

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
March 20, 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, 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 Nordigian to approve the agenda for the 3/20/07 meeting as presented.
- Voice vote: Ayes all; Nays none. Motion carried.
- Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting Held 3/6/07:** A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by DeMarco to approve the minutes of the 3/6/07 meeting as presented by the clerk to all Board members.
- Voice vote: Ayes all; Nays none. Motion carried.
- Correspondence 3/7/07 – 3/20/07:** The clerk reported that all correspondence received at the Village Hall from 3/7/07 to 3/20/07 was reviewed and placed on file. Stickler noted that early voting will be available from 3/26/07 through 4/12/07 and the locations and hours will be posted at the Village. Information on absentee voting will also be available.
- Public Comment:** None.
- Treasurer's Report:** A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Nannini to approve the Treasurer's Report as of 2/28/07.
- Roll call vote: Ayes – Ryback, Nordigian, DeMarco, Schlosser, Spurgeon and Nannini. Nays none. Motion carried.
- Checks Issued 2/21/07 – 3/20/07:** A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Schlosser to approve the checks issued between meetings from 2/21/07 through 3/20/07 in the amount of \$80,100.14, as reported by Treasurer Kwiecinski.
- Roll call vote: Ayes – Ryback, Nordigian, DeMarco, Schlosser, Spurgeon, and Nannini. Nays none. Motion carried.
- Bills Paid as of 3/20/07:** A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Nannini to approve the bills to be paid as of 3/20/07 in the amount of \$88,219.19 as presented in the report of Treasurer Kwiecinski.
- Roll call vote: Ayes – Ryback, Nordigian, DeMarco, Schlosser, Spurgeon and Nannini. Nays none. Motion carried.

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Ordinances/Resolutions:

**Ordinance 2007-721
Mailbox Regulation:**

A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Schlosser to adopt Ordinance 2007-721 Amending the Village Code to Add Chapter 6 to Title 8 Entitled Mailbox Regulations. Schlosser noted that the 6 inch by 6 inch treated wood post maximum size originally recommended by the committee was deleted from the final draft of the ordinance.

Adopted

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

**Resolution 2007-190
Construction on a
State Highway:**

A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Nordigian to approve Resolution 2007-190 for Construction on a State Highway. Amidei reported that the Village Engineer recommended approving this ordinance as a precaution for future construction.

Approved

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

Old Business:

Streetlights SE District:

Per the request of the Board at the 3/6/07 meeting, Amidei presented a map of the Southeast District indicating the seven (7) existing streetlights and the locations of the eight (8) proposed streetlights. To control costs all proposed streetlights will be placed on existing utility poles. The board agreed that the streetlights address a safety and security issue in the district. A motion was made by Schlosser and seconded by DeMarco to authorize the Village Administrator to contact Com Ed to install eight (8) streetlights on existing poles in the Southeast District as proposed.

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

New Business:

**Route 173/I-94
Intergovernmental
Agreement:**

Village Administrator Amidei recapped the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting of 2/27/07 and the Plan Commission meeting of 3/8/07 regarding the IL Route 173/I-94 Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Wadsworth, the Village of Old Mill Creek and the County of Lake. The ZBA recommended the addition of Chapter 10 to the Zoning Code to provide for the Gateway Economic Development Area. Adding this chapter to the code does not change the current zoning, but creates a text amendment for the development of the Gateway Area as outlined in the Intergovernmental Agreement. The Plan Commission recommended approval of an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan with regards to the Land Use and the Wastewater Management Overlay District maps for the Gateway Economic Development Area. Discussion was held on the possible routing of a sewer line should someone meet the requirements of the conceptual plan and request sewer access. A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Nordigian to authorize the Village Attorney to prepare the necessary paperwork to add Chapter 10 to the Zoning Code and to amend the Land Use and Wastewater Management Overlay District maps in the Gateway Economic Development Area according to the Intergovernmental Agreement.

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

President's Report:

**IL Rte. 173/I-94
Award Application:**

Furlan reported that the County is applying for an award for the IL Route 173/I-94 Intergovernmental Agreement and has asked him to sign the application. The County will be responsible for all costs of the application.

Vista East Heart Unit:

Vista Health Systems requested a letter from the Village to support their application for an open-heart service unit at the Vista East facility (formerly known as Victory Hospital). After discussion of the quality of service provided at the facility, the majority of the Board agreed that the hospital services many residents in the area and would be the destination hospital of a Wadsworth resident in an immediate care emergency. A motion was made by Nordigian and seconded by Ryback to authorize the Village Administrator to prepare a letter supporting the need for an open heart surgery unit at Vista East Hospital and to forward the letter to the proper authority.

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

Chestnut Trails:

Furlan was contacted by the Homeowners Association of Chestnut Trails regarding the replacement of a tree on the Village parkway that was knocked down by a car. As the tree is on the parkway, the Village should replace it. Further discussion will be held when the growing season will support tree replacement.

LC Transportation Projects:

Furlan presented the consensus priority transportation projects for Lake County as voted on by 62 local elected officials who were participants in the 2006 Transportation Summit.

**HB 1500 Cable & Video
Competition Legislation:**

JoAnn D. Osmond is a House Sponsor of HB 1500, which is a bill that creates a state-issued authorization from the Illinois Commerce Commission for cable and video services. The bill was drafted by AT&T to allow them to compete with existing cable companies that have franchises authorized by municipalities. Furlan suggested that this bill should be watched closely.

**Fair Housing Month
Proclamation:**

A request was received from the Fair Housing Center of Lake County to proclaim April 2007 Fair Housing Month. A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Spurgeon to approve a proclamation by the Village of Wadsworth declaring April 2007 as Fair Housing Month.

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

Gross Receipts Tax:

Governor Blagojevich has proposed the largest tax increase on sales of goods and services in Illinois history. As this gross receipts tax will have a great impact on Illinois businesses that will in turn increase prices to the consumer, the Board may consider drafting an opposing letter in the future.

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- Wadsworth Crossing:** Furlan reported that Wadsworth Crossing is ready with plans for the 20,500 sq. ft. strip shopping area on Route 41 just north of Wadsworth Road and would like to break ground by May. The design is open and will be divided as units are leased. One space is already rented.
- Attorney's Report:** None.
- Administrator's Report:**
Liquor Code: Amidei presented amendments to the current liquor code to reflect the application requirements and to address the recent changes in processing liquor applications. Amidei compared the liquor codes of other municipalities when preparing the proposed changes. The amendments will codify the procedure and application process and provide for recapture of any charges incurred by the Village when processing a liquor license application. A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Schlosser to authorize the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance amending sections 3-3-3-D and 3-12 of Village Code regarding liquor licenses.
- Voice vote: Ayes all; Nays none. Motion carried.
- Flament Subdivision:** Amidei sent a letter to Mr. Flament for his outstanding escrow balance (\$2,600.00) regarding a subdivision plan that was withdrawn. Mr. Flament responded with a check for \$745.00 along with a letter stating that in December 2005 he notified the Village that he was not going to proceed with the subdivision and, therefore, refuses to pay any fees incurred after December 2005. A motion was made by Nordigian and seconded by DeMarco to accept the \$745.00 payment from Flament and write-off the remaining escrow balance.
- Roll call vote: Ayes – Ryback, Nordigian, DeMarco, Schlosser, Spurgeon and Nannini. Nays none. Motion carried.
- Copy Machine:** Amidei reported that he has compared leasing and purchasing a new copy machine for the Village Hall and purchasing would be the most cost effective over a 5-year period. The Board authorized Amidei to purchase a copy machine.
- Mobile CUP:** The Village Engineer is completing the final review of the plans for the Mobile CUP.
- Poul's Nursery:** Amidei reported that he spoke with SMC and there should not be any issues with the construction of a pole barn structure for wholesale sales at Poul's Nursery, including the addition of employee parking spaces. Notices have been sent (by Poul's Nursery) to obtain the necessary signatures to file the application.
- Trustees' Comments:**
SWALCO: Ryback reported the SWALCO is using an employment search agency to replace Executive Director Andrew Quigley.

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Easter Egg Hunt: Nannini reported that the postcards for the Easter Egg Hunt at Wadsworth Park on 4/7/06 at 1:00 P.M. are at the printers and the Easter Bunny has been booked for the event. The trustees will meet at 8:00 A.M. on 4/07/06 to stuff the eggs.

Concerts in the Park: Nannini also reported that she has booked three (3) concerts for the 2007 summer concert series.

Schlosser presented the recommendations of the Road and Bridge Committee for the 2007 MFT Road Program and the 2007 Non-MFT Road Program. Discussion was held on the continuous repairs to 21st Street with the result being that it is the most cost effective method to maintain a road that has minimal traffic.

**Resolution 2007-191
2007 MFT Road Program:**

A motion was made by Schlosser and seconded by Ryback to approve Resolution 2007-191 appropriating \$95,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the 2007 road improvements as presented by the Road and Bridge Committee and to authorize the Village President and Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

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

**2007 Non-MFT Road
Program:**

A motion was made by Schlosser and seconded by Nordigian to approve appropriating general funds to the 2007 Non-MFT road improvements and to authorize the Village President and Clerk to execute the documents for the roadwork and engineering agreement in the amount of \$337,600.00.

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

Stop Signs SE District:

Schlosser noted that stop signs are located at Dale and Pickford and at Hart and Bayonne that are not listed in the Wadsworth Code or in the Beach Park Code. Schlosser will investigate the situation further before making a recommendation.

None required.

Executive Session:

Mill Creek Woodlands:

The president of the homeowners association of Mill Creek Woodlands addressed the Board regarding extensive damage by snowplows to parkways throughout the subdivision. The damage extends several feet past the curb. Bob January will be sent out to assess the damages.

Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:56 P.M. on a motion by Ryback, seconded by DeMarco.

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

Christine E. Stickler, Village Clerk