

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
November 1, 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 Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski.
- Public Comment:** Newport Township Assessor Jerome Behrens made another brief presentation about real estate taxes, reminding that the final date to file an appeal was November 14. He answered questions and confirmed that a Senior Citizen Tax Freeze can be applied for age 65, but not before.
- Establish Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Zegar, to establish a consent agenda for:
- a. Approval of the October 18, 2011 Village Board meeting minutes.
 - b. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of November 1, 2011, totaling \$33,505.90.
 - c. Adoption of a Resolution Adopting the Village of Wadsworth Sexual Harassment Policy.
 - d. Motion to consider a change order with Morton Buildings, Inc. related to garage/salt storage facility project in the amount of \$2,000.
 - e. Motion to consider a change order with Grasswick Excavating, Inc. related to garage/salt storage facility project in the amount of \$2,500.
 - f. Motion to consider a change order with Whitney Miran, Inc. related to garage/salt storage facility project in the amount of \$2,000.
- Voice vote: Ayes-all Nays-none Motion carried.
- Approval of Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Zegar, seconded by Crittenden, to approve the consent agenda as presented.
- Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried.
- Discussion of removed topics:** No topics were removed.
- Old Business:** There was no Old Business.
- New Business:** A motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Harvey, to vacate the remainder of the Belle Plaine 60' right-of-way north of Wadsworth Road to the village limits, following state statutes. Harvey noted that the easterly thirty feet was already part of Beach Park's Cambridge development, used for electrical utilities and a storm sewer. The remainder will be combined with 4 adjacent properties. A significant number of mature trees on the parcel will no longer require village maintenance following high wind and storm events.
- Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried
- 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:** Amidei asked if the Board was interested in voting in the IMRF election, but no action was taken.
He reported that overhead doors would be installed in the new garage this week and ComEd would be out to determine what electricity requirements might be needed. The natural gas line for a space heater has already been roughed in.

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He and Trustee Crittenden have determined that additional bin blocks will be required for highway salt storage, in addition to those we have on hand from last year. Crittenden has learned that Newport Township has some bin blocks they are not using and would sell to Wadsworth. Trustees suggested purchasing new blocks in case the Township might need those in the future.

Amidei has received correspondence from IDOT, agreeing to pave Mill Creek Road north of Route 173 for emergency access by the Fire Department during next year's construction season when the Russell Road bridge over Interstate 94 is removed for reconstruction. They will also pave the remaining gravel section north of Cermak Avenue for an additional \$42,000. An intergovernmental agreement will be forthcoming. The tennis courts in Wadsworth Park are showing deterioration of the asphalt surface and Amidei suggested crack-filling as a way to extend the surface life. Parks and Village Hall Committee Chairman Johnson suggested pricing a new lift of asphalt over the entire area. Amidei will consult with the village engineer prior to the next meeting.

Aggregation of electricity is a means by which municipalities can help residents save money on their bills. Many suppliers have become available recently, and Amidei is investigating Integrys, which appears to provide consumers with immediate savings.

Committee Reports:

Finance:

Trustee Harvey did not present a report.

Parks and Village Hall:

Trustee Johnson did not present a report

Public Service:

Trustee Hansen reported that the committee has arrived at a proposed budget amount for the Wadsworth 50th Anniversary event to be held next summer. After further discussion by the Board, a revised amount was suggested.

A motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Zegar, to establish a budget amount of \$35,000 for the Wadsworth 50th Anniversary event.

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

Hansen also reminded of the December 3rd Tree Lighting Event at 6:30 PM. She will propose a small budget amount for reindeer, cookies and refreshments next meeting.

Road and Bridge:

Trustee Crittenden did not present a report.

Planning, Zoning & Plats:

Trustee Zegar did not present a Planning, Zoning Plats report, but reported on obtaining 207 email addresses, which received the first electronic version of the Village Newsletter. His tracking revealed 5 inaccurate addresses, with most recipients opening the newsletter. He also received several compliments on the newsletter by reply email.

Ordinance Committee:

Trustee Hayden had no report.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Hansen, to enter Executive Session at 8:20 PM to discuss property acquisition.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Crittenden, Harvey, Hansen, Hayden, Johnson, Zegar. Nays: none. Motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 8:34 PM.

Return to Regular Session Roll: Crittenden, Hansen, Harvey, Johnson, Hayden, Zegar.

Executive Session Results:

Trustees discontinued the pursuit of a certain property acquisition.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Crittenden.

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

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk