

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
March 6, 2020**

- Call to Order:** President Ryback called the meeting of the Village Board of Trustees to order at 6:05pm.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** President Ryback led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call:** In attendance were Village President Glenn Ryback, Village Trustees Mildred Corder, Ben Dolan, GERALYN Hansen, Ken Harvey, Robert Hayden and Doug Jacobs; Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth.
- Special Business:** Discussion was held regarding a proposed mushroom farm to be located on 21st Street between Kilbourne and Delany Roads. The prospective owners were present to answer questions. Their planner, Glenn Christensen of Manhard Associates, presented a site sketch of the agricultural buildings required to grow mushrooms. He indicated the remainder of the acreage will remain as it is now and be used for other agricultural purposes. Five or six employees will be on-site, with low traffic. Water usage is quite low (500 gallons per week) and the finished product will be sold to restaurants and stores, but no retail sales at this time.
Maryam Wood, Market Manager of the Wadsworth Farmers Market, spoke about the upcoming 2020 season. She has 12 vendors ready for certain, with a possibility of 3 more. She believes our program is beginning too late in the season, as other markets begin in mid-June. She also suggested a raffle be held weekly to attract market customers. Additional signage should be placed in more locations and a greater social media presence is needed. She also requested that Village Board members or the Village President be present during the market activities. She also suggested doing a mailer to the entire area, advertising the dates of the market as other communities are already doing at this time of year. She inquired about holding a pig roast during the market as it done during the autumn music event.
Residents' suggestions and attendance at the market are always welcome.
- Public Comment:** There was no Public Comment.
- Establish Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Trustee Harvey, seconded by Trustee Hayden, to establish a consent agenda for items a. and b., but excluding item c.:
- a. Approval of the February 18, 2020 Village Board Meeting Minutes.
 - b. Approval of Bills To Be Paid as of March 3, 2020 in the amount of \$27,792.38.
 - c. Approval of January 21, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.
- Voice vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried.
- Approval of Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Trustee Harvey, seconded by Trustee Corder, to approve the consent agenda as amended.
- Roll call vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried.
- Discussion of removed topics:** There were no removed topics.
- Old Business:** There was no Old Business.
- New Business:** Administrator Amidei has learned of a possible future Federal Appropriation Bill from Congresswoman Underwood's office which may provide funding for local infrastructure projects. He noted that the Wadsworth section of 9th Street was surfaced with a chip-seal product last year but has not held up well. We have already completed engineering work to resurface the road, much of which is in floodway. The Village Board encouraged Amidei to submit a request for roadway funding for 9th Street, 21st Street and Delany Road.

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Village President's Report: President Ryback was invited to the installation of two judges recently. Christopher Kennedy was sworn-in as an Associate Judge and Associate Judge Reginald Matthews was sworn-in to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Circuit Judge Jay Ukena in the first sub-circuit, which includes most of Wadsworth.

Village Attorney's Report: Attorney Asprooth did not present a report.

Village Administrator Report: Administrator Amidei spoke about the "Connect Illinois" initiative, which is intended to improve internet service in rural areas. He noted that several areas in and near Wadsworth have poor or no internet service from Comcast. Sterling Lake and neighboring areas have only satellite internet service. Comcast will be including Wadsworth in their grant application for expanded service installation, which will be discussed during their upcoming 10-year franchise renewal.

Attorney Asprooth informed the Board that Craft Cannabis Growers will have only 40 state licenses available in the near future. Should one be issued to a Wadsworth applicant, they would first need to seek rezoning, followed by application for a Conditional Use Permit.

A location being considered by a Dispensary License applicant has limited parking. They are working on providing additional parking across the street from their site at a different business.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Trustee Harvey inquired about progress with the basement remodeling project and was told the radon systems will be installed this Thursday. Boller Construction will be here next week. He reported on a Committee meeting with a financial provider earlier today.

Public Service: Trustee Hansen has observed a significant amount of discarded trash along 21st Street west of Delany Road. She intends to collect and bag the smaller items so our Public Works crew may dispose of it.

Planning, Zoning & Plats: Trustee Hayden did not present a Planning, Zoning & Plats report.

Road and Bridge: Trustee Dolan referred to a Change Order for the recently ordered Peterbilt truck. Some upgrades were left of the original proposal. Stainless steel box sideboards have a far longer lifespan than the treated lumber ones. Stainless steel line couplers and a carbide plow cutting edge also have a longer life. The pre-wet system which will extend the effectiveness of highway salt, was also added.

A motion was made by Dolan, seconded by Corder, to Approve a Change Order from Henderson Products, Incorporated, of Huntley in the amount of \$7,924 to include the above noted products.

Roll call vote: Ayes-Corder, Dolan, Hansen, Hayden, Jacobs. Nay-Harvey. Motion carried.

Dolan also spoke about the 2020 Road Program. He is seeking quotes for restoring road shoulders in the Willows Subdivision, Pratum Terra Drive as well as about \$115,000 for pavement patching and crack sealing. Other roadways in town are up to date as noted on our long-term schedule. He is hoping to build up the Motor Fuel Tax fund balance over several years to \$300,000 or \$400,000 so the next road program can have up to \$700,000 available.

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Ordinance: Trustee Jacobs referred to a revision to the Liquor Code which was discussed at past meetings. Going forward, background checks will not be required for members of a Corporate Board of Directors who often reside in other states. It will apply to the local manager instead.

A motion was made by Jacobs, seconded by Dolan, to Adopt an Ordinance Amending the Village Code Regarding Background Checks for Liquor Licenses.

Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Nays-None. Motion carried. Ordinance #2020-1081.

Jacobs has learned that an interested party wishes to open a beauty shop in Wadsworth Crossing.

Parks and Village Hall: Trustee Corder referred to a discussion held during a Parks and Village Hall meeting held earlier today. The clay infield surface of Campanella Field has not been serviced by professional ballfield contractors in several years. She indicated the proposal from Sports Field can be accepted at the next regular Village Board Meeting. Resurfacing of the Village Hall parking lot and the west lot along Northwoods Drive will be postponed until next year. She also received a proposal for roof replacement on the brick garage, which can be scheduled next year. Areas near the sled hill and Village Hall could be cleared with a controlled burn of native vegetation, but the burning permit has a long lead time for issuance. It was suggested to have Public Works string trim and mow as much as possible to keep the area presentable, even with numerous wet areas where the zero-turn mowers tend to become stuck.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Hayden, seconded by Hansen, to enter Executive Session at 7:40 PM to discuss Personnel (2C-1).

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ryback, Corder, Dolan, Hansen, Harvey, Hayden, Jacobs. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:47 PM.

Return to Regular Session Roll: Corder, Dolan, Hansen, Harvey, Hayden, Jacobs, Ryback.

Results of Executive Session: No action was taken in open session.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Dolan.

Voice vote: Ayes-all. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk