around the pond, then measuring and recording depths in numerous areas. LCSMC took a liking to the physical corrugated paper display which will be incorporated into the permit application to restore the pond. It was further suggested relocating the rip-rap (large rocks) temporarily to accommodate installation of a new textile product which will minimize erosion, followed by repositioning the existing rip-rap. In addition to the rip-rap, native grasses and plants with substantial root structures will be planted. It was also noted that many residents frequently, or even daily, walk the paved path around Wadsworth Park. Some had reported ice or snow in shaded areas of the walkway during the winter, which were difficult to traverse when slippery. Corder asked for special attention to those areas. She then referred to a proposal received from Sportsfields of Alsip, Illinois to provide labor and material for softball field maintenance. For the bases, an extra charge of \$87 per base plug will be charged to locate and fasten the baseball bases to the playing field. It was noted that clay mix had not been added to the infield for several years.

A motion was made by Corder, seconded by Harvey, to accept the proposal from Sportfields, dated February 21, 2020 in the amount of \$13,200 for field restoration and maintenance, with additional funding for the above noted base plugs and bases, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$14,500.00

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

Discussion ensued about the ballfield's usage fees that have not been updated in quite some time. The revised fee structure was discussed at a recent Parks Committee Meeting. The proposed ordinance suggested increases for league related practices and games to help fund the planned maintenance and improvement activities that will take place upon the field later this spring. It was proposed that a League Practice for a resident would be increased to \$25 and for a non-resident to \$50. A League Game for a resident increased to \$50 and for a non-resident to \$75.

A motion was made by Corder, seconded by Hansen, to Adopt an Ordinance Amending the Village Code Regarding Park Regulations.

Roll call vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried. Amended Ordinance # 2020-1082.

**Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Corder, seconded by Jacobs, to enter Executive Session at 7:48 PM to discuss Personnel and the Sale and Lease of Public Land. 2C-1, 2C-3

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ryback, Corder, Dolan, Hansen, Harvey, Hayden, Jacobs. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:43 PM.

**Return to Regular Session Roll:**

Corder, Dolan, Hansen, Harvey, Hayden, Jacobs, Ryback.

**Results of Executive Session:**

Administrator Amidei was directed to have a staff member not report to work at Village Hall until the Governor's Executive Order concludes, in order to maintain safe health.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Dolan.

Voice vote: All Ayes. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk