

**Village of Wadsworth  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
Held at the Village Hall  
August 4, 2015**

- Call to Order:** President Ryback called the meeting of the Village Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 pm.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** President Ryback led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call:** In attendance were Village President Glenn Ryback, Village Trustees Tyler Crittenden, Ben Dolan, GERALYN Hansen, Ken Harvey, Robert Hayden and James Zegar, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthefer.
- Special Business:** A detailed presentation regarding the proposed Route 53 extension and Route 120 bypass projects were made first by former Waukegan Mayor Bill Morris and secondly by Wadsworth resident Susan Zingle. Lake County Transportation Alliance Director Martin Buehler was also present to answer questions from the Village Board members and to explain many details described by the other two presenters. Bill Morris recalled that Route 53 was discussed while he attended Waukegan High School over 50 years ago. He explained that a new 4 cent per gallon gasoline tax would be imposed in Lake County and new additional toll collection points would be established on the existing Lake County portion of Interstate 94, resulting in an 87% toll increase. Morris is a former member of the Illinois Toll Highway Authority Board and former State Representative. He recommended that Wadsworth should avoid taking a position on the Route 53 endorsement question. Susan Zingle reminded that tolls on Route 53 would cost roughly 20 cents per mile and a congestion pricing schedule would increase that amount during rush hour times. She noted that a trip from Gurnee to O'Hare airport would more than double. She also reminded about the "inflation index" which could increase tolls on both roads annually. Martin Buehler indicated there were no proposals that would reduce municipal control of property zoning along the Route 53 Corridor, referring to the 750 acres discussed in the plan within the Village of Hawthorn Woods which were originally slated for commercial and residential development by that village. The Route 53 Plan indicates a Corridor Development Council would instead oversee all adjacent development. He noted that a new toll collection point added at the Grand Avenue interchange would allow the Waukegan Toll Plaza amount (near Wadsworth Road) to be reduced.
- Public Comment:** Newport Township Assessor Jerome Behrens reminded all that the final day to contact his office or file an appeal for property taxes for this Township is August 28. For the first time in several years, assessed values have increased roughly 3% and in some cases could increase as much as 40% as part of the quadrennial review. His mass appraisal included about 4,000 properties. He recommended an appraisal of value for the property on January 1 as the best evidence to be presented and again reminded that 90% of all appeals are settled with a phone call to his office.
- Establish Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Hayden, to establish a consent agenda for the following items:  
a. Approval of the July 21, 2015 Village Board meeting minutes.  
b. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of August 4, 2015, totaling \$28,027.36.
- Voice vote: Ayes—all. Nays—none. Motion carried.
- Approval of Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Dolan, to approve the consent agenda as presented.
- Roll call vote: Ayes—all. Nays—none. Motion carried.
- Discussion of removed topics:** There were no removed topics.

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**Old Business:** There was no Old Business.

**New Business:** There was no New Business.

**Village President's Report:** President Ryback discussed the Letter of Support requested by the County Engineer of each Mayor in Lake County. As Vice President of the League, Ryback noted that the Lake County Municipal League Board of Directors had discussed the Route 53 topic extensively and were concerned about numerous details which diminished the authority of local communities along the proposed route. Not all of the Mayors supported the letter, yet their names appeared in the published report anyway. After discussion about a retraction, Trustees agreed there was nothing further to pursue at this time.

Ryback discussed the proposed budgeted amount for Trustees planning to attend the annual Illinois Municipal League Conference in September.

A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Hansen, to authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,000 to cover registration and expenses for each elected official attending the Conference.

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

Ryback presented Resolution number 2015-260, Honoring Charles Rossman for his 33 years of service to the Village of Wadsworth on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Rossman is retiring from the ZBA and was unable to attend this meeting. Harvey suggested the approved Resolution be presented to him at a future meeting which he might be able to attend.

A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Crittenden, to Adopt Resolution 2015-260 Honoring Charles Rossman for his service to the Village of Wadsworth.

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

Ryback suggested the appointment of former ZBA member Hope Forcier to the new Joint Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals, with a term to expire in May of 2017.

A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Hayden, to approve the appointment of Hope Forcier.

Voice vote: Ayes-Crittenden, Dolan, Hansen, Hayden, Sugar. Nay-Harvey. Motion carried.

**Village Attorney's Report:** Attorney Krafthefer did not provide a report.

**Village Administrator Report:** Administrator Amidei referred to a letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding a compliance review of the Motor Fuel Tax fund. Amidei reminded that one amount was still owed to IDOT for a small paving project at the north end of Mill Creek Road. He has been asking IDOT to invoice the job for the past three years so it can be paid. Even though the amount is modest, current MFT funds have been banked for the past two years for a future Village project and have earned interest of \$80. The home which experienced a fire last fall which is across Wadsworth Road from Prairie Trail school is experiencing lot-line set back challenges for the rebuilding process. Discussion followed regarding an unimproved right-of-way just east of the property. Trustees discussed the future possibility of needing to retain it for street or utility improvements. Amidei was directed to follow the same procedure in vacating the right-of-way as has been used in the recent past in other areas, should a right of way vacation be pursued by the property owner.

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Amidei arranged a speed study of Chicago Avenue and Cashmore Road using equipment from another Lake County community. Law enforcement placed the equipment on each street for several days. The resulting reports provided information about daily speeds on each street. Cashmore Road speeds averaged 38 miles per hour, with the highest recorded speed at 51 mph. Chicago Avenue carried more traffic, with an average speed of 40 miles per hour. The highest speed recorded was 76 mph between 4 and 6 pm on a weekday.

Results were forwarded to the Lake County Sheriff. Other law enforcement agencies have been contacted and are currently being sought to monitor traffic speeds in Wadsworth.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance:**

Trustee Harvey did not provide a Finance Report, but identified a pavement failure on Wadsworth Road at Pine Grove Avenue in the area where Lake County had recently performed road repairs. He noted a drainage problem that was created in the same area which might require additional engineering by Lake County to correct. He also indicated that increased code enforcement is taking place as part of our agreement for staffing with Beach Park.

**Public Service:**

Trustee Hansen did not provide a Public Service Report.

**Planning, Zoning & Plats:**

Trustee Zegar did not provide a Planning Report, noted that a Newsletter was released yesterday which spoke about new business proposals and expansions in Wadsworth.

**Ordinance Committee:**

Trustee Hayden did not provide an Ordinance Report.

**Road and Bridge:**

Trustee Crittenden did not provide a Road and Bridge Report.

**Parks and Village Hall:**

Trustee Dolan reported that work was in progress to replace the sidewalks adjacent to Village Hall and work will include replacement of the baseball diamond benches and new concrete areas for the players and their equipment.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Dolan.

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

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Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk