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 and Robert Hayden, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei, and Village Attorney Keri-Lynn Krafthefer. Trustees Rodney Johnson and James Zegar were absent.

Public Comment: John Streicher asked the Board to consider his request to construct a new pole barn on his farm property to replace two older buildings. Both he and another family member have been farming about 40 acres on Route 173 at Interstate 94 for many years. A deteriorated 75’ x 25’ machine shed and 25’ x 30’ chicken coop would be demolished to make way for the new 30’ by 40’ building. Although situated in Office & Research zoning with the Gateway overlay zoning, Trustees agreed that farming has been and continues to be the principle use and advanced the request to be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals at its next meeting. Streicher has no plans for any Office Park uses.

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

a. Approval of the February 21, 2011 Village Board meeting minutes.

b. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of March 6, 2012, totaling $22,291.27.

Voice vote: Ayes-all Nays-none Motion carried. Trustees Johnson & Zegar absent.

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. Trustees Johnson & Zegar absent.

Discussion of removed topics: There were no removed topics.

Planning, Zoning & Plats: Trustees asked to move-up Item 13E for discussion and possible action related to the adoption of an Ordinance Granting a Conditional Use Permit to the Savanna House Restaurant to Permit the Installation of a Change Image Sign. Owner Mary Bennett was present to answer questions.

Discussion followed regarding the proposed Ordinance, which would permit a change image sign with color graphics. The published Ordinance permits such a sign, but only without color. Crittenden questioned the effectiveness of the sign, which under section 3C-2 of the proposed Ordinance, would require it to be turned off during non-business hours. He suggested the sign be off from closing time until 5AM the following day, so early morning traffic would be aware of daily menu features to be purchased on their return trip. Trustees agreed the sign would be more effective if it was illuminated for a longer time period.

A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Hansen, to adopt An Ordinance Granting a Conditional Use Permit for a Change Image Sign with the amended operating hours.


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.
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Village Attorney’s Report: Attorney Krafthefer reported that the PTELL bill presented in Springfield by state legislators died in committee. It would have limited the amount of tax that is levied by a public body to cover operating expenses.

Village Administrator Report: Amidei suggested joining a coalition to Protect Local Government Revenues, sponsored by the Northwest Municipal Conference. Trustees agreed to join. There is no cost associated with joining.
He also reported that the Khayat Subdivision off of Yorkhouse Road must still receive a final lift of asphalt pavement before Wadsworth can accept the street. The Village Board previously granted a two-year extension because of the economic downturn and lack of houses constructed in the development. He will plan to have the work completed this season.
Electric aggregation logistics are being finalized so the process can move forward after the referendum is passed during the March 20 primary election. This will be an optional program for residents wishing to cut their electricity bills during the next two years. There is no cost to residents who participate, only the benefit of lower rates.

Committee Reports:
Finance: Trustee Harvey did not present a report, but inquired as to the quantity of highway salt remaining to be ordered under the state contract. Amidei reported that a minimum of 125 tons must still be purchased and that the barn is approximately half full at present.

Parks and Village Hall: Trustee Johnson was absent and did not present a report.

Public Service: Trustee Hansen reminded that all should be present on Saturday morning, April 7, to stuff Easter Eggs for hunt just after lunch.

Road and Bridge: Trustee Crittenden reported that he, Amidei and Ryback were present earlier today for the 2012 Wadsworth Road Program bid opening. John Briggs, from Village Engineer Gewalt Hamilton’s office, read aloud the 4 bids. The lowest was submitted by Peter Baker & Sons for $288,207.82. This year’s program will provide patching and crack-filling, but virtually no paving or overlay work.

Planning, Zoning & Plats: Trustee Zegar was absent and did not provide a report.

Ordinance Committee: Trustee Hayden indicated he is awaiting feedback from the Fire Department regarding discussions held at the last Ordinance Committee meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Crittenden.


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Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk