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, Doug Jacobs and James Zegar, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth.

Public Comment: There was no Public Comment.

Special Business: Sergeant Ari Briskman from the Lake County Sheriff’s Office discussed the local traffic detail services which are provided throughout Wadsworth.

The Newport Township Historical Society was present to discuss their hosting of two rummage sales at Wadsworth Community Park on Saturday June 8 and Saturday September 7, 2019 from 8am to 4pm. Both of their efforts last year on the Village property across the street from their regular location were rained out. They believe Wadsworth Park may be a better location this year. Discussion followed, which addressed all the questions raised by the Historical Board directors.

A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Hayden, to reserve Wadsworth Community Park for the Historical Society Rummage Sales on both of the requested dates and to waive the usual park reservation fees.

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

Establish Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Trustee Harvey, seconded by Trustee Hayden, to establish a consent agenda for the following items:

a. Approval of the March 5, 2019 Village Board Meeting Minutes.


c. Approval of Checks Issued Between Meetings, February 20, 2018 to March 19, 2019, totaling $105,969.96.

d. Approval of Bills To Be Paid as of March 19, 2019 in the amount of $22,645.26

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

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

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

Discussion of removed topics: There were no removed topics.

Old Business: Amidei referred to an Ordinance for Love’s Travel Stop and Country Store. Chad Bruner was present and provided a brief update of his progress. He mentioned that property to the west of the buildings might be used for a future solar farm.

A motion was made by Trustee Dolan, seconded by Trustee Zegar, to Adopt an Ordinance Approving Final Planned Unit Development Plans for Love’s Travel Stop and Country Store.

Roll call vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried. Ordinance #2019-1056
New Business:

The Newport Township Historical Society was present to inquire about the need for the installation of a fire alarm system upon their Wadsworth Road property. They noted that the residence was occupied for many years by Grace Shields, who donated it for historical purposes upon her death.

Administrator Amidei referred to the existing ordinance, which mentions public safety but does not identify non-profit uses. The Village Attorney suggested either a re-classification of a residential use or a waiver might be initiated.

A motion was made by Hayden, seconded by Zegar, to refer the matter to Ordinance Committee where the requirement might be reworded or an exception considered.

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

Amidei received a request from an area vendor regarding delivery of online liquor sales. Discussion followed, with the Village Attorney noting that state statute requires any such delivery to be made only to a person over the age of 21. Wadsworth would not need to enact any additional legislation. No action was taken on the matter.

Morgan Stanley will no longer service smaller municipal investment accounts. They have requested that all customers remove funds by the end of March. Amidei noted the funds can easily be transferred to the Village’s Illinois Funds Account, which also generates a larger rate of interest.

A motion was made by Zegar to leave the funds in the existing account as long as possible, even beyond the March 31 deadline. The motion died for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Jacobs, seconded by Dolan, to authorize moving the funds to the Illinois Funds Account before the March 31 deadline.

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

Building Inspector Nellessen had asked for a clarification of the 50% change rule that was added to our Fire Code Amendments in the past. He noted that a requirement in item number 7 conflicts with Section 903 of the Fire Code, causing ambiguity. After discussion, Trustee Hayden suggested moving the discussion to the Ordinance Committee for resolution, with which all agreed.

Roll call vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried. Trustee Hansen absent.

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

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

Village Administrator Report: Administrator Amidei received a complaint from a candidate that political signs had been removed. He noted that Lake County Department of Transportation often removes signs placed on their right of way. He this distributed a printed Wadsworth Ordinance which outlines areas in which political signs may be placed to all candidates who will appear on the April 2, 2019 ballot.

Amidei also reported that the Chicken Ordinance will be ready for a Public Hearing on April 8 or April 10. Five acres are currently required to maintain animals or livestock on a property. The new ordinance will only apply to properties smaller than five acres. He has sample ordinances from other communities.

Today he offered the employment position of Assistant Administrator to a candidate who was recently interviewed. Discussion will be held on Executive Session.
Committee Reports:

Finance: Trustee Harvey did not provide a Finance Committee report.

Public Service: Trustee Hansen did not provide a Public Service Committee report.

Planning, Zoning and Plats: Trustee Zegar did not provide a Planning, Zoning and Plats Committee report.

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

Road and Bridge: Trustee Dolan is awaiting the bid packets for the 2019 Wadsworth Road Program to be finalized and distributed by the Village Engineer.

Parks and Village Hall: Trustee Jacobs held a Parks and Village Hall committee meeting earlier this afternoon. He will provide a scope of work for the lower level of Village Hall and results of the future space needs meeting at a future meeting. Demolition of the Yorkhouse Road barn is about to begin. The water well has been sealed and the septic system closure should be completed tomorrow.

Miscellaneous: Some of the Intergovernmental Agreements which Wadsworth has in place with other entities customarily have terms which follow the elected term of the Village President. Amidei will make the required updates to have those agreements continue with the beginning date of President Ryback’s next term. He is also planning to hold at least one “Movie in the Park” as was done in previous years.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Jacobs, seconded by Hayden, to enter Executive Session at 7:35 PM to discuss Personnel.


Motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 7:45 PM.

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

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

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Zegar.


Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk