

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
August 7, 2007**

- 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 Mike DeMarco, Ken Harvey, Candye Nannini, John Nordigian, Lynn Schlosser, Debbie Spurgeon. Also present Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney William Stanczak.
- Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Nordigian and seconded by DeMarco to approve the agenda for the meeting of 8/7/07 as presented.
- Voice vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried.
- Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting Held 7/3/07:** Spurgeon requested change to the wording to the Road and Bridge Committee report to be more concise. Changes were recommended and duly noted. A motion was made by Nordigian and seconded by Spurgeon to approve the minutes for the meeting. Discussion followed regarding several changes to be implemented. Amended motion by Nordigian, seconded by Harvey to approve minutes with changes as discussed.
- Voice vote: Ayes – Nordigian and Harvey. Nays – DeMarco, Schlosser, Spurgeon, Nannini. Motion failed. Minutes will be amended to include changes and presented at next meeting.
- Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting Held 7/17/07:** Harvey noted a correction to the minutes regarding the early warning protection system. Nannini also noted a correction to the section of the minutes discussing approval of the 6/5/07 minutes. Minutes were approved by the board as corrected but were not corrected before being put into record book. Trustees sited examples of information being added to the minutes which did not take place at the meeting. The amount discussed on the Certificate of Deposit was \$3,468.00. Schlosser also noted corrections to her report. All corrections duly noted. A motion was made by Nordigian and seconded by Schlosser to approve the minutes for the meeting of 7/17/07 as presented by the clerk to all board members.
- Nordigian motioned to table the minutes until the next meeting, seconded by Schlosser, when corrections are complete.
- Voice vote: All ayes. Motion carried.
- Correspondence 7/19/07 – 8/7/07:** All correspondence received at the Village Hall from July 17, 2007 through August 7, 2007 was reviewed and placed on file.
- Public Comment:** Phil Rovang, Director of Lake County Planning Building and Development spoke about an award presented by the DePaul University Chaddick Institute to the County for their participation in the Route 173 Corridor Council. The Council also included mayors from Old Mill Creek, Zion, and Wadsworth. The County presented a replica of the award to Wadsworth, along with DVD's of the July 19 County Board meeting.
- The 2006 Wadsworth Queens reported on activities during their reign and requested their scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00. Nordigian suggested review by Public Service Committee.
- Joyce Shelley noted that speakers during public comment have the floor and should not be interrupted by Village trustees. Village Attorney Stanczak concurred.

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Mike Witte suggested that future meetings with Lake County DOT regarding future Wadsworth road reconstruction be more widely publicized and include adjacent property owners. He recalled that the Village Board had approved \$10,000 for planning work in September of 2001, but little had been done during the past 4 years while Trustee Schlosser was Road and Bridge Chair.

**Public Hearing
Appropriation Ordinance:**

A motion was made by Nordigian and seconded by Nannini to temporarily suspend the meeting and move to a public hearing to consider adoption of 2007-2008 Appropriation Ordinance at 8:08pm.

Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by DeMarco and seconded by Schlosser to return to regular meeting at 8:17pm.

Voice vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

**Ordinances and Resolutions:
Ordinance 2007-736
Appropriation Ordinance**

A motion was made by Nordigian and seconded by Nannini to adopt the 2007-2008 Ordinance Fixing the Annual Appropriation at \$4,141,450.00.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Nordigian, Harvey, DeMarco, Schlosser, Spurgeon, and Nannini. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**Ordinance for
Wadsworth Crossing
Conditional Use
Amendment**

Administrator Amidei noted that Bleck Engineering letter of 7/27/07 contained four items. Two items pertained to parking lot markings and have been addressed. The third item pertained to the Newport Fire Department and has been addressed. The fourth item required an estimate of probable cost, upon which Bleck can base the letter of credit amount. That amount has not yet been furnished. Nannini questioned expired letter of credit for sewage treatment system from previous property owner. Petitioner noted that a new letter of credit for the sewage treatment system will be forthcoming. Bleck also addressed the remaining site improvements including landscaping. DeMarco asked that construction trailer be red-tagged. Spurgeon asked about an updated landscape plan, and was told none was necessary. Nordigian suggested adding verbiage making the Amendment contingent upon the receipt of the two required letters of credit.

A motion was made by Nordigian and seconded by Harvey to adopt the Ordinance Amending the Conditional Use Permit for Wadsworth Crossing.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Nordigian and Harvey. Nays – DeMarco, Schlosser, Spurgeon, and Nannini. Motion failed.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

**Elected Officials'
Attendance at the
2007 IML Conference:**

A motion was made by DeMarco and seconded by Nannini to approve an \$800.00 expenditure limit for each Village official to attend the 2007 Illinois Municipal League Annual Conference in Chicago.

Roll call vote: All Ayes. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**Girls Scouts
Fundraising Activities:**

A motion was made by Nannini and seconded by Schlosser to approve the request for the Girl Scouts to conduct their Fall Product Activity and Girl Scout Cookie Program in the Village of Wadsworth through March 30, 2008.

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

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- Topographic Surveys of Village-Owned Properties:** Request by Village President to obtain survey of Village-owned property. Bleck Engineering indicated there may be some available in their office. Bleck will report back to the Village President.
- Siding and Signage
15200 Wadsworth Road:** Property owner, Larry Jones requested authorization to replace siding on his building, which is located in historic district. Trustee Harvey commended Jones on his choice of high- quality product. Jones agreed to obtain any required permits.
- A motion was made by Nordigian and seconded by Schlosser to approve siding.
- Roll call vote: All Ayes. Nays – none. Motion carried.
- Property Annexation
US Route 41:** Discussion of annexing two surrounded properties on US Route 41 near Route 173, which currently have closed adult businesses. Board members suggested waiting until all county litigation with former businesses is complete.
- Property De-Annexation
Route 173 at Green Bay Rd:** Discussion of property near the corner of Route 173 and Green Bay Road was initiated by Trustee DeMarco. He polled all Board members regarding rumored Home Depot in Wadsworth. Attachment “A” to the minutes contains DeMarco’s inquiries and statements while questioning other Board members.
- Village President’s Report:** The Village President requested that September 2007 be proclaimed Save a Life Month. A motion was made by Harvey and seconded by Nordigian to adopt the proclamation that designates September 2007 as National Save a Life Month.
- Voice vote: All Ayes. Nays – none. Motion carried.
- Village Attorney’s Report:** None.
- Village Administrator Report:** Discussed proposed Ordinance Amending the Village Code Regarding Building Codes. Amendment will be adopted at 8/21/07 meeting.
- Discussed right-of-way construction/control standards for telecommunication providers
- Village Trustee Comments:** Nordigian asked that mail addressed to Trustees not be opened. Schlosser noted that Adams Road bridge weight limit sign was removed at her request. A new ordinance reflecting the new higher weight limit be adopted in the near future. Lake County DOT will be conducting a traffic count on Wadsworth Road. A Road and Bridge meeting will be held on 8/8/07 at 6:45pm. The Union Pacific rail crossing will be closed at Route 173 on 8/20/07 – 8/23/07 for repairs. The Union Pacific rail crossing will be closed at Wadsworth Road on 8/23/07 – 8/25/07 for repairs. Spurgeon asked Village President to include committee chairmans when appropriate items arise
- Executive Session:
Adjournment:** None.
- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:08pm on a motion by Harvey and seconded by Nordigian.
- Voice vote: All Ayes. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk

Attachment A to the Wadsworth Village Board Meeting of August 7, 2007

Ryback-the last thing we have is a discussion of possible de-annexation along Route 173 and Green Bay Road. I will discuss it in the President's Report. Are there any other questions?

DeMarco-I guess I asked that be put on the agenda so we can go over that and we could get some input from the Trustees. My concern is that we have to know what the Trustee's opinions are on that subject. We want to let them de-annex, fight the de-annexation, do we want to bring sewer and water, counter to we have done in the past. Do we want a big box store there. Do you want a big box store in Wadsworth? Do we want sewer and water in Wadsworth? Those are questions this group has to decide if we are sending the right message. I think you compound those problems unless you send that message loud and clear depending upon what it is.

So I guess I would like to know first of all how some Trustees feel individually, what their opinions are? One we should make sure when we talk to developers what this Board represents and what this Board supports and what the community supports. A little bit of a inside exploring the benefits I would like to go around the table and ask the Trustees

Harvey-Obviously the Mayor has a job to do. He was elected by the constituents and I expect him to do it and that particular job is to go out there and publicly sell this municipality the best he can...

DeMarco - The Mayor's job is not to sell the municipality

Harvey - ...it is and to go out and collect all the data he possibly can about things about the community that are occurring and then bring that information back to the Board and let the Board decipher what he has learned. Now to address your question about how I feel about big box projects on the fringes of the municipality it would appear to me that those developments are going to occur sooner or later whether we like it or not. It's going to happen We know there are a lot of deep pockets out there and we know that deep pockets will eventually win in court, not always but a lot of the times they prevail. Secondly there is a lot of tax revenue generated and there is a tax base. The tax base that the Village can enjoy without students. Now we know in that particular area it doesn't really benefit the schools that most of our children go to. The tax dollars generated by big box stores are going to go to Zion, Beach Park, where ever. Eventually my opinion is Antioch is going to pull in, Zion is going to move out, one going east and the other west-out their going to close us in. Last year for instance I believe the Home Depot in Gurnee generated 61 million dollars in sales. That's a lot of sales tax revenue to the village, so we have to look at that. Do we want a piece of the action? Do we want it some of this money or do we want another municipality to have it and my opinion is what kind of ramifications do we impose upon the village and those have to be discussed and hypothetically even if we didn't want it do we want to maybe try to talk with Zion, talk with Antioch or if things move in on us maybe a cooperative agreement where we get part of the taxes off of it?

There are a lot of different types of maneuvering that can be accomplished so that you don't get eliminated from it completely. The amount of money we are looking at that the big box store generates, obviously what you're talking for a budget, maybe will recover that whole budget. depending on the sales that ultimately frees up money for your infrastructure when you want to do the roads, pave the roads, then money is not so much of a problem when that type all of a sudden in becomes impact our school districts everybody has to pay x amount of tax dollars in taxes and I heard it from all the people in the village taxes are an issue in this village and taxes are an issue because we don't have a large business base to help us along and in my opinion we need some of that and as for the Mayor find out what's going on by going to these meetings and discussing what perspective developers are looking at, are proposing I think that is his job That is what I expect him to do as the Mayor.

Nannini -I am totally against any big box store on the boundaries of Wadsworth. I am entirely in favor of fighting any de-annexation in court for as long as it takes. I think when we talked business under the comprehensive plan the term business did not include those types of huge stores. I think that most of the residents in the village if they wanted to have a Home Depot or Target or whatever in their backyard they would move to Gurnee. They didn't move to Wadsworth to have that kind of chaos. I've done some research on these types of stores and the impact that they have on communities and yes there is a large tax revenue but hands down across the board the costs have exceeded the revenue. They end up costing municipalities more than what they get from the tax revenue. We don't have the infrastructure to support a business like this. We don't have the police force, we don't have big enough Fire & Rescue. Our roads would suffer because of the amount of traffic that these things impose. If you read the literature on average there are 10,000 vehicle trips a day to these stores and the noise is unbelievable.

And from what I understand they are interested in putting a Home Depot on Green Bay Road in that strip south of the Citgo which we have zoned residential. The people living behind it I'm sure did not plan on having that kind of facility in their backyard. So I would fight this to the end.

DeMarco-I would fight it. I think people move to Wadsworth are smart enough to know where they want to live and how they want to live. I also think that with this form of Government don't have Alderman so it is very dicey to say its ok over there. Either you support the community or, if you want it next to you come and tell us, but I have never, never had anyone from Wadsworth come to me and say what we need here is a big box store and more jobs. I think there are property values at risk when you start bring this stuff in.

I think to maintain the community concept you start to talk about sewer and water. You're looking for a different lifestyle that most people, nothing wrong with people who want to live in downtown Chicago, people want to live in Elk Grove village. I'm saying that people here already paid the price, bought the property and are here and is Antioch and Zion going to just engulf us someday? Maybe I'm going to die someday. I'm not going to do today and so obviously I think that we have a responsibility to maintain their lifestyle that people move here and unless there is a groundswell of people who say we need a couple of big boxes because that is what I come to Wadsworth for, then we can support that, but you gotta understand what the people in Wadsworth are here for. I would fight it. John, you have any comments?

Nordigian - I would not be willing to just de-annex without a fight I would want to go with that area. My concern would be if they're going to put something there anyway we need to have control even if we don't like what is going to be there. We are better having control. We can develop SSA areas that are paid through the taxes what it takes sometimes as Trustee Nannini says, there are a lot of hidden costs in there that people don't know. They look at just the fact that there is 1% sales tax. I think in Walmart's case that's generating one million dollars a year for Antioch yet nobody's added up what it costs to take care of that.

That being said, you would rather have control and be able to talk whether or not big box is going to go in based on if you can afford but if it is going to be there because it is going to be in another community and it's just going to be an invisible geographical line you pay all the prices of traffic some of the other types. So I would rather it be in our control under those conditions. The one thing you mention that I hear everyone talk about and one thing I'm not overly scared of because we have been working with it, it that if it's a business district is you're going to have to allow sewer and water to those businesses. You will have to manage it a way so that you don't allow high density housing to figure out a way to tap into it and then create a different problem for us. And that's the difficult issue but I believe it can be managed. I think this village has shied away from trying to manage it although we made some progress with the Corridor Council that we're going to manage it in that area and we have a cooperative so we need to look at that too.

You won't get business without having the sewer and water. And I think they say we're always scared because it automatically drives in high density housing, well the housing is already there. They don't have a reason to tap into right now it unless there is a condemnation of their sewer system. They're not going to build more houses. If you can get a hold on one acre or two acre lots, they're not going to build more houses.

So it's only the empty property that they can start to develop. So that is what we will have to manage. And you do that with ordinances and with having a big enough kitty to be able to fight the people who will want to fight you on that too. We're always going to have those fights.

As far as those things are concerned I don't want to let them de-annex If we have to negotiate because the business is going to be there anyway we should negotiate with the strength of it being in the village and getting everything we should get out of it. And as sewer and water comes up, that is something we will have to deal with intelligently as we already have done through the Corridor Council.

Spurgeon-I absolutely agree we need to fight the de-annexation as long as we can whether we ultimately win or not. If it doesn't get built today or 2 years from now they're not interested in building it. Times change. People's interest change. We can move to another spot with less trouble. People have wanted to do that to our community before have left, have gone and built it elsewhere. I absolutely would not be in favor of a big box store in Wadsworth, and absolutely not be in favor of sewer and water and I would disagree that you can control it. I think you're

kidding yourself if you think you can and you take property that was built to one acre and make a good 4 houses from it if you have sewer and water. Court cases have shown that when communities allow it in then the courts will decide what can be built there.

DeMarco - The reason Wadsworth is still here is the people who sat here before were smart enough.

Nordigian - I respectfully disagree with Trustee Spurgeon on an issue because I have found many cases for good community development with the sewer and water like Green Oaks, they were able to manage it quite well and look at some of those communities and we should look at some of those examples.

Schlosser - I am opposed to de-annexation. I am opposed to big boxes. I think at this point in the game if we bring in city sewer and water we are opening up a can of worms. I'm not opposed to development in the village if it doesn't involve city sewer and water. I in good conscience could not bring something in to those poor residents.

I think that everything I stood for when I ran for office that you want to control the community people that bought like me and my husband and our family that we came here because we grew up in Gurnee and the mayor sold our souls. I was a Senior in High School and did a project and actually interviewed the mayor Dick Welton and asked him if our taxes would go up. And he said point blank they would not go up and in one year those taxes went over \$4,000. He said that the tax revenue to the village would go to the village. We didn't have the infrastructure just like the Village of Wadsworth doesn't. When you figure you've got roads to maintain and surrounding roads and people are going to use our village streets and traffic is going to be

Our Fire Department is going to be impacted. And you can bring in city sewer and water. Now you will need the people in village hall and we will need a bigger staff to maintain that. Then we will need a new village hall. Then we need more trucks to maintain. Our Fire Department will need to increase and have bigger trucks. It just culminates into the point you can't control it without, like Beach Park, building a new maintenance building. Things like hire new people and salaries, with all of that their taxes will go up. I beg to differ our taxes are high in Wadsworth but if you look at the majority of the taxes we pay it's to our schools. Most of it is our schools, and it's not to the Village of Wadsworth. The people pay very little to this village for what we give them. Unfortunately we have grown and with that financially we have to increase some of that stuff like our Fire Department, like they have to defend Beach Park. Sometimes when they put it on our doorstep we have to pay the ramifications. But I am totally against it.

DeMarco-Like I say financially we don't have any problems. If you move forward, I'm not sure the people who live are willing to sell that lifestyle in hopes of gambling that they can make some money. If the people who ran the village wanted the businesses here the Trustees could have gotten the businesses here 20 years ago. I think there's been nothing done. How do we move forward.

Spurgeon - I would also like to comment on how this has transpired this week. The fact that we started hearing about this in a way that is inappropriate. This should have come to the board, the board should have discussed it and the board should have indicated how they wanted the mayor

to proceed with discussing or setting up meetings with the developers. And that not how it's happened this week. I am very disappointed that you chose to operate in another manner. That you didn't come to Mr DeMarco who heads the planning and zoning committee and ask him to participate in any of these discussions. You chose to take it upon yourself to invite other people who might It has just been inappropriate. You have not shown the Board respect. And you should have brought this issue to us before scheduling meeting with developers. That's not your job. It's the Village Trustees and the Board of Trustees that make these decisions for the Village, not the Mayor.

Harvey - Mayor, I will respectfully disagree with Trustee Spurgeon and say that I think it is your job to meet with these people. You never, as I recall, said you were going to make a decision one way or another. You were out there collecting data and information for the village and you wanted to know what they were talking about. That's your job and I personally commend you for being there.

Ryback - Thank you I will cover that in the Presidents report and I will say that we played phone tag and I did not give you, (Trustee Spurgeon) the information firsthand, but I called everybody else. But we'll get to that in a second.

Nannini -Except you didn't give us the full report until we heard it secondhand and then you were advised to call us.

Ryback -No I called everybody individually. I guess I'll just get into this right now. These people have been calling property owners along Green Bay Road, calling the nursery, calling a number of people. I did check just today to see if any of that property has been purchased by the development company, thus far nothing shows up on the transfer declarations that purchases have been made. This is a large commercial developer out of Milwaukee. They were told just to go to Zion and don't bother with us. After they called one of our Plan Commission members who owns property on Green Bay Road is when I became alarmed and called the people and arranged a meeting with them for later this week. And I'm not striking any deals underhandedly or as one of the ladies on the Board said you're finalizing plans. I'm not doing any thing of the kind. I'm going out to get the information that's there. These people, as Trustee Harvey said, have deep pockets and they do developments all over the country, so I'm going to get the information to see what they are doing. I've seen no plan. I know nothing more than what I've shared individually on the phone. And the emails that went out, yes, I thought I would try something new and bring a couple of Trustees with. That will never happen again. It's only going to be the professionals that come along to those meetings. And when I have information I will report back. I was very disappointed in that.

Nannini – You might want to read the code as to what your duties are and authority you're given. Any authority you have has been given to you by the Board.

Ryback – I will look at that code. I am telling you in 14 years I have been here I've seen more than one disconnection suit come across the desk downstairs and I want to be ahead of that before it blind sides us.

Nannini- So, I think you should read that before you make big declarations like that. What is your thought on this whole annexation, big box?

Ryback - I would like to get the information and see what they are intending to do so we can react.

Nannini -But what is your inclination?

Ryback-I don't know what their plan is. That's why I am going.

Nannini-We all gave our opinions on the concept in general and if you are going to these meetings, which you say you are, we want to know what point of view you are going to present.

Ryback -I'm going to agree with you as far as not disconnecting property. I'm not interested in disconnecting any property. We have some business zoning up there on the map that was put in during the 1990's when Mayor Craft was here and nothing has ever happened with those and I would be very disappointed to see that all become Zion over there.

Nannini – You mean like where the nursery is?

Ryback-They are very interested in that 51 acres.

Nannini – After the de-annexation, what is your feeling about this type of business in Wadsworth.

Ryback - If this business is going to be over there on the corner of Zion we would want not to lose control of it. We would want to keep control of what is happening there and just not turn our back and give it up I'm not interested in de-annexing any property.

Nannini – You just heard what the board said, a majority of 4 people said we don't want it

Ryback -I understand that.

Nannini -That is the Board's prevalent attitude, which would be your duty to convey should you go to these meetings.

Ryback -I will be looking also to our people on Plan Commission, ZBA and Economic Development Committee.

Nannini- Doesn't matter. They are advisors to us. We already gave you our viewpoint.

Spurgeon – And we already told you we would like Mr DeMarco to be included since Planning and Zoning happens to be his committee.

Ryback -He was informed. He was included. I also included Trustee Schlosser. They are on 2 different committees so there wouldn't be any conflict. But we won't be doing that anymore.

Schlosser-In all fairness I agree that your responsibility is to go to developers and if you hear something and, you're right, it is your responsibility to talk to people who were approached to see if this was something they wanted, I realized it was riskier to meet with developers and give them the wrong impression. And looking at it from the perspective that the Board wants to fight it, the Board's overall consensus is that we are against it. You are giving them time, wasting time, when we could maybe be seeking legal counsel. You already knew this that they wanted big box and city sewer and water and so I guess in a nutshell that is the most important two wheels in this fight. If you already knew that why do you have to meet with them again? To find out what we would give them. I just don't understand the reasoning why you would meet with them.

So that is why I sent you an email and asked you not meet with the developer. It would behoove us to not let the cat out of the bag and take that short span window that we have to fight it. Instead of them having that window of opportunity of going to the court tomorrow or after you meet or whenever and put an injunction in to de-annex. That's why I sent that email. And I copied the rest of the Board only because I wanted to insure that either they had the opportunity give you their opinion

DeMarco-In the past if we were going to meet, Ken and I would choose a time when we were both available. Because I think that Ken valued the Board's recommendation, because they are ultimately going to make the decision. If you are going to try to have Board members at the meeting who work you would think that when you evaluate this they are going to have a million dollar project. I'm deriving less than 2 or 3 percent of my income from Wadsworth, it probably should be at my convenience or for the Trustee's convenience when you choose a time. To be invited as an afterthought is a problem. I think, and I've mentioned it before, it should be at a convenient time especially in light of the fact that people's opinions are the same today as 6 months ago. They're not willing to sell out this town yet. They would like to maintain a lifestyle. And I think that the embarrassment is, the mayor doesn't represent me then you are forced into a position to represent yourself then it is an embarrassment to the village saying the Trustee's will talk directly to the developer. Not the position you want to be in. Very unprofessional.

Ryback - If you want to wait for the disconnection notice I can cancel these meetings and we'll just wait.

DeMarco- Please cancel the meetings. Please cancel. Thank you for offering.

Nordigian -I am taking the same position as Trustee Harvey has. If the Mayor feels he needs to go on a fact finding mission and get the information they propose knowing full well what the majority of this Board has said. He should have that meeting. If he makes commitments or promises that are inconsistent with the Board it's an embarrassment both ways. He's the one that's been voted in to represent the Village so that's something we should trust him to go on with his instincts. We may not have the facts here. They may just be throwing in a couple of big

box stores, maybe that's just one of their wish list items. But what they really want is just want a small strip center there and for all we know they talked to a previous president who said "not interested" Don't come around here anymore and we never heard about it. I think the only way you find that out if the Village President going and finding out and I was verbally informed. We were then called individually and I was personally informed when this originally came up. Mayor Ryback did call me but I full well felt that he should get more facts on it. If that meant calling a meeting to get those facts without committing things from the Board I am perfectly comfortable with that. I was not invited to this initial meeting and did not feel left out on it. Then I saw the swapping of e-mails and it became a rolling snowball and I felt it shouldn't get to this point.

Spurgeon -I think it's appropriate that the Planning and Zoning Chair be included in these meetings. I wasn't asking to go the meeting and I don't think anybody else was.

Nordigian-Trustee DeMarco, were you invited to all the conversations that past President Furlan had regarding the village?

DeMarco –Obviously not. If somebody says they want to put up a garage when they walk in one day, Furlan didn't pick up the phone. I would consider this a major development. If you're familiar with the Village, this is a pretty big development. When we met with CenterPoint, I can tell you I was there. I can tell you every major development, we did.

Nordigian -When people came to the Mayor, he might say no, it's probably not going to fly with the board. I think it's up to the Mayor to say I understand the board pretty well. I think the Mayor has the ability to hear out somebody, whether it's a walk-in question or if he hears about something.

Spurgeon –Another thing we've talked about in the past, it's probably in the best interest to have 2 village officials at these meetings. It's in the President's best interest as well, to include DeMarco as chair of Planning and Zoning. The reason that he's in this position is that the board feels it's important enough to have a committee take care of these things. That way the village is better protected as to what occurs at the meetings.

Norgidian – I think it's helpful, but if it turns out Trustee DeMarco can't go, I still think it's the Mayor's responsibility to decide for himself that he is not going to commit to something on behalf of the board that he knows is inappropriate. I respect Trustee DeMarco's decision if he doesn't want to go.

DeMarco- Two clarifications. One, if somebody comes in to talk to the Mayor directly, they're going to talk to the Mayor. I would expect them to. And number two, if I was called and told we're going to set up a meeting to see what's going on here, I would not have said "I don't want to be included." We would have picked a time that was reasonable.

Nordigian – I believe there is other etiquette involved.

DeMarco – Absolutely. Absolutely. If the most important person in the decision making

process is none of the people who are going to make the decision for the village, I've got a problem with that. I guess that's all I'm saying.

Ryback- I was not going alone. I was bringing Counsel with me.

Harvey – If I may add one thing, if we fight de-annexation all the time and everything goes so smoothly, then come look at my backyard. And that's the end of that subject.

Ryback – Okay. Thank you.