

**Village of Wadsworth  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
Held at the Village Hall  
December 3, 2019**

**Call to Order:** President Ryback called the meeting of the Village Board of Trustees to order at 6:05pm.

**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 and Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth.

**Public Comment:** There was no Public Comment.

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

- a. Approval of the November 19, 2019 Village Board Meeting Minutes.
- b. Approval of Bills To Be Paid as of December 3, 2019 in the amount of \$39,130.24.

Discussion was held regarding the bill submitted by 3D Design for extra work in the park which Trustees agreed to withhold until further discussion can be held regarding justification of the additional charges assessed due to non-completion of the contractor improvements which 3D was overseeing. The remaining items include fence fabric adjustment at the north side of the tennis courts, a pavement depression in the basketball hoop area and significant cracking of the concrete slab in the wooden shelter area. Perhaps the entire slab may need replacing.

Amidei also received a recall notice from the manufacturer of the "climbers" supplied by NuToys. They will perform an on-site inspection of their product.

Dolan clarified his suggested composition for members of the Beautification Committee to be selected from all Village residents wishing to apply, not only those residing in the Wadsworth Road area.

Discussion was held regarding the larger than usual Comcast bill, resulting from the conclusion of the two-year introductory pricing contract expiration. Amidei has not paid the increased amount but will investigate availability of more competitive pricing. Ryback advised him to pay the higher amount promptly, as he has learned that Comcast will discontinue internet and telephone service without much warning.

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 amended.

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

**Discussion of removed topics:** There were no removed topics, just the two changes noted above.

**Old Business:** There was no Old Business.

**New Business:** Discussion was held regarding the annual Levy of Taxes. No increase was assessed during the past few years and the Village Board is considering the same action this year. As the Wadsworth tax rate is extremely low, Trustee Jacobs asked to eliminate it completely. Attorney Asprooth noted it could only be reinstated by referendum or if Wadsworth became a Home Rule village by referendum. As the total tax amount is small, it was agreed to leave it as is, since the Tax Cap would only provide for an additional \$450 this year, less than the publication costs required for an increase. The amount of the Levy would remain at \$20,650, with a grand total of \$22,900.

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A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Corder, to Adopt an Ordinance Providing for the Levy of Taxes for the Village of Wadsworth, Lake county, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2020.

Roll call vote: Ayes-Corder, Dolan, Hansen, Harvey, Hayden. Nays-Jacobs. Motion carried. Ordinance #2019-1076.

Discussion was held regarding extending the Special Detail Agreement with the Lake County Sheriff's Office for an additional 9 days. Changes with handling of the Detail Agreements within the Sheriff's department necessitated this minor change, as a price increase will take place on May 1, 2020.

A motion was made by Dolan, seconded by Harvey, to extend the Special Detail Agreement with the Lake County Sheriff's Office for an additional 9 days from April 21, 2020 to April 30, 2020.

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

**Village President's Report:** President Ryback distributed information regarding Village Clerk candidates to the Village Board to be discussed during Executive Session

**Village Attorney's Report:** Attorney Asprooth reported the signing of a trailer bill to the Cannabis Act by Governor Pritzker. The amendments apply to Cannabis use by Public Safety Personnel, such as Police, Fire and Public Works staff.

**Village Administrator Report:** Administrator Amidei reminded that an Open House will be held by the Lake County Division of Transportation tomorrow at 5PM in the Winthrop Harbor Community Center regarding the Russell Road intersections improvement program. A Public Hearing will be held at Village Hall next Wednesday at 7PM for the Karmapa Center PUD review. An individual wishing to establish a Cannabis dispensary will be at the next meeting to provide an introduction and describe the proposed operation.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** Trustee Harvey did not present a Finance Committee report.

**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 referred to an Ordinance establish a Beautification Committee to be initially chaired by the Road and Bridge Committee chair. The Committee will have no spending authority now but may establish a budget of \$50,000 in next year's Village budget.

A motion was made by Dolan, seconded by Hansen, to adopt an Ordinance Amending the Village Code to Establish the Wadsworth Beautification Committee.

Roll call vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried. Ordinance #2019-1077.

Dolan then referred to a quotation provided by Sourcewell and JX Truck Center-Wadsworth for a new 2021 Model 348 Peterbilt cab and chassis truck to be outfitted for snow plowing and roadway maintenance. He reviewed the proposal in detail, noting that the Henderson equipment which will be added to the truck will be the same as we have on our existing Peterbilt truck. He noted that a second truck would provide redundancy in case the first truck developed mechanical trouble during snow removal, as happened

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once last season. He indicated the truck alone would cost \$93,054.08. The Henderson plowing and salting equipment will be addressed separately.

A motion was made by Dolan, seconded by Jacobs, to accept the proposal of JX Truck Center-Wadsworth dated December 2, 2019 in the amount of \$93,054.08 for a 2021 Model 348 Peterbilt cab and chassis.

Roll call vote: Ayes-Corder, Dolan, Jacobs, Ryback. Nays: Harvey, Hansen, Hayden. Motion carried.

Attorney Asprooth indicated that the second proposal would require a majority vote from only the regular voting members of the Village Board. The Village President would not be permitted to break a tie when voting for the second proposal. Discussion followed. Trustee Harvey stated he did not wish to establish a true Public Works department and estimated the truck costs at close to one third of a million dollars. He suggested outsourcing more plow work to Newport Township, which already possesses four large trucks.

A motion to reconsider was made by Dolan, seconded by Jacobs.

Roll call vote: Ayes-Dolan. Nays-Corder, Hansen, Harvey, Hayden, Jacobs. Motion failed.

Dolan also reported that all road patching had been completed and some repairs will be needed in the spring. Landscape restoration will not be done until next spring, due to the sudden arrival of cold temperatures and snow. Trustee Corder reported that a pavement area near the intersection of Oakcrest and Cashmore was holding water during rainfalls.

Trustee Jacobs suggested purchasing the “pre-wet” liquid to be applied to roadway surfaces in advance of predicted snowfalls. Our existing Peterbilt has the capability to spray the product already, which enhances the application of highway salt and reduces the amount typically required.

**Parks and Village Hall:**

Trustee Corder did not present a Parks and Village Hall report.

**Ordinance:**

Trustee Jacobs did not present an Ordinance report.

**Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Hayden, to enter Executive Session at 7:10 PM to discuss Personnel, Appointment of a Public Official and Pending Litigation. 2C-1, 2C-3, 2C-11.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ryback, Corder, Dolan, Hansen, Harvey, Hayden, Jacobs. Nays: none.

Motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 7:46 PM.

**Return to Regular Session Roll:**

Corder, Dolan, Harvey, Hayden, Jacobs, Ryback.

**Results of Executive Session:**

No action was taken in Open Session.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Dolan.

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

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Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk