

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
December 15, 2009**

- 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, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthefer.
- Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Crittenden, to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried
- Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held 12/1/09** Motion by Schlosser, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes of 12/01/09 as presented.

Voice vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried.
- Correspondence 12/01/09-12/15/09:** All correspondence received at the Village Hall from December 1, 2009 through December 15, 2009 was reviewed and placed on file.
- Public Comment:** A resident on north Delany Road thanked the board for increasing the Sheriff's traffic patrol in that area. Another resident from Cashmore Road thanked the Board for participating in the Newport Township Senior Lunch. She thought it was planned very well. Trustee Michael McClure from Old Mill Creek presented information regarding the wind turbine farm planned for the 380 acre Sexton Property and asked if Wadsworth would work together with them regarding regulation for its development.
- Treasurer's Report:** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Treasurer's report dated November 30, 2009 as presented by Treasurer Kwiecinski.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried.
- Checks Issued 11/18/09 to 12/15/09** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Johnson, to approve the checks issued from November 18, 2009 through December 15, 2009 in the amount of \$130,484.66 as reported by Treasurer Kwiecinski.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried.
- Bill Paid as of 12/15/09** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Hansen, to approve the bills to be paid as of December 15, 2009 in the amount of \$17,108.95 as noted in the report of Treasurer Kwiecinski.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried.
- Ordinances and Resolutions:** A motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Crittenden, to accept the recommendation of the Ordinance Committee to Adopt an Ordinance Amending the Code of the Village of Wadsworth regarding Driveways and Culverts. Administrator Amidei reviewed a memo he prepared which outlined changes and clarifications.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: Crittenden, Hansen, Harvey, Johnson, Nannini. Nays: Schlosser. Motion carried Ordinance 2009-801

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A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Hansen, to Adopt an Ordinance Amending Various Provisions of the Sign Regulations contained in the Wadsworth Zoning Ordinance. Johnson asked to also permit animated and change-image signs as a conditional use, rather than following the Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation to prohibit them entirely. They would be restricted to placement on Route 41, Route 173, Interstate 94, Russell Road west of Interstate 94 and Old Skokie Highway south of the state line. The ordinance also regulates the use of electronic message board signs.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: Johnson, Crittenden, Hansen, Harvey, Ryback. Nays: Nannini, Schlosser. Motion carried Ordinance 2009-802

A motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Crittenden, to accept the recommendation of the Ordinance Committee to Adopt an Ordinance Amending the Code of the Village of Wadsworth regarding Landscaping. Amidei reviewed several items to be deleted and noted that ash trees have been removed from the list of recommended trees due to the emerald ash borer insect outbreak.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried Ordinance 2009-803

A motion was made by Nannini, seconded by Harvey, 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, 2009 and ending April 30, 2010. The Grand total levied was \$23,000.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried Ordinance 2009-804

Old Business:

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Nannini, to Appoint Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Incorporated as the Village Engineer and to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to execute an Independent Engineers Agreement.

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

New Business:

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Schlosser, to Approve the 2010 Meeting Calendars as presented for the following:

Village Board Meeting Schedule
Plan Commission Meeting Schedule
Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Schedule
Code Hearing Department Adjudication Hearing Schedule
2010 Declared Holiday Schedule

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

Amidei initiated a discussion regarding the temporary sale of Christmas Trees at Rosko's Citgo at Route 173 and Route 131. Board members agreed that a permit should be issued since the owner is selling the trees, not a third party entity.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Schlosser, to issue a permit for the sale of Christmas Trees by Rich Rosko at his Citgo station.

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

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Village President's Report: President Ryback asked the Board to authorize seasonal gifts to employees as was done in the past. He suggested \$200 for full time employees and \$75 for the part time employee, which are the same amounts as last year. A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Johnson, to authorize the expenditure.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Hansen, Harvey, Johnson, Nannini, Schlosser. Nays-Crittenden. Motion carried.

Ryback thanked Board members for the time and effort they dedicate to the Village and wished a happy holiday season to all.

Village Attorney's Report: Attorney Krafthefer also wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Village Administrator Report: Mr. Amidei reported that a permit for the new Subway Sandwich Shop in the Wadsworth Crossing Plaza is expected to be issued this week.

Committee Reports:
Public Service: Trustee Schlosser reported that the Christmas Tree lighting was well attended by 150 to 200 people. Trustees complimented her on the frosted cookies and hot chocolate she provided for the event.

Parks and Village Hall: Trustee Nannini had no report.

Finance: Trustee Harvey wished all a Merry Christmas.

Road and Bridge: Trustee Crittenden had no report.

Planning, Zoning & Plats: Trustee Johnson discussed the following items:
He addressed Trustee McClure's request regarding the wind farm project and questioned the 500 foot overall height of the proposed wind turbines. He was not clear in understanding the payback on a project that is expected to cost nearly \$25 million. He discussed fire codes and their importance.
He asked that trustees consider red-light cameras on Route 41 at Wadsworth Road and Route 173 as a safety measure after observing many trucks speeding through those intersections.
He asked the Mayor to expedite use of a consent agenda in the near future.
He noted that legal charges are still being received in conjunction with the Cornerstone Church litigation and hoped for a speedy conclusion.
He asked if trustees might consider annexing a surrounded property containing the adult bookstore and new teen dance hall to better control those uses.

Ordinance: Trustee Hansen had no report.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Crittenden.

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

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk