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, Ken Harvey, Geralyn Hansen, Robert Hayden and James Zegar, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei, Village Engineer Bill Klewin and Village Attorney Julie Tappendorf. Trustee Rodney Johnson was absent.

Public Comment: Savanna House Restaurant President Mary Bennett, presented information for a new color message sign to replace the existing manual message-board currently in use. She noted that a monochrome sign was permitted by Ordinance, but the upgraded color sign would require a Conditional Use Permit. After a brief discussion, she was directed to forward an application to Administrator Amidei. He will begin the process for a Zoning Board of Appeals hearing.

Establish Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Zegar, seconded by Hansen, to establish a consent agenda for:

a. Approval of the January 17, 2011 Village Board meeting minutes.
b. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of February 7, 2012, totaling $65,216.60.
c. Adoption of a Resolution Accepting the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County’s 60% Recycling Task Force Report.
d. Motion to approve the purchase and installation of nine trees in Wadsworth Park this coming spring.
e. Motions to approve the purchase of a new telephone system for the Village Hall & Garage Buildings.
f. Motion to approve letter agreement with Newport Township Road District related to purchase of road salt.

Trustee Harvey asked to remove item “E” from the consent agenda for further discussion. The motion and second was amended by Zegar and Hansen.

Voice vote: Ayes-all Nays-none Motion carried. Resolution number 2012-857.

Approval of Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Zegar, to approve the consent agenda as amended.

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

Discussion of removed topics: Trustee Harvey asked to review all three proposals for the new telephone system before approving a purchase. He agreed that the present system has some problems, but as Finance Chairman, seeks to minimize capital expenditures in the current weak economy.

Old Business: There was no Old Business.

New Business: There was no New Business.

Village President’s Report: President Ryback did not present a report.

Village Attorney’s Report: Attorney Tappendorf did not provide a report.

Village Administrator Report: Amidei posted information regarding the electric aggregation referendum on the Village website. He proposes to follow the Grayslake format and will contact neighboring communities after the March election who will also participate. Grayslake partnered with several other villages to get the best pricing for residents wishing to be in the program. Costs to Wadsworth will be minimal.
IDOT is making grants available for sidewalks and beautification projects. Amidei suggests applying for a sidewalk from the new District 56 school to the Village Hall area and for paving the walking paths in Wadsworth Park so maintenance can be minimized. Regarding some older equipment, Amidei noted that both lawn mowers, the John Deere tractor and the 2001 dump-truck are all reaching the end of their service life. Trustees discussed what alternate equipment could be used for baseball field maintenance. Ryback suggested auctioning the older, Toro mower and purchasing a new unit under the state contract discounted pricing.

Committee Reports:
Finance:

Trustee Harvey referenced the Millburn Cain audit proposal, which will bring reporting up to GASB 34 standards for a small fee, compared to the conversion cost several years ago. Amidei volunteered to prepare any materials and fixed asset lists needed by the Village Treasurer for the new reporting system. Trustee Zegar, a CPA for many years, agreed the new system is now the standard and considering the minimal $1,000 fee, should be implemented this year.

A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Zegar, to approve the proposal of Millburn Cain in an amount not to exceed $11,000 for the next annual audit and published report implementing the GASB 34 accounting method.

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

Parks and Village Hall:

Trustee Johnson was absent and did not present a report

Public Service:

Trustee Hansen presented a budget request for the Easter Egg Hunt, based on last year’s expenses. She noted that a resident of Hunt Club Farms has donated an Easter Bunny costume for our use during the event.

A motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Zegar, to establish a budget not to exceed $2500 for the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

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

Road and Bridge:

Trustee Crittenden referenced a Letter of Intent from IDOT related to the Village’s contribution toward the paving of Mill Creek Road north of Cermak Avenue. Engineering and paving costs are expected to be roughly $45,000 for that section. While Wadsworth will pay for paving a short section, Mill Creek Road between Route 173 and Cermak Road will be paved by IDOT as an emergency route for the Fire Department while the Russell Road bridge over I-94 is removed for reconstruction from June 25 through Thanksgiving. The bidding period will end in late April and the road is expected to be paved by June 24.

A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Hayden, to authorize the Village President to sign the IDOT Letter of Intent related to the Wadsworth’s contribution for paving of Mill Creek Road.

Voice vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried. Trustee Johnson absent.

A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Hayden, to authorize the Village President to sign the “Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code” for Mill Creek Road.

Voice vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried. Trustee Johnson absent.
In other road business, Engineer Klewin referenced the engineer’s estimate for the Wadsworth 2012 Road Maintenance Program prepared by fellow engineer John Briggs. Trustees discussed the overall program cost, and while questioning if all line items on the estimate were essential, decided to proceed with obtaining bids for all items. Klewin indicated that items could be deleted from the accepted proposal if costs went over limits.

A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Hansen, to adopt the Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under Illinois Highway Code for the 2012 Village Roadway and Drainage Improvements Program.

Voice vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried. Trustee Johnson absent.

A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Crittenden, to authorize the Village Engineers to proceed with the bidding process for the 2012 Village Roadway and Drainage Improvements Program.

Voice vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried. Trustee Johnson absent.

**Planning, Zoning & Plats:**

Trustee Zegar did not provide a PZP report, but reminded Trustees that another electronic Newsletter will be emailed this week.

**Ordinance Committee:**

Trustee Hayden held an Ordinance Committee earlier today. A Hotel/Motel tax of 5% was discussed and recommended by the Committee. The Committee also discussed merging the Village and Fire Department building codes, with some exceptions to the Fire Department Code regarding fire sprinkler systems in new residential construction. The Fire Department will review the exceptions and offer comments.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Zegar.


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Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk