

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
May 18, 2010**

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 Tyler Crittenden, Geralyn Hansen, Ken Harvey, Rodney Johnson, Candye Nannini and Lynn Schlosser, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton and Village Attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthefer. Village Administrator Moses Amidei was absent.

Public Comment: There was no Public Comment.

Special Business: A motion was made by Schlosser, seconded by Harvey, to reposition agenda items by moving item 11A ahead of item 5A, and by moving items 14D1 and 14D2 after item 5A.

Voice vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried

President Ryback proclaimed a Resolution Honoring Joyce Shelley for her Service to the Village of Wadsworth from 1963-1975, 1978-1985 and 1985-1989.

A motion was made by Nannini, seconded by Harvey, to adopt the Resolution Honoring Joyce Shelley.

Voice vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried. Resolution number 2010-216

Craig Bergmann of Craig Bergmann Landscape Design appeared, answering questions about his proposed business uses at the former Fiore Property on Delany Road at 41817. Ryback explained that Bergmann was previously located at the east side of the Zion Veolia landfill and was displaced by the landfill's expansion. He operates the same type of business as Fiore did, but will not offer retail sales at this time. Trustee Johnson outlined the project progression with Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals hearings, noting that Village Planner Christensen also thought the new user was appropriate. Bergmann explained that an apiary use was requested to facilitate the natural pollination of the plants to be grown on the 28 acre site. Some space will be leased to a contractor that assists with ancillary operations at the facility.

Trustee Crittenden discussed terms of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Newport Township for mowing village road right-of-ways. Township Highway Commissioner Dan Dziekan was present to answer questions. When Village staff rented mowing equipment in past years, rain delays often drove up equipment rental costs. Dziekan's estimated \$70 hourly charge included an operator and was less than equipment-only rental charges. Ryback noted that a village-wide mowing had never been done by Township but would take several days.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Crittenden, to Adopt an Ordinance Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Wadsworth and the Newport Township Road District. Attorney Krafthefer noted several typographical errors, which were corrected.

Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried. Ordinance number 2010-

Trustee Crittenden provided background on a joint proposal with the Township for construction of a salt bin. Much discussion followed regarding the type of building, its possible location, construction costs and other logistics. Crittenden reminded trustees that grant money is available for that project and a public works garage expansion. No action was taken, but Crittenden will continue to pursue project costs.

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

- a. Approval of May 4, 2010 Village Board meeting minutes
- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report as of 4/30/10
- c. Approval of checks issued between meetings, totaling \$67,01.36 (4/21/10-5/18/10)
- d. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of 5/18/10, totaling \$13,664.67
- e. Adoption of an Ordinance amending the "B" district Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance (Allowing Apiaries as a Conditional Use.)
- f. Adoption of an Ordinance Granting Conditional Use Permits and Approving Site Plans for 41817 Delany Road.

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

Approval of Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Johnson, to approve all items on the consent agenda as presented.

Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried. Item E is Ordinance number 2010-813 and item F is Ordinance number 2010-814.

Discussion of removed topics: There were no removed topics.

Old Business: There was no Old Business.

New Business: There was no New Business.

Village President's Report: President Ryback reported that an 18 page survey was received from DCEO, requesting data to support the \$200,000 Grant provided by Senator Bond. Amidei will prepare the information and return it by Friday.

Ryback and Amidei have learned of the "Put Illinois to Work" program, which provides temporary employees to assist with municipal work. They would be employees of the State, paid by the State, to be terminated on September 30th of this year and could not seek unemployment compensation from Wadsworth. Trustees had no objections. Ryback will direct Amidei to submit applications to the program upon his return.

A Wadsworth/Chestnut Trails resident inquired about installation of a right-turn lane on Illinois Route 173, due to a number of near-miss head-on collisions he has witnessed when returning to his home. East-bound traffic often passes the turning vehicles, sometimes encountering west-bound vehicles in the left-turn lane. The Village Engineer will provide a traffic count, hoping to warrant the requested turn lane as part of the Route 173 resurfacing project planned by the State for this summer.

Ryback attended a Community Watch meeting at Village Hall last Thursday, hosted by the Lake County Sheriff, for the Oak Knoll-August Zupec neighborhood which has seen recent criminal activity. Numerous residents attended, establishing phone lists and email lists intended to share information about unusual sightings. Ryback assured residents that two "Community Watch" signs and "No Thru Street" signs will be erected.

Village Attorney's Report: Attorney Krafthefer had no report.

Village Administrator Report: Administrator Amidei was ill.

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**Committee Reports:
Public Service:**

Trustee Schlosser reported about the Comcast franchise contract renewal, which is due at month-end. During previous discussions, Wadsworth requested that cable lines be extended to some areas without service at the request of other Board members. Earlier in the day, Ryback met with Frank Deuel from Comcast who indicated the housing density was insufficient to justify the cost of installing 10 ½ miles of cable. Some of the non-served properties are not in the Village. Some trustees agreed, after learning that the cost would be prohibitive. Ryback suggested the contract be reviewed and made ready for approval at the next meeting, possibly without the cable service extension provision.

Parks and Village Hall:

A resident told Trustee Nannini they thought Wadsworth Park lawn maintenance could look better than it presently does. The resident volunteered to help and offered sources for low cost materials. Ryback suggested using the anticipated “Put Illinois to Work” employees for mowing and edging, but will also call on the resident Nannini spoke about.

Finance:

Trustee Harvey asked for employee job descriptions, reminding that annual salary adjustments were due in April. Ryback spoke to some employees already, alluding to a salary freeze and possible furlough days until the economy improves. Harvey has learned from residents on Stiehr Road that owners of all-terrain vehicles from other areas often bring their ATV’s by trailer, park at the dead-end and put down pallets to cross the railroad and Newport Drainage Ditch. They then trespass on a large vacant area east of the railroad. No Parking signs were suggested

Road and Bridge:

Trustee Crittenden had no report.

Planning, Zoning & Plats:

A motion was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Harvey, to Adopt an Ordinance Amending the Planned Unit Development Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance. Johnson explained that Planner Christiansen had updated the Ordinance, changing the process from 3 steps to 2 steps. The new ordinance contains the same requirements, but presents them in a more effective manner.

Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried. Ordinance number 2010-815

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Crittenden, to Adopt an Ordinance Amending Various Provisions of the Zoning Ordinance Relating to Wind Energy Systems. Johnson noted that wind energy is a new technology and both Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals had reviewed and provided input for the Ordinance. Schlosser stated that while she was not opposed to alternative energy, she did not favor 175 foot turbine towers in residential areas.

Roll call vote: Ayes-Crittenden, Hansen, Harvey, Johnson, Nannini Nay-Schlosser. Motion carried. Ordinance number 2010-816

Ordinance:

Trustee Hansen had no report.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Hansen.

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

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk