

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
August 19, 2014**

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 Tyler Crittenden, Ben Dolan, Robert Hayden, Ken Harvey and Geralyn Hansen, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Tracy Nelson-Jaworski. Trustee James Zegar was absent.

Public Comment: Newport Township Tax Assessor Jerome Behrens made a report about the “blue sheet” assessment update letters that are sent to each property owner annually. He noted that assessments have declined steadily for the past 5 years, with the most recent letter indicating a decline of 1.5%. While assessment values have decreased a total of 25% over 5 years, tax rates have increased 30% during that time. He suggested that any questions by residents be directed to his office during the appeal time period, ending August 28 for Newport Township.

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

- a. Approval of the August 5, 2014 Village Board Meeting Minutes.
- b. Approval of Treasurer’s Report as of 7/31/14.
- c. Approval of checks issued between meetings, totaling \$222,213.36(7/16/14-8/19/14)
- d. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of 8/19/14, totaling \$43,473.69
- e. Motion to Approve Replacement of the Village Hall Second floor Air Conditioning unit at a sum of \$3,695.
- f. Adoption of an Ordinance Approving the Disposition of Surplus Property (2008 F450 Truck).
- g. Motion to waive competitive bidding and authorize purchase of 2015 F350 Truck from Kunes Country Ford of Antioch at a sum (after trade) of \$4,059.
- h. Motion to approve final pay request related to 2013 Non-MFT Wadsworth Road Program payable to Payne & Dolan, Incorporated in the amount of \$5,355.45.

Item “g” was removed for further discussion.

Voice vote as amended: Ayes-all Nays-none Motion carried. Trustee Zegar absent.

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

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

Discussion of removed topics: Crittenden discussed specifics regarding the trade-in of our 2008 Ford F450 dump truck this is equipped with an engine Ford no longer uses due to its history of problems. The proposed replacement is a new Ford F-350, also equipped with snow plow. Kunes Ford in Antioch offered a much higher trade-in for the F-450 than other dealers on the State of Illinois municipal program. Dolan noted that the emergency lighting was not included in Kunes’ quote but would be installed locally by another vendor. He will work with Master Hitch of Waukegan for the installation. He also noted there could be a 3 month delay to manufacture the truck.

A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Dolan to Waive Competitive Bidding and accept a proposal from Kunes Country Ford in Antioch for \$4,059 (which includes Master Hitch’s quote for the snowplow and lighting) with a total amount not to exceed \$5,000.

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

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- Old Business:** There was no Old Business.
- New Business:** There was no New Business.
- Village President's Report:** President Ryback reported on the Grand Opening of Tracy's Bistro planned for 11:30 tomorrow morning and invited all to attend.
- Village Attorney's Report:** Attorney Jaworski did not provide a report.
- Village Administrator Report:** Administrator Amidei reported that we now have title for the old Post Office. Owner Level 3 Communications hired Doug Howard to prepare a survey which was done today. Closing should take place in the near future. The wetland delineation for the Village property on Wadsworth Road is now done and will be reviewed by Lake County Stormwater Management Commission.
- Committee Reports:**
- Finance:** Trustee Harvey has learned of a procedural conflict caused by a Resolution the Board recently adopted regarding transfer of funds by the Village Treasurer to make certain governmental payments timely.
- A Motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Hayden, to Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Village Treasurer to Make Village Financial Obligations Payments Related to Payroll Tax Liabilities and IMRF Contributions.
- Voice vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried. Trustee Zegar absent.
- Public Service:** Trustee Hansen reported the Concert in the Park will be held September 27 at 6PM. Food will be available for purchase on-site, furnished by Savanna House.
- Planning, Zoning and Plats:** Trustee Zegar was absent.
- Ordinance Committee:** Trustee Hayden did not provide an Ordinance Report.
- Road and Bridge:** Trustee Crittenden discussed recommendations from the Road and Bridge Committee held immediately before this meeting, concerning the Village's 2014-2015 Snowplowing operations. They are recommending the same procedure as last year, as this is the second year of an existing two-year contract. The Newport Road District will not be storing salt in the Village's salt garage this year. Amidei discussed the right of way projects that were discussed at the earlier Committee meeting that are to take place in the near future. These included drainage issues on Mulberry, Oakcrest, Greenview and Jody Lane; additionally, locations of where dead trees upon Village right of ways were discussed that necessitated removal. Motion by Crittenden, seconded by Hansen to authorize approval of contracts to complete these jobs. Amidei will subsequently give the Village Board a complete list of projects discussed this evening as well as pricing for each job.
- Roll Call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried. Trustee Zegar absent.
- Crittenden also discussed polling residents in certain areas of Wadsworth which have chronic well water shortages as to whom might be interested in the installation of Lake Michigan water if it could be purchased from adjacent communities. Inquiries have been received from residents with long-term water deficiencies in areas where groundwater wells are unable to produce adequate quantities or extremely low quality water. The aim of the survey is to gage resident interest as to whether the Village should look into options for these specific neighborhoods. Amidei will provide the Board with a draft postcard prior to its mailing. Motion by Crittenden, second by Hayden to direct the

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Village Administrator to provide a targeted mailing survey to specific areas of the Village.

Roll Call vote: Ayes Crittenden, Hansen, Harvey, Hayden. Nays Dolan. Motion carried. Trustee Zegar absent. Dolan questioned the timing of the postcard, since the Village will be pursuing a sales tax referendum in the fall for road and capital purposes. Trustee Harvey asked for another vote since he was on the prior prevailing side.

Roll Call vote: Ayes Crittenden, Hansen. Nays Dolan, Harvey, Hayden. Trustee Zegar absent. Motion failed. Amidei will send the Board information about Beach Park's recent special service area efforts to bring water to non-mained areas of their town.

Parks and Village Hall:

Trustee Dolan discussed a draft informational document that could be sent out at a later date regarding frequently asked questions about the sales tax referendum. He also indicated that following the paving of Chicago Avenue, he now likes striping, as do others who lives along this roadway.

Discussion took place about the possibility of doing a traffic study regarding cut-through Chicago Avenue traffic that would support a future no thru traffic ordinance along this route. Amidei will coordinate same with the Village's engineers. He also discussed efforts about obtaining pricing to trade-in the Village's enclosed trailer for an open air trailer that could be used to transport not only our mowers but also larger rented equipment. Since the Village's trailer is in good shape, hopefully any trade will be near an even-swap.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Hayden.

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

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk