

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
May 15, 2012**

Call to Order-Public Hearing: President Ryback called a Public Hearing at 7:30 PM to consider an Annexation Agreement between the Village of Wadsworth and The Chicago Title Land Trust Company as successor Trustee to Grand Premier Trust and Investment, Inc. N.A. as Successor Trustee to American National Bank and Trust Company of Waukegan, as Trustee under Trust Agreement dated July 17, 1973 and known as Trust Number 474, and Doug Young, the sole beneficiary of the Trust (collectively, Trust and Young shall be referred to as "Owner")
Property: Commonly known as 43102 and 43110 North U.S. Highway 41, Zion, IL 60099, PIN numbers 03-04-300-054 and 055.

Roll Call: In attendance were Village President Glenn Ryback, Village Trustees Tyler Crittenden, Ken Harvey, GERALYN HANSEN, Robert Hayden, Rodney Johnson and James Zegar, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthefer

Introduction: A presentation was made by Administrator Amidei regarding the location and present use of the properties in unincorporated Lake County. The Petitioner requests annexation of both properties into Wadsworth for future business uses. The Limited Industrial zoning being sought is consistent with nearby properties and the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Young has agreed to provide business and site plans at a future date. At that time, the uses being sought will be reviewed by Wadsworth and authorizations will follow steps similar to a Planned Unit Development procedure. The Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals have both provided a favorable recommendation subsequent to their hearings. The Village Board had no further questions. Ryback called for Public comments three times, then closed the floor to Public Comment and subsequently closed the Public Hearing.

Call to Order: President Ryback called the meeting of the Village Board of Trustees to order at 7:40 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance: President Ryback led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: In attendance were Village President Glenn Ryback, Village Trustees Tyler Crittenden, Ken Harvey, GERALYN HANSEN, Robert Hayden, Rodney Johnson and James Zegar, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthefer.

Special Business: County Board Commissioner Diane Hewitt was in attendance to present a resolution from the Lake County Board recognizing the Village's 50th Anniversary in 2012. She read the Resolution aloud as she handed it to President Ryback.

Newport Township Assessor Jerome Behrens was also in attendance to speak about real estate tax bills recently received by area residents. He referenced the "blue sheet" which is mailed to property owners in October so they are aware of upcoming assessment changes. He noted that far more phone calls are received in May when the tax bills are mailed and it is generally too late to contest the amounts. He noted that the tax rate increased 2% this year and 3% this year for a total of 5%. Trustees and audience members asked several questions about tax bills for some residents that had increased significantly. Behrens gave his contact information to all and encouraged them to call him regarding specific properties. Everyone assured Mr. Behrens they would call him.

Public Comment: There was no further Public Comment.

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

- a. Approval of the May 1, 2012 Village Board meeting minutes.
- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report as of 4/30/12.
- c. Approval of checks issued between meetings, totaling \$77,094.42(4/18/12-5/15/12)
- d. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of 5/15/12, totaling \$13,585.20.
- e. Adoption of an Ordinance Authorizing and Approving an Annexation Agreement (43102 & 43110 US Highway 41.)
- f. Adoption of an Ordinance Annexing Property (43102 & 43110 US Highway 41.)
- g. Adoption of an Ordinance Approving a Rezoning (43102 & 43110 U.S.Highway 41.)
- h. Adoption of an Ordinance Approving the Official Zoning Map of the Village of Wadsworth.

Johnson asked to remove items e, f and g for a minor change.

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

Approval of Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Johnson, to approve the consent agenda as amended.

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

Discussion of Removed Items: Regarding the removed items, Johnson asked Doug Young and his attorney for an area where an overhead street light and a "private driveway" sign could be installed near the south edge of his property. It would illuminate an existing driveway servicing a residence behind Young's parcels. He assured Young the light would be installed and maintained by Wadsworth. He noted that transient traffic often enters the driveway by mistake. Young and his attorney agreed with the concept.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Zegar, to approve items e,f and g of the consent agenda, with the addition of the street light and sign placement on Young's property.

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

Old Business: There was no Old Business.

New Business: There was no New Business.

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

Village Attorney's Report: Attorney Krafthefer reported that Illinois House Speaker Madigan presented three diversions from the LDGF to aid the teacher's pension fund as House Bill 3637. The House and Senate have not yet voted on the bill.

Village Administrator Report: Administrator Amidei discussed shoulder repairs and pavement edge work needed on Hanssen Road near Route 41. A District 50 Woodland Schools bus is often observed parked on the shoulder in the early morning, resulting in extensive ruts. Amidei suggested adopting an Ordinance to prohibit parking on the easterly 600 feet of Hanssen Road and billing District 50 for the repairs.

A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Hayden, to Adopt an Ordinance amending the Village Code regarding parking restrictions on Hanssen Road 600 feet west of U.S. Route 41.

Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried. Ordinance number 2012-456.

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Amidei also reported on an IDOT grant opportunity to offset the cost of a sidewalk extension east of Cashmore Road, along the Penrith and Bertrand properties and terminating at our existing sidewalk leading to Wadsworth Park. He indicated it could also incorporate street lighting for the downtown Wadsworth Road area. Trustees encouraged him to proceed with the application.

A discussion for annual employee raises was tabled by Harvey and Johnson, subsequent to their review of employee evaluations.

He also reported on the Kilbourne Road and Route 173 stoplight project, planned for a summer installation.

He has learned from IDOT that the Mill Creek Road paving project north of Route 173 will be completed by the end of June and prior to the July removal of the Russell Road Bridge over Interstate 94.

Committee Reports:

Finance:

Trustee Harvey requested an itemized billing from the Village Engineer for recent projects. He also reminded that Public Works director could assist with code enforcement now that a seasonal employee is on duty.

Parks and Village Hall:

Trustee Johnson reported the Grasswick Excavating is in progress on site repairs in the Park and near the new Public Works building. Some work remained after last year's construction.

Public Service:

Trustee Hansen and Trustee Zegar collectively gave a progress report on the Wadsworth 50th Anniversary Event. Many details have been addressed, but many more need attention. She will schedule another meeting in June and continues to seek volunteers throughout the Village in addition to the ones who have already stepped forward.

Road and Bridge:

Trustee Crittenden provided additional statistics for purchase of a new truck to replace the 2001 Ford with high mileage. A ¾ ton pickup truck was quoted at \$24,000 and a one-ton dump truck at \$30,000. Some Trustees were concerned with overall Village expenses, and while acquisition of a new piece of equipment would eliminate maintenance costs for quite some time, they considered repairing and keeping the old truck in service.

A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Harvey, to establish a budget not to exceed \$8,000 to have repairs done as estimated by McClure's Garage in Gurnee.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Harvey, Hayden, Johnson, Crittenden, Zegar. Nay – Hansen. Motion carried.

Planning, Zoning & Plats:

Trustee Zegar further indicated that Crittenden's plans for a car show are complete, as are plans for horseshoes by The Duck Inn. A "Save the Date" postcard will be mailed this month. The Savanna House and The Shanty are preparing their special event menus. He also noted that his next newsletter will review and explain facts learned from Township Assessor Behrens earlier in this meeting.

Ordinance:

Trustee Hayden did not present a report.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Johnson.

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

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk