

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
March 2, 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, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Julie Tappendorf.
- Public Comment:** A resident from 21st Street inquired about the status of the Lake County Lake Michigan water project plans for the west area of the county he saw in the News Sun and noted that Old Mill Creek is not interested. Ryback noted that while Wadsworth has an interest, no fees have been paid to the county to date. He asked about wind farms. Amidei stated that a report would be forthcoming later this meeting. He also asked about the ban on red light cameras in today's newspaper.
- Establish Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Hansen, to establish a consent agenda for the following items:
a. Approval of February 16, 2010 Village Board meeting minutes
b. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of 3/2/10 in the amount of \$54,351.41

No items were removed for discussion.

Voice vote: Ayes-all. Nays-none. Motion carried.
- Approval of Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Crittenden, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried
- Discussion of removed topics:** No items were removed.
- Old Business:** There was no Old Business.
- New Business:** There was no new Business.
- Village President's Report:** President Ryback reported on his attendance at a "100 Years of and Scouting" Breakfast meeting last Friday at which new programs in Scouting were presented. Among many others, the Boy Scouts of America operate a camp in Wadsworth on Mill Creek Road to which Village Board members are invited during summer day camp activities.
- Village Attorney's Report:** Attorney Tappendorf reported on two new laws enacted yesterday regarding foreclosed properties. "Weed liens" and garbage removal often imposed by local municipalities after maintaining abandoned or unoccupied properties must be filed in a new way to assure they are not extinguished during the foreclosure process. More procedures must be followed. Two dozen other laws are under consideration regarding foreclosed properties which she will report on as they are enacted.
- Village Administrator Report:** Administrator Amidei thanked trustees for allowing him to attend the City Managers conference last week where he hosted the Wind Energy panel, along with Attorney Adam Simon of Ancel & Glink, David Husemoller with Lake County and several other experts in the industry. Ryback noted that in addition to his presentation at the conference, Amidei has also been working with a Lake County committee to craft the model Wind Energy Ordinance soon to be released for use by all communities in Lake County. He thanked Amidei for having a voice in the process and keeping Wadsworth on the leading edge with new information and technology.

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**Committee Reports:
Public Service:**

Trustee Schlosser asked all Trustees to be present by 9:00 AM on April 3 to stuff plastic eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. She obtained last year's lower pricing for the eggs. She suggested planting a tree new Village Hall in conjunction with Earth Day. Amidie suggested doing the same thing on Arbor Day.

Parks:

Trustee Nannini reported on yesterday's Parks Meeting. Several recommendations from staff were reviewed regarding changes to the Reservation Procedure and Fee Schedule. A minimum age of 21 was established for reservations and any party of ten or more people would require a permit. The permit fees were reduced by one half in an effort to encourage all users to obtain permits. The fees pay some of the costs for clean up by our staff.

Also discussed was a name for the park at Jonathon Knolls subdivision. The committee suggested naming it "Orchard Park" as the area was a former apple orchard and is intended for use as another Wadsworth Community Park, rather than only by the immediate subdivision. Discussion followed regarding other names and the proper naming procedure to follow. Amidei was directed to prepare the necessary resolution for the next meeting.

The Wadsworth Park drainage project begun last year is 20% finished and \$9500 has been expended to date. Excavation near the AT&T building must be outsourced due to underground fiber-optic and high voltage electric lines that service the adjacent neighborhood. Nannini was satisfied with the excavation work done by staff last year and asked for them to rent equipment and continue the other areas. Some Trustees wished to have the outsourced contractor complete all the excavation work, with only restoration by staff. Amidei will work with staff to plan the next steps. It was also suggested to pave the stone driveway near the AT&T building to eliminate the repeated gravel washout and associated maintenance.

During further discussion, Nannini suggested canceling the two concerts in the park in an effort to conserve funds. All agreed.

Finance:

Trustee Harvey inquired about specifications regarding sidewalks as part fo the Zoning Code text amendments.

Road and Bridge:

Trustee Crittenden had no report.

Planning, Zoning & Plats:

Trustee Johnson reported on the Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation regarding Off-Street Parking and Loading Regulations. Discussion followed and the changes will be added to the ordinance format to be reviewed at the next meeting.

He also discussed the height of proposed wind turbines for the Sexton Property. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the 500 foot overall height of the turbines.

Ordinance Committee:

Trustee Hansen had no report

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:53PM on a motion by Crittenden, seconded by Hansen.

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

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk