

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
March 21, 2006**

- 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, Debbie Spurgeon, and Village Clerk Christine Stickler and Attorney William Stanczak. All present.
- Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Schlosser to approve the agenda for the 3/21/06 meeting as presented.
- Voice vote: Ayes all; Nays none. Motion carried.
- Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting Held 3/7/06:** The minutes of the regular Village Board meeting held 3/7/06, as presented by the clerk to all Board members, were approved on a motion by Ryback, seconded by Nannini.
- Voice vote: Ayes all; Nays none. Motion carried.
- Correspondence:** All correspondence received at the Village Hall from 3/8/06 through 3/21/06 was reviewed and placed on file.
- Public Comment:** Miss Wadsworth Amanda Guthrie, Jr. Miss Wadsworth Sarah Bertrand and Little Miss Wadsworth Cassidee Guthrie were present at the meeting to thank the Village of Wadsworth for their past support and to report to the Village some of the accomplishments they have achieved as queens. Also present were 2005 Pageant Director Monica Pellitier, 2006 Pageant Director Angelique Guthrie and 2006 Pageant Co-director Sharon Bertrand. Ms. Pellitier inquired if the \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to the 2005 Miss Wadsworth and if any future scholarships will be considered since Village involvement ended upon completion of the 2005 pageant. The Board agreed to vote on the scholarship for the 2005 Miss Wadsworth at the next Board meeting as it was not on this agenda. As the new director, Ms. Guthrie informed the Board that the pageant is pursuing its own identity for this year's pageant, will be conducting fund raisers to support the pageant and that the current queens are available to help with any activities being sponsored by the Village. Permission was given to allow pageant materials to be placed on the information wall outside the Village offices.
- Treasurer's Report:** A motion was made by Nordigian and seconded by Ryback to approve the Treasurer's Report as of 2/28/06, as presented by Treasurer Kwiecinski.
- Roll call vote: Ayes – Ryback, Nordigian, DeMarco, Schlosser, Spurgeon and Nannini. Nays none. Motion carried.

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Bills Paid as of 3/21/06:

A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Nannini to approve the bills to be paid as of 3/21/06 in the amount of \$28,938.41 as presented in the report prepared by Treasurer Kwiecinski.

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

**Checks Issued
2/22/06 – 3/21/06:**

A motion was made by Ryback and seconded by Nordigian to approve the checks issued from 2/22/06 through 3/21/06 in the amount of \$76,733.81 as presented in the report of Treasurer Kwiecinski.

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

Treasurer Kwiecinski informed that Board that he reviewed the reports prepared by Nannini and distributed at the last meeting. He is willing to provide whatever additional reports the Board would find helpful to assist them in making more informed decisions. It was agreed that some form of a balance sheet and an income and expense report would be of value. Nannini will work with Kwiecinski to get it set up.

Ordinances/Resolutions:

None

Old Business:

Police Patrol – 21st St.:

As a result of the traffic complaints received from Mr. Nagel at the 3/7/06 meeting, the Winthrop Harbor Police provided a report on police patrols in the 21st Street area. Extra attention has been given to monitor this area over the past couple of weeks. Since October of last year approximately 400 citations were written on Delany Road and over the last six months at least 100 citations have been given out on 21st Street.

New Business:

Easter Egg Hunt Budget:

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for 4/15/06 at 1:00 P.M. at the Village Hall. Post cards will be mailed to all residents and the Easter Bunny will be present. The Wadsworth queens volunteered to help stuff the eggs on the morning of the hunt. The eggs were purchased at a reduced price after Easter last year and trinkets left over from the Funfest can be used. Candy and prizes need to be purchased. It was agreed that each age group should have some “special prizes”. Barb Furlan offered to solicit some prizes and it was suggested that if enough prizes are obtained a raffle could be considered. A motion was made by Nordigian and seconded by DeMarco to approve a budget for the 2006 Easter Egg Hunt not to exceed a cost of \$2,200.00.

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

Mayor’s Report:

173 Corridor Council:

Furlan reported that the Lake County Planning Department completed a study of Conway Park’s economic data and recalculated the FAR and ISR, subtracting the on-parcel stormwater detention areas. The recalculation

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did not increase the FAR and ISR as much as anticipated and was still less than what we were offering Centerpoint. It was noted, however, that building height increased. As a result of the study, the Land Use and Development Standards proposed for the Office/Research District were modified. Furlan noted that it is imperative for the 173 Corridor Council to agree on standards for development of the Office/Research District. Furlan also reported that he met with Dave Young of Lake County Partners and reviewed the areas available along Route 41. Young had an interested party looking for a location for a 600,000 sq. ft. building. Furlan did not express an interest for the Village for a building of that size.

Gordon Invoices: The explanation of charges, requested by Mr. Gordon, was reviewed. All funds deposited with the Village were used and the balance being billed represents legitimate additional costs incurred by the Village. Furlan was instructed to submit the itemization of Bleck's costs and the fees for an electrical permit and a fence permit to Mr. Gordon and request payment.

Sign Removal: Furlan reported that he sent a letter to all residential business in the business district informing them that they needed to remove their signs. An exception was made for the Saddle Shop (Wadsworth Grain & Feed), as their sign will never be lit up.

Truck Stop: Furlan noted that the TA Truck Stop has approximately 40 to 50 electronic gaming machines, for amusement purposes only. The Village does not currently require a license for electronic games, but if this business continues to grow it should be reviewed and discussed.

Citgo LED Sign: Furlan reported that the Citgo representative again contacted him regarding LED displays at the Citgo Station on the north west corner of Wadsworth Road and Route 41. Furlan gave permission to change the gas prices to LED; however, the Board must decide what stipulations they would like to make before allowing LED advertising. The Citgo representative informed Furlan that he would commit to only changing the LED advertising once a day if necessary in order to get the sign installed.

Excess Grant Funds: The \$7,900.00 in grant funds remaining after completing the dredging of the pond in Wadsworth Ridge has not been used. The Village previously requested permission and was approved to use the funds to install a dry hydrant at the Willows. Unfortunately, the pond at the Willows is on private property and the owner refuses to allow the dry hydrant. Furlan will talk to Fire Chief Kirschhoffer and report back to the Board if there are any possible alternatives. If a suitable use can not be determined, the funds will need to be sent back to the State.

Illinois Bell: Illinois Bell leases property in the park to house their equipment for approximately \$9500.00 per year. Their lease expires on 1/10/07 and they have contacted the Village to renegotiate the lease. They would like to

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renew for 10 years with two additional five-year options. Ryback volunteered to make the contact to find out more details.

NPDES Project:

The federally mandated NPDES project was started two years ago. Costs for the first two years have been minimal, however, this year begins Phase 2 and we will experience some costs related to the project. Village Engineer Bleck will be required to identify and locate all the outfalls in the Village and report them so that they can be recorded into a Geographic Information System (GIS). Although Phase 3 has not yet been mandated, it is anticipated that it may be implemented after all the outfalls are recorded. Phase 3 will most likely involve a sampling system for the outfalls. If a pollutant is discovered, it will be the responsibility of the Village to identify the problem.

**Wadsworth Road
Bridge Closure:**

Furlan noted that at the last meeting he was not aware of the communication and agreement between Fire Chief Kirschhoffer and the Baker Construction manager regarding the maneuvering of emergency vehicles around the closure barricades.

Attorney's Report:

None

Trustees' Comments:

Nordigian noted that Byron, Illinois has approximately the same population as Wadsworth and they conducted an interim census. The cost was approximately \$30,000.00 and took 7 to 8 months to complete. More information is being forwarded to Nordigian and he will bring it to the Board.

Spurgeon reported that information breaking down the costs of replacing the garage door has been received from Ames. Although the cost is high, it is acceptable due to the job's complexity. The issue will be placed on the next agenda. Spurgeon also noted that there is \$118,000.00+ in the Park Impact Fee Fund.

Ryback reported that SWALCO's finance committee is continuing its efforts to look for ways to raise revenues and cut costs. Ryback also reported that the Village of Libertyville designated Jensen Disposal as it's sole garbage service without putting it out for bid.

DeMarco reported that about 20 applications have already been received for the Village manger position. More applicants with municipal experience should be received after the job posting appears in the Municipal Review.

Schlosser reported that the MFT bid will have to be delayed because the paperwork has not been received back from the State. Schlosser also requested that the ordinance committee meet to discuss pods. Furlan suggested that the ordinance committee could review the amendments to the building codes and the park impact fees at the same time.

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Schlosser also asked if the police had monitored any overnight parking at the gas stations. It was reported that approximately 10 trucks were observed where the driver was taking a nap, but none stayed overnight.

None required.

Executive Session:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M. on a motion by Ryback, seconded by DeMarco.

Adjourn:

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

Christine E. Stickler, Village Clerk