

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
October 18, 2016**

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, GERALYN Hansen, Ken Harvey, Robert Hayden and James Zegar, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski.

Public Comment: Old Mill Creek Village President Tim Smith distributed an informational page about the proposed intersection improvement at Dilleys and Wadsworth Roads. His presentation addressed a possible future roundabout installation by the Lake County Division of Transportation. Trustees participated in a discussion with President Smith, covering all 15 points on his handout and agreed with many. Smith noted that it is difficult to negotiate roundabout traffic when riding a horse, which is a common occurrence in this area. Proximity of eastbound traffic approaching over the I-94 bridge during late afternoon and early evening is often obscured by the setting sun and near-misses often occur at the 2-way stop because of the sun. He noted that the walking path on the newly-installed bridge, when connected to future walking trails nearby, might result in pedestrian fatalities since traffic never stops at a roundabout by design. He was also concerned about Fire Department access to his Village during construction, since roundabout construction requires a complete shut-down of the intersection for several months.

A motion was made by Dolan, seconded by Harvey, to prepare a resolution in support of a traffic signal, rather than a roundabout, at Dilleys and Wadsworth Road.

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

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

- a. Approval of the October 4, 2016 Village Board Meeting Minutes.
- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report as of 9/30/16
- c. Approval of checks issued between meetings, totaling \$53,493.46(9/21/16-10/18/2016.)
- d. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of 10/18/16, totaling \$38,873.16.

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

Approval of Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Harvey 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: Discussion was held regarding support of the Kilbourne Road and Wadsworth Road intersection improvement by the Lake County Division of Transportation. It was determined that this resolution should only address the above noted intersection, with a separate resolution for any other intersection.

A motion was made by Dolan, seconded by Zegar, to adopt a Resolution as amended, supporting the Option of Finalist Alternative K, 1A concerning the Future Improvement of the Kilbourne Road at Wadsworth Road intersection in the Village of Wadsworth, Illinois.

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

New Business:

Trustees briefly discussed a request from The Freedom Farm for Veterans to hold their Fall Festival upon their property at 13155 Hart Street. The owner's son-in-law was present to answer any questions and requested that the 'one-way' restriction on Hart Street be lifted during the event on Saturday, October 22. There were no objections.

A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Hayden, to approve the requests.

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

Village President's Report:

President Ryback did not present a report.

Village Attorney's Report:

Attorney Nelson-Jaworski did not present a report.

Village Administrator Report:

Administrator Amidei referred to proposals for tree trimming and removals throughout the Village from Becker's Landscaping Services, JR Tree Service Company and Bowline Tree Service LLC. Two extremely large Cottonwood trees on Waverly Street were bid separately. After reviewing all proposals, two contracts were awarded.

A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Zegar, to accept the proposal of Bowline Tree Service LLC in the amount of \$11,475 for numerous trees as indicated on their proposal dated 10/13/2016 and to accept the proposal of JR Tree Service Company dated 10/12/2016 for removal of two Cottonwood trees on Waverly Street in the amount of \$1850.

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

Amidei discussed a letter he sent in response to a letter from the Passenger Rail Engineer at IDOT regarding additional trains being proposed by Amtrak. The current service provides seven round-trips per day between Milwaukee and Chicago. This would increase to ten round trips per day, so Wadsworth Road would experience three more round trips per day or six additional crossing closures each day.

Two meetings will be held for public input, both with the same materials. The first is 11/1 at Union Station from 4-7PM and the second is 11/2 from 5-8PM at Park Center, 2400 Chestnut in Glenview. President Ryback intends to attend the Wednesday meeting. Amidei hopes to continue pursuing noise abatement in conjunction with this project with the insistence of additional safety features at existing rail crossings.

Amidei reported that the Lake County Strategic Planning process continues, with comments being accepted through January. After that date, meetings with community Mayors will be held for further input.

Amidei updated the Board on progress being made on the Village's Route 173 property. He is currently seeking proposals to conclude demolition of the residence that was burned by Newport Fire Protection District and needed to establish a budget amount for additional preliminary work. Discussion followed about the disconnection of utilities and the removal of an existing septic tank.

A motion was made by Dolan, seconded by Hansen, to establish a budget not to exceed \$5,000 to continue preliminary work on the site.

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

Lastly, Amidei referenced a draft Tax Levy Ordinance for the current fiscal year. He discussed the Levy amount and publication requirements for a 14.4% tax increase. For each \$300,000 of fair market value, the 2016 Wadsworth tax rate of 0.017012 yields

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about \$17. Since Wadsworth received only \$21,800 annually from all real estate taxes last year, Zegar suggested foregoing any increase or using the 0.7% amount of inflation. Amidei indicated the increase might net about \$600 to Wadsworth. Zegar asked if it might be easier to find a different source for the meager \$600 and only raise the levy a minimal amount. Trustees agreed.

Committee Reports:

Finance:

Trustee Harvey did not provide a Finance Report.

Public Service:

Trustee Hansen did not provide a Public Service Report.

Planning, Zoning and Plats:

Trustee Zegar did not provide a report, but reported that another newsletter is being prepared.

Ordinance Committee:

Trustee Hayden did not provide an Ordinance Committee report.

Road and Bridge:

Trustee Crittenden thanked everyone for their support in his nearly eight years as a Wadsworth Village Trustee. All in attendance wished him well in retirement and on his travels, which he plans to begin the day after tomorrow.

Parks and Village Hall:

Trustee Dolan did not provide a Parks and Village Hall Report.

Adjournment:

Trustee Harvey suggested that since this was Trustee Crittenden's final meeting before retirement, the motion to adjourn should be his.

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

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

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk