

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
November 5, 2019**

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 Mildred Corder, Ben Dolan, GERALYN Hansen, Ken Harvey, Robert Hayden and Doug Jacobs; Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei, Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth and Village Treasurer David Kwiecinski.

Special Business: The outgoing 2018-2019 Wadsworth Village Queens reported on their activities and accomplishments that took place during their year of service. Miss Wadsworth Amanda Hamann reported on her project with the business Twice as Nice Mother and Child regarding the providing of diapers and blankets. Junior Miss participated frequently in the Go Wadsworth Walking Program during the Farmers Market and Little Miss Clara participated in a skating program.

The incoming 2019-2020 Miss Wadsworth plans to work with Save A Pet. Junior Miss has plans to work with the Newport Historical Society on their undertaking of a museum and conference room. Little Miss Clara is also planning a project for the upcoming year.

Trustees were reminded that the outgoing Queens are presented with a scholarship at the conclusion of their reign.

A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Corder, to present \$1,000 to Miss Wadsworth, \$300 to Junior Miss Wadsworth and \$100 to Little Miss Wadsworth.

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

Ms. Carrie Eggleston, representing the Village Auditing Firm of Dam, Snell & Taveirne, Limited, presented the draft Village Audit Report for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019. She made reference to several previously provided documents, carefully explaining typical municipal expenditures and the procedures used for assigning them to various accounts. She also recommended updated controls if any change of staff will take place and during her review of Schedules 1 through 3 she suggested fixed asset amounts might be increased from \$1,000 to \$5,000. The audit will be put into final form and will be ready to approve as presented at the next Village Board meeting.

New Business: A Farmers Market report was provided by manager Kristen Christenson and her assistant Miriam Wood. The entertainment and local bands were well received this year, as were the solo performers. They did more advertising this year and promoted a "Support our Local Heroes" day. They also had a Kids Corner. The year began with 17 to 19 vendors but diminished after Labor Day when school began. Farmer Nick brought fresh meat, eggs and dog bones from his 80-acre farm nearby. The ladies discussed the great success they have enjoyed at the Fox Lake Farmers Market, suggesting we draw from their ideas. They also noted the need for a new event banner to post in Wadsworth Park in 2020.

Public Comment: There was no Public Comment.

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Establish Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Trustee Harvey, seconded by Trustee Hayden, to establish a consent agenda for the following item:

- a. Approval of the October 15, 2019 Village Board Meeting Minutes.
- b. Approval of reimbursement to Administrator Amidei related to expenses associated with attendance 2019 ICMA Conference.
- c. Approval of reimbursement to Trustee Corder related to expenses associated with attendance 2019 IML Conference.
- d. Approval of Bills To Be Paid as of November 5, 2019 in the amount of \$93,182.15.

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

Approval of Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Trustee Harvey, seconded by Trustee 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.

Old Business: There was no Old Business.

Village President's Report: President Ryback updated the Village Board on a change at Oakes Duck Inn, Incorporated due to the passing of a corporate owner. He reported that a new Class A and Class B Liquor License would need to be created, effectively transferring ownership from a recently deceased corporate owner to the surviving corporate owner. Brief discussion followed.

A motion was made by Trustee Dolan, seconded by Trustee Hayden, to approve a new Class A and Class B Liquor License for Oakes Duck Inn, Inc.

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

As part of a Liquor License approval, a background check is customarily done for each owner. Loves Travel Centers is also seeking Liquor Licenses for their new location being constructed on Old Skokie Boulevard. It was noted that Loves is not a franchise, but is company owned. Amidei noted that the current trend is to evaluate the local manager of this type facility, rather than the corporate owners who may be several states away. After discussion, it was determined that Attorney Asprooth should research the option that is being utilized by other Illinois municipalities with Loves Travel Centers.

Village Attorney's Report: Attorney Asprooth reported that while the Planned Unit Development review continues for the Karmapa Center on Kilbourne Road, the Stupa (Statue of Worship) has been completed and was recently shipped from China. The components are contained in seven shipping containers. The applicants have asked if an outdoor gravel pad can be constructed for temporary storage of the containers until the building in which it will reside is completed. The Village Board indicated that construction of the gravel pad could begin immediately.

Village Administrator Report: Administrator Amidei discussed Wadsworth's participation in the State of Illinois E-Pay program, which will allow us to accept credit card payments to conduct typical Village business such as the processing of building permits. In addition, the State offers a Local Debt Recovery Program, which will assist Wadsworth in collecting any unpaid fines or amounts due with the help of the Illinois State Treasurer. The State has the authority to withhold Illinois income tax refunds in order to satisfy outstanding obligations with municipalities. Brief discussion followed.

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Committee Reports:

Finance:

Trustee Harvey reported on faults found in the new “Blue Card” notification system recently purchased by Lake County. The Blue Card advises property owners of changes to the value of their real property. Harvey reported that his residence and a nearby vacant, non-buildable lot had dramatically increased in value. Upon his inquiry with Newport Township Assessor Jerome Behrens, it was learned that the new software contains numerous shortfalls and errors. Harvey encouraged everyone to review the information on their own Blue Cards and request corrections prior to the expiration date shown on the card, after which changes are not normally permitted by the Township Assessor’s Office.

Public Service:

Trustee Hansen did not present a Public Service report.

Planning, Zoning & Plats:

Trustee Hayden did not present a Planning, Zoning & Plats report.

Road and Bridge:

Trustee Dolan reported that the top, bituminous surface will be placed on all roads in the next few days. Paving at the end of each driveway should also be completed. Because of the rapid onset of very cold weather, however, landscape work will need to wait until the spring season for completion.

Parks and Village Hall:

Trustee Corder anticipates having a close-out of the Park project and a statement from 3D design ready for the next meeting. She and Amidei also have a meeting planned with a DeKalb area architect who is familiar with the repair and restoration of a Village Hall project such as ours.

Ordinance:

Trustee Jacobs reported on his attendance at the Lake County Municipal League’s Cannabis training session. He learned that the 3% Cannabis tax will be collected, in addition to our usual Wadsworth 2% sales tax, for a 5% total. There will be numerous cameras installed in any Cannabis Dispensary in Illinois, to which the State Police will have full access.

Jacobs also discussed the annual Wadsworth Property Tax Levy of \$20,650. He noted that the levy is only 1% of the annual budget and that a referendum would be required to substantially increase the levy, as Wadsworth is not a Home Rule village. He suggested eliminating the property tax in its entirety but was told it would be nearly impossible to ever reinstate it. Jacobs suggested polling the residents to learn of their thoughts on Home Rule status for Wadsworth, but was reminded the issue was turned down by voters in three adjacent communities during the last election.

Harvey suggested keeping the Levy of Taxes flat, or the same amount as last year, eliminating the requirement for a Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Dolan, to Adopt an Estimate of Levy, keeping the Levy of Taxes the same as the last fiscal year.

Voice vote: Ayes-Corder, Dolan, Harvey, Hansen, Hayden. Nays-Jacobs. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Dolan.

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

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk