Call to Order: President Ryback called the meeting of the Village Board of Trustees to order at 6:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance: President Ryback led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: In attendance were Village President Glenn Ryback, Village Trustees Ben Dolan, Geralyn Hansen, Ken Harvey, Robert Hayden and Doug Jacobs, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth. Trustee James Zegar was absent.

Public Comment: There was no Public Comment.

Establish Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Hayden, to establish a consent agenda for the following items:
  a. Approval of the February 20, 2018 Village Board meeting minutes.
  b. Approval of March 6, 2018 Bills to be Paid Report in the amount of $42,812.32.

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

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

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

Discussion of Removed Items: There were no removed items.

Old Business: There was no Old Business.

New Business: There was no New Business.

Village President’s Report: President Ryback reported on his recent trip to the White House in Washington D.C. The trip was organized by the Illinois Municipal League. Only 45 Mayors and Village Presidents from across the State were invited to hear briefings from several Federal Departments and to meet with Department Heads and Chief of Staff Personnel.

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

Village Administrator Report: Administrator Amidei talked about a park campaign that promotes walking activities, such as the “Go Gurnee” program that is promoted by the Gurnee Park District. Discussion followed about promoting trails and walking areas to be included in a “Go Wadsworth” promotion.

He has contacted Wadsworth resident Kristin Christenson about overseeing the Wadsworth Farmer’s Market this summer. She has been a regular vendor at the event in the past and is considering managing the summertime market. They will meet tomorrow.

He has also procured proposals to repair the Village Hall lower level which flooded last summer. He suggested establishing a budget amount of $9,000 for the various trades which include saw cutting the old basement floor so new drain tiles and a sump pump crock can be installed.

A motion was made by Trustee Hansen to establish the budget, but died for lack of a second. Hansen then withdrew her motion.

Trustee Harvey insisted that prior to beginning inside work, the existing outside drain tile system be examined and flushed as necessary, with the outlets re-directed to insure proper discharge.

Amidei also discussed potential replacement of a significant number of diseased parkway trees that have been removed as a result of the Emerald Ash Borer. He will contact
several Homeowner Associations in Wadsworth to gauge their interest in the participation of a Village sponsored tree replacement program. Tree installations are also needed in two of the Village’s park properties and along Wadsworth Road in the downtown area.

He also noted that a Bid Opening for the 2018 Wadsworth Road Program will be held on Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM on March 28 in Village Hall.

He has made application for a grant program which could help fund our retention pond renovations behind Village Hall. Best management practices developed in recent years suggest prairie grass with extensive root systems be planted along pond banks rather than rip-rap (large rock) that was used in the past. Pricing for the removal of the rock is being determined.

This week he will attend another Lake County Municipal League Land Bank program meeting which will provide area communities with a process to restore blighted properties more expeditiously.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Trustee Harvey referred to a proposal from Eder, Casella & Company to provide the annual audit. The price included a 4% increase over last year. Trustees discussed obtaining a proposal from a second auditing firm. Additional auditing company names were suggested to Administrator Amidei, which he will contact.

Public Service: Trustee Hansen reported that 10,000 Easter Eggs will be ready to hide for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held at Village Hall on Saturday, March 31 at 1:00 PM.

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

Ordinance: Trustee Hayden did not provide an Ordinance Committee report.

Road and Bridge: Trustee Dolan referred to a proposal from TKG Environmental Services Group, LLC to perform 4 street sweeping operations in the Village upon various streets in 2018. Brief discussion followed, noting that the cost is the same as last year with no increase.

A motion was made by Dolan, seconded by Harvey, to accept the proposal of TKG Environmental Services Group, LLC as presented in the amount of $2,129.64.

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

Parks and Village Hall: Trustee Jacobs provided updates regarding changes to the playground and basketball court. 3D Design has furnished updated plans as requested to install additional drainage to the existing basketball and tennis courts so they can be repaired and remain in the present location.

A motion was made by Jacobs, seconded by Dolan, to accept the additional proposal of 3D Designs in the amount of $19,750 to redesign the courts and playground equipment layout.

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

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM on a motion by Jacobs, seconded by Dolan.


Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk