

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
March 6, 2007**

- 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, Candy 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:** Schlosser requested to delete item 14a (Discussion and action on recommendations for the 2007 Village Road Program). A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Schlosser to approve the agenda for the 3/6/07 meeting as amended.
- Voice vote: Ayes all; Nays none. Motion carried.
- Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting Held 2/20/07:** A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Spurgeon to approve the minutes of the 2/20/07 meeting as presented by the Clerk to all Board members.
- Voice vote: Ayes all; Nays none. Motion carried.
- Correspondence 2/21/07 – 3/6/07:** All correspondence received at the Village Hall from 2/21/07 through 3/6/07 was reviewed and placed on file.
- Public Comment:** None.
- Ordinances/Resolutions:**
Ordinance 2007-720
Illinois State Police: An agreement between the Illinois State Police and the Village of Wadsworth Liquor Commission was presented for review. Consideration of this agreement was requested due to procedural changes at the County and State level pertaining to the processing of fingerprints in conducting a background check on a liquor license applicant. The agreement would assign an ORI number to the Village Liquor Commission. Any fees assessed to the Village in conducting fingerprint checks may be passed on to the applicant. In conjunction with this process change, Amidei reported that he reviewed the current liquor code and proposed that changes be considered to include the requirements of the application and any fees incurred by the Village to complete the process. A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Schlosser to adopt Ordinance 2007-720 Approving Execution of an Agreement with the Illinois State Police. The Village President is the Local Liquor Control Commissioner of the Village.
- Adopted** Roll call vote: Ayes Ryback, Nordigian, DeMarco, Schlosser, Spurgeon and Nannini. Nays none. Motion carried.
- Old Business:** None.

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- New Business:**
- Salvation Army:** A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Nordigian to grant permission to the Salvation Army to conduct two (2) annual fund raising events. Donut Day will be held on June 1-2, 2007 and Christmas Kettles will be allowed in the Village from 11/16/07 through 12/24/07.
- 2007 Easter Egg Hunt:** The cost of the 2006 Easter Egg Hunt was approximately \$2,200. Nannini noted that discounted eggs were purchased last year for this year's event. Candy and prizes need to be purchased and a postcard announcement mailed to residents. A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Nannini to set the 2007 Easter Egg Hunt for 4/7/07 and to approve a budget for the event at not to exceed \$2,500.
- Roll call vote: Ayes – Ryback, Nordigian, DeMarco, Schlosser, Spurgeon and Nannini. Nays none. Motion carried.
- U of I Extension:** After a discussion of a donation request received from the University of Illinois Extension in Lake County, it was agreed that there was no interest at this time.
- Mayor's Report:**
- Census Count:** Furlan reported that notification was received from the Illinois Department of Transportation acknowledging the revised census count for the Village. Effective February 2007, the distribution of motor fuel tax receipts is based on a population of 3,354.
- Richards Subdivision:** Furlan also noted that the Richards Heritage Trail Farms subdivision plans were required to be submitted to the Village for approval because of its location (pursuant to State Law) and its need to access Delany Road. The cost for Village Engineer Bleck to review these plans was \$5,500. It was the consensus of the Board to absorb the cost due to the past history with the Richards project. Nordigian questioned if there was any way to anticipate review costs on future projects. It was noted that each project is different and the Village professionals must be trusted to present fair invoices.
- Route 173/I-94 Agreement:** The Zoning Board of Appeals recommended approval of the text amendment for the Route 173/I-94 Intergovernmental Agreement. The Plan Commission will be meeting on 3/8/07 to discuss changes to the Comprehensive Plan in conjunction with the agreement. Furlan noted that the Village of Antioch is meeting to discuss the development of 15 to 17 buildings on the 100 acres east of the Pederson property on Route 173. There are no plans to widen Route 173 to accommodate these developments.
- Attorney's Report:**
- Attorney Stanczak reported that he is working on the adjudication court ordinance and has obtained tickets, summonses and procedures from the Village of Beach Park. He will try to get a draft out to all Board members for review prior to the next meeting. Stanczak also requested an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

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**Administrator's Report:
Streetlights SE District:**

Amidei reported that there have been thefts and break-ins in the southeast district twice in the last six months and a resident has requested consideration for the installation of streetlights. Amidei completed a survey of streetlights in the area and obtained quotes from Com Ed for the installation of lights at each intersection. Nordigian suggested surveying the residents in the area to see if streetlights are wanted. DeMarco noted that a safety issue takes precedence and noted that a resident is apt to be very dissatisfied if they respond to a survey and do not get their way. Nannini noted that each intersection might be excessive as blocks in that section are generally smaller than other areas of the Village where lights are placed at each intersection. It was agreed that cost was not the issue. Amidei was directed to provide a map with a graphic of the intersections and the residences for review at the next meeting.

Blocked Culverts:

A resident reported that water was accumulating on the street because the culvert was full of ice. Although individual snow plowing allegedly blocked the culvert, Village personnel were dispatched to the sight to remedy the problem. Amidei will post a message on the website directing residents to keep culverts clear to prevent any further street flooding issues.

Handicapped Lift:

Amidei noted that with spring approaching the handicapped lift will require a roof or the pine trees will need to come down. The lift is weatherproof, but the pine needles get in the mechanism. There was some concern expressed that a roof may also be a safety issue to prevent anyone from climbing into the lift. The Village Hall and Parks committee will obtain roof options for review.

Cable Legislation:

Amidei presented information on HB 1500 that addresses cable competition in the State of Illinois. The proposed bill would take control away from the municipalities, as the State would be allowed to grant franchises. Trustees will review the information and at the next meeting consider sending a letter regarding the legislation.

**Copy Machine:
Village Storage Space:**

The storage space at the Village Hall and in the garage is nearing capacity and other storage options will be necessary in the near future.

Copy Machine:

The service agreement on the copy machine, which is owned by the Village, has expired. The machine is outdated and should be upgraded for efficiency. Amidei will get quotes for both lease options and the purchase of a new machine.

Trustees' Comments:

Ryback reported that SWALCO has approved an assessment of \$1.00 per household to help offset the revenue deficit. Revenues are down due to improved recycling. Ryback also noted that SWALCO Executive Director Andrew Quigley will be leaving. The organization will be losing a dedicated, talented individual.

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Nannini noted that she has completed two bookings for the summer Concert in the Park Series. As soon as all four bookings are confirmed, they will be posted on the website.

Schlosser reported that the Road and Bridge Committee reviewed the mailbox standards used by other municipalities and the post office and prepared a recommendation for the Village covering setbacks, height, labeling and reparations for damages. A motion was made by Schlosser and seconded by Ryback to authorize the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance regarding mailboxes.

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

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Nannini and seconded by Spurgeon to move to Executive Session at 8:45 P.M. to discuss 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 8:53 P.M.

An advertising bench has been placed on the northwest corner of Delany Road and Route 173 and a storage pod has been placed at a residence on Wadsworth Road. Both of these situations will be investigated.

Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:58 P.M. on a motion by Ryback, seconded by Spurgeon.

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

Christine E. Stickler, Village Clerk