

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
October 7, 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, GERALYN HANSEN and James Zegar, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski.
- Public Comment:** There was no Public Comment.
- 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 September 16, 2014 Village Board meeting minutes.
 - b. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of October 17, 2014, totaling \$86,485.37
 - c. Adoption of an Ordinance to convey certain Property within the Village of Wadsworth (13547 Illinois Route 173)
 - d. Adoption of an Ordinance Amending the Final Plat of Subdivision for Lot 16 of the Ponds of Wadsworth Subdivision
 - e. Motion to approve final pay request to Peter Baker and Son Company in the amount of \$54,464.30 related to the Chicago Avenue resurfacing project
 - f. Motion to confirm approval of proposal form Grasswick Excavating related to silt removal in the Willows Subdivision in the amount of \$1,585
- Voice vote: Ayes—all. Nays—none. Motion carried.
Ordinance #2014-935 for 13547 Illinois Route 173 and Ordinance #2014-936 Amending Lot 16 in The Ponds Subdivision
- Approval of Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Hansen, 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.
- 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 Jaworski did not present a report.
- Village Administrator Report:** Administrator Amidei reported that a substantial number of Ash trees have recently died during the late summer from the Emerald Ash Borer. He presented several cost estimates to remove dead trees from public ways all across Wadsworth in efforts to determine the amount of funding required. After review, Trustees suggested waiting until the estimated amounts were complete from all vendors. No action was taken.
- Browns Construction requested return of bond monies for two homes constructed several years ago. A 1996 Ordinance limits the refund period to 2 years. Trustees agreed to have Amidei refund the total bond amount of \$5,000, but to retain \$275 in unpaid fees from the property owner on Golf Lane Drive. Discussion followed regarding a possible update of the 1996 ordinance.

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A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Hansen, to refund \$5,000, minus the unpaid fee of \$275, to Browns Construction.

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

Amidei also reported on the cost estimate to replace the culvert under Goldenrod Lane. Since this was bid as a stand-alone project, the quoted costs came in much higher than expected. A “sleeve” will be inserted within the existing pipe to support the roadway until next spring, if deemed necessary. This project will be bid alongside the other drainage work that is planned for the Willows Subdivision next spring.

Amidei and Ryback have discussed combining the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals in the past. Many area communities have successfully done this already and Amidei suggested revisiting the concept since a long-time ZBA member had recently passed away and since there are also two other vacancies on that Board. No action was taken.

Amidei reported speaking with Beach Park regarding a drainage study they are proposing for 27th Street, 28th Street, 28th Place and 29th Street, all west of Green Bay Road. He will ask them to include all five blocks which are in Wadsworth at the westerly extent of each street. During heavy rainfall events 28th Place and 29th Street sometimes are overtopped by water until existing drainage pipes convey runoff to the tree farm to the west.

Committee Reports:

Finance:

Trustee Harvey reported on his concern that should the sales tax referendum public question be approved by the Wadsworth voters in November, that Lake County does not use this as an opportunity to demand these monies to be used for Sheriff’s contractual services. Said monies are planned to be used to allow the Village to keep up with the maintenance of its 33 miles of roadway on a 15-year cycle. The Trustees were in agreement to ask legal counsel for an opinion on this matter to ensure that any new monies are for the Village’s use for its public roadways and not be redirected to satisfy the demands of the County.

Discussion ensued about annexing property at the Routes 173 & 41 intersection. The Village had spoken to a prospective purchaser in the past whom ultimately did not purchase the property due to the fact that it was allegedly being sold in an “as-is” condition. It was noted that the property used to function as a gas station in the early 1970’s so it was not clear if this fact was inhibiting the sale of this property. Amidei will follow-up with Newport Fire to determine the permitting history behind the transitioning of this former gas station property into retail uses in the recent past in efforts to determine how the property could be utilized again for retail business purposes.

Public Service:

Trustee Hansen reported on the concert event that was held on September 27 adjacent to Village Hall. The event attracted between 500-600 people and everyone seemed to have a great time. An additional food station will be considered for next year’s event; discussion took place about having two events per year; after consideration by the Board, it was decided that having just one bigger event would be best.

Planning, Zoning & Plats:

Trustee Zegar had no report this evening.

Ordinance Committee:

Trustee Hayden discussed the recent area fires that had occurred at homes that were vacant. Discussion ensued about the possibility of establishing a vacant property registration similar to other towns; Amidei indicated that he had recently worked with the Fire Department and Sheriff’s Office to advise them of all vacant homes in town. Trustees discussed the administrative aspects associated with keeping this vacant home

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registry and seemed to favor the Village keeping the Newport Fire appraised about when it learns about vacant structures in town.

Road and Bridge:

Trustee Crittenden suggested that the Village honor Pete Campanella Sr. for all of the contributions that he has made to the Village and Township over the course of the past several decades. After discussion by the Board, it was decided to do a special newsletter article on Mr. Campanella to feature him as “Someone You Should Know” in the community. Amidei will contact his daughter to help Zegar compose the article as the family will be able to give a good background and history on Pete Sr. as well as everything he has done for the Wadsworth/Newport Community over the years after relocating to the area from northern Cook County several decades ago.

Parks and Village Hall:

Trustee Dolan did not provide a report.

Executive Session:

None

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:10PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Dolan

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

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk