

Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall by President Ryback and Clerk Hoselton
With all Trustees, Staff and Public by teleconference via Go To Meeting Service
April 21, 2020

- Call to Order:** President Ryback called the meeting of the Village Board of Trustees to order at 6:07pm.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** President Ryback led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call:** In attendance at Village Hall were Village President Glenn Ryback and Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton. In attendance by teleconference were Village Trustees Mildred Corder, Robert Hayden and Doug Jacobs; Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth. All members could hear and be heard by each other. Trustee Ben Dolan and Trustee Geralyn Hansen were absent.
- Moment of Silence:** President Ryback asked for a moment of silence for two Village Officials who have recently passed away.
Former Village President Ed Tomkowiak passed away at the age of 85 after serving several terms as Trustee and two terms as President ending in 1991. He most recently served on President Ryback's committee to update the Comprehensive Plan in 2014-2015. He was active as a Deacon for Saint Patrick's Church in Wadsworth until his final day of life on March 8.
Thank you, Deacon Ed, for your outstanding contribution to the Village of Wadsworth.
- Senior Trustee Ken Harvey was hospitalized briefly after being afflicted with the COVID-19 virus. He began his fourth term as Village Trustee in May of 2019 and was in attendance as recently as the March 16th meeting, discussing business with President Ryback before that meeting in his usual manner. He left us on Good Friday, April 10 after a life of service as a Waukegan Firefighter and most recently as our Senior Trustee. Thank you, Senior Trustee Ken Harvey, for your outstanding contribution to the Village of Wadsworth.
- Special Business:** There was no Special Business.
- Public Comment:** Maurice Cashin was also thankful for the service provided to the Village of Wadsworth by Former President Tomkowiak (Deacon Ed) and Former Senior Trustee Ken Harvey. He noted that both men always acted as gentlemen in their professional and business activities.
- Establish Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Trustee Corder, seconded by Trustee Hayden, to establish a consent agenda for the following items:
- a. Approval of the April 7, 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 March 31, 2020.
 - d. Approval of Checks Issued Between Meetings, March 17, 2020 to April 21, 2020, totaling \$92,722.74.
 - e. Approval of Bills To Be Paid as of April 21, 2020 in the amount of \$ 99,010.83.
- Voice vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried. Trustee Dolan and Trustee Hansen absent.
- Approval of Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Trustee Corder, seconded by Trustee Hayden, to approve the consent agenda as amended.
- Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Nays-none. Motion carried. Trustee Dolan and Trustee Hansen absent.
- Discussion of removed topics:** There were no removed topics.

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Old Business: President Ryback referred to a Resolution regarding an overweight permit for an agricultural property on 21st Street which had been discussed at previous meetings, and was now revised to include most of the suggestions made during those discussions. Brief discussion followed.

A motion was made by Jacobs, seconded by Hayden, to Adopt a Resolution approving an Overweight Permit and Waiving Subdivision Requirements for the Property Commonly Known as 14400 West 21st Street (PIN 03-14-400-004).

Roll call vote: Ayes-Jacobs, Hayden, President Ryback. Nay-Corder. Motion carried. Trustee Dolan and Trustee Hansen absent. Resolution #2020-293

New Business: There was no New Business.

Village President's Report: President Ryback indicated he has been on semi-weekly conference calls with Governor Pritzker and efforts by the State of Illinois to control the COVID-19 pandemic, in addition to participating with local officials of neighboring communities and the Lake County Municipal League, of which he is Immediate Past President.

Village Attorney's Report: Attorney Asprooth spoke about Former Senior Trustee Ken Harvey and his dedication to the Village of Wadsworth.

Village Administrator Report: Administrator Amidei indicated that as the weather improves, our maintenance needs will increase. He is at Village Hall 2-3 days per week, taking care of building permit applications which are being processed at a lesser rate than in previous years. One Farmers Market application has been received, but he wonders if the Market should be "paused" this year due to the pandemic. Three road program contracts were discussed recently, along with close out of last year's road program in the Evergreen Hills area which was halted prematurely due to the early snowfall last Halloween.

The Lake County Division of Transportation recently bid out its two Wadsworth Road improvement projects; it is anticipated that work at the Dilleys Road and US HWY 41 intersections will begin in June.

The services of a structural engineer will be required to review plans submitted for an outdoor stair railing at a local motel. He has contacted two firms and is awaiting their proposals and fees. A proposal will be accepted before the next meeting due to the time sensitive/safety considerations regarding these needed repairs.

Committee Reports:

Finance: President Ryback referred to a Resolution Regarding Account Signatories. After the passing of Trustee Harvey, another Trustee's name will be required to sign checks. Ryback asked to add Trustee Hayden as the needed signatory.

A motion was made by Trustee Corder, seconded by Trustee Jacobs, to Adopt a Resolution adding Trustee Robert Hayden as an account signatory.

Voice vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried. Trustee Dolan and Trustee Hansen absent. Resolution #2020-294.

At Trustee Harvey's final two meetings, he had considered engaging a new firm to conduct the annual audit. He was not happy with an additional \$700 fee that was levied during the course of the last audit, which Amidei later had reversed by the firm. Amidei presented proposals from two additional audit firms. The cost of number one was similar in price and the cost of number two was much costlier. Brief discussion followed

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regarding qualifications of all three firms. The Board decided against changing audit firms at this time.

A motion was made by Corder, seconded by Hayden, to authorize the Expenditure of \$11,965 for the Annual Audit and Treasurer's Report as proposed by Dam, Snell and Taveirne.

Roll call vote: Ayes-Corder, Hayden, Jacobs, Ryback. Nays-none. Motion carried. Trustee Dolan and Trustee Hansen absent.

Public Service: Trustee Hansen was absent and did not provide a Public Service Report.

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

Road and Bridge: Trustee Dolan was absent and did not provide a Road and Bridge report.

Ordinance Committee: Trustee Jacobs referred to a Coronavirus Response Act Policy. He noted that this is a Federal guideline and we are obliged to follow the wording of the document. Attorney Asprooth agreed that the Policy must be adopted by motion, but it will not need to be codified into our Ordinance structure as it is temporary in nature. It will be null and void after the Federal policy expires.

A motion was made by Jacobs, seconded by Corder, to Adopt the Village of Wadsworth Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Policy.

Voice vote: Ayes-All. Nay-none. Motion carried. Trustee Dolan and Trustee Hansen absent.

Trustee Jacobs and Administrator Amidei discussed the open burning request by a resident at the last meeting. Amidei had opinions and proposals from several other communities which have looked at the same issue. Some have imposed temporary bans until June of this year, others have not. Hayden noted that most properties in Wadsworth are one acre or greater. Corder believes the Forest Preserve burns more of their properties in the springtime than any residents, and Jacobs did not favor the limitation either. All suggested publishing a newsletter article asking residents to refrain from burning their yard waste until later in the year. Lake County is suggesting that yard waste be bagged for disposal in the unincorporated areas. No other action was taken.

Parks and Village Hall: Trustee Corder reported that the cracked concrete in the west park pavilion has been repaired by Copenhaver, with the work supervised by Dan Dalziel. The replacement was 10 inches deep in three of the four openings, but Dan had to leave before the fourth one was completed.

The Boller Contract was slightly delayed while the Village Attorney made the necessary changes. It should be ready tomorrow.

The basketball hoop locks did not fit our hoops and were returned to the supplier.

Weed trimming will be along Wadsworth Road and within the two retention areas in Wadsworth Park.

Work on the baseball field in Wadsworth Park should begin in May and require only a day or two to complete.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM on a motion by Corder, seconded by Hayden. Voice vote: All Ayes. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk