Village of Wadsworth  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
Held at the Village Hall  
November 3, 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 Johnson, seconded by Crittenden, to approve the agenda as presented. Item 11A had the word “action” deleted.

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

Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held 10/20/09  
Motion by Harvey, seconded by Hansen, to approve the minutes of 10/20/09 as presented. Under “Finance” low enforcement was changed to law enforcement; in the next paragraph “minutes from 1998” was changed to “previous meeting minutes” (also changed in last paragraph on last page) and the final sentence was deleted under “Bills to be Paid.”

Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried.

Correspondence  
All correspondence received at Village Hall from October 20, 2009 through November 3, 2009 was reviewed and placed on file.

Public Comment:  Ken Furlan stated he was disappointed that the Winthrop Harbor Police were dismissed. Millie Corder was also disappointed, as WHPD did a good job in Wadsworth. She agreed the Sheriff also does a good job but is not around town as much and asked for an explanation for the contract termination. Jim Davila reported that he has received positive feed-back from the community regarding the youth little league he has organized, but has not heard back from the Parks Chairman regarding his proposed softball field improvements. Joyce Shelley stated she was proud of the Village Board for selecting the current attorney. She questioned mis-information in Trustee Nannini’s independent newsletter.

Trustee Harvey stated that termination of the Winthrop Harbor police contract was based on economics. He asked other trustees to gather opinions from residents regarding police protection and reminded the audience that he took an oath to protect life and property (as a former firefighter). He is comfortable with the service the Sheriff plans to provide and noted the village spent $280,000 over the past two years with Winthrop Harbor. He noted that Trustee Nannini’s independent newsletter contained manipulated information.

Bills to be Paid as of 11/3/09:  Motion by Schlosser, seconded by Harvey, to pay bills in the amount of $33,703.44.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Ordinances and Resolutions:  A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Hansen, to Adopt an Ordinance Amending various provisions of the Zoning Ordinance. Amidei referenced his memo outlining the various changes and corrections. He suggested eliminating wording in section 8 which amends 10-5-8G, Table 1, Note 1, that applies to fuel price signs at gas stations. Trustees agreed to eliminate the wording.


Old Business:  There was no Old Business.
New Business: Discussion regarding the Illinois Video Gaming Act indicated numerous communities and Lake County have already banned proposed video poker. Krafthefer referenced a brochure provided by her firm outlining progress which Illinois has made on the Act thus far. She noted that the introduction of gaming can not begin for at least 12 to 18 months while the State continues to formulate operating guidelines. Some trustees wanted to ban it in Wadsworth now, without waiting for further information from the State. Motion by Nannini, seconded by Johnson, directing the Village Attorney to prepare an Ordinance banning video poker in Wadsworth. Crittenden was concerned the action could be premature and the State might impose a financial restriction or hardship upon the Village, since all of the guidelines are not yet known. Amidei volunteered to calculate an estimate of the amount that might be realized by the village from the machines.


Village President’s Report: President Ryback made reference to a recent News Sun article outlining the future demolition of Gurnee Grade School and construction of a new building elsewhere. He reminded trustees that District 56 purchased 70 acres on the north side of Wadsworth Road, east of the railroad, which was part of the Adams farm. He suggested a letter be sent to Superintendent Hutton indicating Wadsworth’s support for a grade school in our community. Some trustees were concerned about increased traffic and the cost to taxpayers for a new building. Ryback will not send the letter until learning more about potential costs.

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

Village Administrator Report: Administrator Amidei reported that on December 1, a Public Hearing will be held so the Board can consider a Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation regarding a time extension for the Lehman Industrial Development Conditional Use permit and annexation agreement.

Committee Reports:

Public Service: Trustee Schlosser reported that the Senior Luncheon we are co-sponsoring with Newport Township and Newport Fire Department will be held on December 7 at the Illinois Beach Resort. Postcards were mailed to Wadsworth Seniors yesterday. If attending, Trustees should RSVP to her by November 23.

Parks: Trustee Nannini asked about traffic control at Saint Patrick’s School now being provided by the Sheriff and what the costs were. Harvey reported that the Sheriff is there to maintain traffic control on a county highway. There is no charge. Harvey also clarified a legal fee regarding village towing review which was adjusted downward.

Finance: A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Nannini, to Approve the 2008-2009 Village Audit report provided by Milburn, Cain & Company.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge: Trustee Crittenden is arranging interviews with potential village engineer candidates for Saturday morning. After it was learned that time conflicts existed with trustees, Crittenden and Amidei will try to reschedule for next Tuesday evening. Interviews will be conducted by a Committee of the Whole.

Planning, Zoning & Plats: Trustee Johnson reported discussing red light cameras with Amidei for Route 41 at Wadsworth Road and Route 173. He suggested working with the Sheriff for research as the process takes about a year.
Ordinance Committee: Trustee Hansen had no further report

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:57PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Schlosser.


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Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk