

**Village of Wadsworth  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
Held at the Village Hall  
July 5, 2011**

**Call to Order:** President Ryback called the meeting of the Village Board of Trustees to order at 7:30pm.

**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 Julie Tappendorf.

**Public Comment:** Prior to taking Public Comment, Ryback reported on his afternoon meeting with the Lake County Division of Transportation regarding the Wadsworth Road reconstruction and stated the following facts:

The current Lake County standard cross-section includes a 4 foot wide Bike Lane and B6-24 curb. This is a given, there is no choice. In this instance, a Bike Friendly Shoulder is used, providing 3 feet of asphalt and the B6-24 curb is reduced to B6-12, gaining back another one foot. While the narrower gutter flag requires more drainage inlets, it allows for the wider 3 foot bike area while minimizing the overall footprint. The bike wheels are less apt to fall into the crack between the two surfaces and the drainage inlet grates are designed for bicycle traffic.

The Lake County Division of Transportation heard our concerns and made a change from a Bike Lane to a Bike Friendly Shoulder, which is the County minimum standard.

The agreement we are authorizing tonight only addresses our cost share of the sidewalks and electric conduits for future street lights. It also includes a small land transfer for 17 feet of property in front of Village Hall for the Delany Road intersection improvement-a totally separate project.

In most places, the back of the new sidewalk will be in the same location as the back of the existing sidewalk, but it will not be any closer to the property line.

The existing roadway and shoulder surface will increase by 2 feet on each side, and the curb will add an additional 1 ½ feet.

When traffic counts exceed 15,000 per day, Lake County generally plans to construct new 4-lane roads, with the 5<sup>th</sup> lane being a center turn lane. Wadsworth Road is already at a traffic count of 16,800, but again, the county has modified their plans incorporating suggestions they received. There were no further substantial suggestions received up to the June 28 deadline.

Afterward, the following comments about the road were made:

Lynn Schlosser of Schlosser Court was under the impression the County would eliminate the bike lanes. Laurie Dolan of Chicago Avenue spoke for Susan Zingle of Yorkhouse Road, suggesting the new center turn lane mandated the ICC median at the railroad crossing, both of which should be eliminated. Mike Dolan of Chicago Avenue said the center turn lane was stupid. Tom Hanson of Wadsworth Road believed the increase in traffic and roadway was destroying the area. Jeff Combs was concerned his building (next to the old post office) might flood and his driveway parking on the right-of-way would be eliminated. Neil Ostrow of Wadsworth Road asked to see storm sewer plans and volunteered his input as an experienced underground utilities contractor.

Additional comments were heard about the new Gurnee District 56 School:

Assessor Jerome Behrens suggested costs to build the new school should be kept to a minimum. Plan Commission Chair Judy Adams noted that requests are often made to her commission for variances and when justified, are granted. She believed the school was entitled to some of its requests and noted that Plan Commissioners had agreed during their previous meetings. Karen Bromley of Oak Knoll Road agreed that some

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compromise would be necessary, but liked the idea of a school. Amy from Elm Lane agreed the Village Board should be flexible with those requests. Shawn Depke was not convinced that a school is the best use for that particular site. Erin Lundveit, a registered Professional Engineer who lives nearby, believed the school would be a good fit for the site if done properly.

Other Public input was from Mike Dausman of Sarah Lane and Karin Dietmeyer of Sarah Lane who collected 23 signatures from neighbors requesting that a towing company operation be stopped in their neighborhood. They also noted two property owners were storing boats under tents. Plumbing Inspector Chris Bock was present and indicated he had red-tagged one of the tents and requested its removal as a non-permitted use. Ryback stated that he and Administrator Amidei would follow the matter to conclusion.

**Establish Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Zegar, to establish a consent agenda for:

- a. Approval of the June 21, 2011 Village Board meeting minutes.
- b. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of July 5, 2011, totaling \$36,934.98.

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:** No topics were removed.

**New Business:** Discussion regarding this afternoon's Committee of the Whole meeting regarding the Gurnee School District 56 Zoning and Subdivision Petitions was held. Trustee Zegar had prepared an outline regarding his findings and suggested it be utilized. Trustees agreed and spelled out the variances to be included in the ordinance to be prepared by the Village Attorney.

A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Zegar, to prepare an Ordinance for the next meeting.

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

**Old Business:** Extensive discussion was held regarding approval of an agreement between the County of Lake and Village of Wadsworth for roadway improvements and construction of municipal sidewalks in the downtown area and the transfer of real property along Wadsworth Road near Village Hall. The agreement amount is \$45,736.

A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Zegar, to authorize the Village President to execute the agreement.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Crittenden, Hayden, Zegar, Ryback. Nays: Harvey, Johnson, Hansen. Motion carried.

**New Business:** A brief discussion was held outlining the benefits of attendance at the Illinois Municipal League Annual Conference to be held in September. Johnson encouraged new trustees to take advantage of the wealth of information presented during the three day period.

A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Zegar, to establish a budget of \$975 for each elected official wishing to attend the Conference.

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Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Zegar, Harvey, Hayden, Ryback. Nays: Crittenden, Johnson, Hansen. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding an agreement presented by IDOT to modernize traffic signals along the Highway corridors of Illinois Routes 173, 131 and 41 within Wadsworth. The program will cover installation of new LED lights, reflectors and battery back-up systems, allowing signals to automatically operate as a flashing red light during power outages via battery back-up. Only 2.5% of the costs will be borne by Wadsworth, which is roughly \$1,300. Newport Fire will pay to relocate Emergency Vehicle Preemptive Devices where required.

A motion was made by Hayden, seconded by Johnson, to authorize the Village President to sign the agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Roll Call Vote: ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**Village President's Report:** President Ryback did not provide any further report.

**Village Attorney's Report:** Attorney Tappendorf introduced James Schneider, Bond Counsel for Prairie Crossing Charter School in Grayslake and two representatives of the school. Krafthefer and Schneider gave another overview of bonding authority for Wadsworth which could be used to assist the school, as it is within a 15 mile radius. Trustees Zegar had extensively reviewed the proposal and all other Trustees were in agreement with the proposal, considering that Wadsworth will not be borrowing any money through the end of 2011.

Waiting to reply under Public Comment, Mike Dolan asked questions of Bond Counsel and any obligation to the Village.

A motion was made by Zegar, seconded by Hayden, to Approve A Preliminary Bond Resolution of the Village of Wadsworth, Lake County, Illinois for the Prairie Crossing Charter School Project.

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

**Village Administrator Report:** Administrator Amidei did not provide a report.

**Committee Reports:**  
**Finance:** Trustee Harvey had no report.

**Parks and Village Hall:** Trustee Johnson had no Parks and Village Hall report.

**Public Service:** Trustee Hansen had no Public Service report.

**Road and Bridge:** Trustee Crittenden had no report.

**Planning, Zoning & Plats:** Trustee Zegar had no report.

**Ordinance Committee:** Trustee Hayden had no report.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Johnson.

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

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Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk