

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
December 19, 2006**

- Call to Order:** President Furlan called the meeting of the Village Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 P.M.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** President Furlan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call:** In attendance were Village President Ken Furlan, Village Trustees Mike DeMarco, Candye Nannini, John Nordigian, Glenn Ryback, Lynn Schlosser and Debbie Spurgeon, Village Clerk Christine Stickler, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney William Stanczak. All present.
- Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Spurgeon to approve the agenda for the 12/19/06 meeting as presented.
- Voice vote: Ayes all; Nays none. Motion carried.
- Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting Held 12/5/06:** A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Nordigian to approve the minutes of the 12/5/06 meeting as presented by the clerk to all Board members.
- Voice vote: Ayes all; Abstain Schlosser and Spurgeon; Nays none. Motion carried.
- Correspondence 12/6/06 to 12/19/06:** All correspondence received at the Village Hall from 12/6/06 through 12/19/06 was reviewed and placed on file.
- Public Comment:** Fire Chief Kirschhoffer addressed the Board regarding the expansion needs of the Newport Fire Department. While much of the staff is volunteer, two firefighter/paramedics are on duty 24 hours a day. Strict regulations require that sleeping quarters be provided for fire personnel who live more than one mile out of the area and the current building located on Caroline Avenue cannot accommodate the housing. Besides the lack of space to provide adequate housing, the current firehouse is not large enough to house all the fire equipment causing some equipment to be stored at a remote location. Due to the small piece of property and septic issues, the current site will not support the needed expansion. Kirschhoffer asked the Board to consider donating or selling a couple of acres along the railroad tracks of the property owned by the Village that is adjacent to the current fire station in order to build a new fire station that would enable the fire department to better serve the needs of the community. It is necessary for the department to remain at one location at this time, because the department cannot afford the staff that would be required to man two stations. Therefore, if the Village is not interested in relinquishing a portion of their property, the fire department trustees will have to look elsewhere. Kirschhoffer also noted that the value of the sale of the current fire station is dependent on what type of business would be allowed that could bring value to that area. No adverse comments were submitted from the Board. The current location of the fire department best serves the community as it is located in the most densely populated area. The Board, in general, agreed that it would be a good use of the property and supported the idea to donate or sell some of the Village owned property to the fire department subject to a review of the lay of the property, the wetlands and

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septic requirements and the determination of acceptable uses to accommodate the sale of the existing building.

Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by DeMarco to approve the Treasurer's Report as of 11/30/06 as presented by Treasurer Kwiecinski. Kwiecinski noted that the report now includes balance sheet comparisons and revenue and expenditures comparisons as requested by the Board.

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

**Checks Issued
11/22/06 – 12/19/06:**

A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Nordigian to approve the checks issued between meetings from 11/22/06 through 12/19/06 in the amount of \$74,119.10, as reported by Treasurer Kwiecinski.

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

**Bills to be Paid
as of 12/19/06:**

A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Nordigian to approve the bills to be paid as of 12/19/06 in the amount of \$36,979.90 as noted in the report of Treasurer Kwiecinski. Nordigian inquired about the costs incurred to decorate the outside tree for the holiday and suggested that alternative holiday decorations be considered for next year.

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

**Ordinances/Resolutions:
O 2006-715 Levy of Taxes
5/1/06-4/30/07:**

A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by DeMarco to adopt Ordinance 2006-715 Providing for the Levy of Taxes for the Village of Wadsworth, Lake County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May I, 2006 and Ending April 30, 2007.

Adopted

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

Old Business:

None.

**New Business:
2007 Village Board
Meeting Schedule:**

A motion was made by Nordigian and seconded by Ryback to approve the 2007 Village Board Meeting Schedule as presented.

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

**2007 Zoning Board of
Appeals Meeting Schedule:**

A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by DeMarco to approve the 2007 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Schedule as presented.

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

**2007 Plan Commission
Meeting Schedule:**

A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Schlosser to approve the 2007 Plan Commission Meeting Schedule as presented.

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

**2007 Village Hall
Declared Holidays:**

A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Schlosser to approve the 2007 Village Hall Declared Holidays as presented.

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

Mayor's Report:

Furlan received a request from the Executive Director of the Illinois Municipal League to provide e-mail addresses for the trustees. The trustees agreed to provide the e-mail addresses through the Village and suggested that the e-mail addresses for the trustees be listed on the website. Furlan requested that his home phone number be listed on the website in place of an e-mail address.

An open meeting of property owners in the I-94 and Route 173 area was hosted by the county at the Village Hall. The overall response was positive, with the greatest concern being zoning changes. Property owners were assured that the intergovernmental agreement did not cause a zoning change, but created a zoning text amendment that allows for the right to request rezoning for a listed purpose. The property, even if sold, can remain at the original zoning. Another meeting is scheduled for 1/9/07.

Furlan and Amidei had a preliminary discussion with a developer who wants to develop 110 to 120 acres on both sides of Route 173 west of Kilbourne Road and east of the railroad tracks. A conservancy development was suggested for the south side of Route 173 and a regular subdivision on the north side. Furlan suggested that the developer wait until after the April elections to present the plan to the new Board.

Furlan requested an Executive Session later in the meeting to discuss personnel and pending litigation.

Attorney's Report:

None.

Administrator's Report:

Amidei noted that the new Open Meetings Act allows electronic meeting participation. If the Village chooses to use this option, it requires a code amendment and a policy. The trustees chose not to use electronic participation at this time.

Amidei noted that the Village code is up to date on the website and new supplements have been distributed to all members for book updates. New building code requirement books have been ordered and will be reviewed by the Village Administrator for necessary updates to our building codes.

Legal notice was published in the News-Sun on 12/19/06 for the annexation of the property just east of Route 173 and Delany Road that is surrounded by the Village. The annexation will be considered at the 1/2/07 meeting.

The Adams Road bridge guardrail will be completed and the road opened by 12/22/06. Paving will be done in spring. The railroad tracks on Adams Road

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have also been repaired.

Amidei reported that he completed the feasibility analysis of performing a special census. He estimates that the \$46,500.00 cost of the census would be recovered in 21 months and provide the Village with a gain of \$33,000.00 until the next census. It was agreed that cost and the time and space requirements needed to conduct the census did not justify the gain and the special census will not be pursued. The GUPCP census completed at a cost of \$2,600.00, which added unincorporated areas to our census, will provide an additional \$22,000.00 per year until the next census numbers take effect in 2011.

Amidei asked for approval to release the escrow for the garage addition on the Hoven property. If the addition is complete, no motion by the Board is required.

Amidei reported that George Flament owes the Village approximately \$2600.00 for engineering and planning fees incurred during his subdivision application prior to the sale of his property on Green Bay Road. After discussion to determine that the fees were charged prior to notification that the property was sold and that they were billed in a timely manner for the Village to recoup the funds, Amidei was directed to send a collection letter to Mr. Flament for the total amount due.

Trustees' Comments:

Spurgeon reported that sketches have been received for the installation of a swing set in the Jonathan Knolls Park and will be reviewed in spring.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Spurgeon to move to Executive Session at 9:09 P.M. to discuss personnel and pending litigation.

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

Return to Open Session:

The meeting returned to open session at 9:37 P.M.

Seasonal Gifts:

A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Spurgeon to approve seasonal gifts of \$200.00 each for full-time Village employee and \$75.00 for the part-time Village employee for a total of \$875.00.

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

Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:38 P.M. on a motion by DeMarco, seconded by Nannini.

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

Christine E. Stickler, Village Clerk