Call to Order: President Ryback called the meeting of the Village Board of Trustees to order at 6:04pm.

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 and Village Attorney Adam Lasker. Trustee Rodney Johnson attended remotely.

Remote attendance: President Ryback indicated that Trustee Johnson was out of town on business, but was present on a nearby speakerphone. A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Hayden, to have Trustee Johnson participate by remote attendance as permitted by Ordinance.


Public Comment: Newport Assessor Jerome Behrens made a brief introduction and noted that property assessments have been lowered by an average of 10% during the past year. Ryback noted that Behrens has been the assessor during the previous four years.

Resident Gary Hansen observed several discarded signposts in the dumpster and suggested that steel and scrap iron be segregated into a separate container for recycling by local scrap haulers in the area. Ryback will speak with Public Works on how to proceed.

Special Business: The Wadsworth Queens have requested the annual $1,000 scholarship for the outgoing Miss at the end of her reign in June. Ryback noted the amount has been awarded for the past 12 or 13 years.

A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Hansen, to prepare the scholarship for the current Miss Wadsworth.

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

The 2013 Road Maintenance Program was reviewed after several deletions discussed at the last meeting reduced the amount by $63,091.45. Removed items included excavation on Deer Creek Lane, Delany Road dredging work, Mulberry Lane and Golf Lane culvert work.

A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Hansen, to approve the annual Road Maintenance Program budget in an amount not to exceed $287,617.94.

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

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

a. Approval of the March 19, 2013 Village Board meeting minutes.
b. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of April 2, 2013, totaling $24,695.60.


Approval of Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Hansen, seconded by 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 to discuss.
Old Business:  There was no Old Business.

New Business:  There was no New Business.

Village President’s Report:  President Ryback reported on his attendance at a meeting earlier today with Congressman Randy Hultgren, State Senator Pam Althoff and several area Mayors regarding efforts to keep communications open with Washington and to bring Federal funding for infrastructure projects to the 14th District.

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

Village Administrator Report:  Administrator Amidei had returned from vacation only hours earlier and did not provide a report, but noted that our Village of Wadsworth article appeared in the Municipal Review Magazine this month as the highlighted community.

Committee Reports:

Finance:  Trustee Harvey would like to pay off the new truck and will meet with Trustee Zegar regarding options. He noted the red truck, at four years old, has needed repairs already. He thanked several grammar school students for attending today’s meeting. Regarding snowplowing, he spoke with Mark Kirschhoffer regarding snowplowing and wants to prepare for next season with some outside assistance. He also discussed future Intergovernmental Agreements with the Newport Township Road District for highway salt storage. Ryback learned at today’s meeting that salt pricing often decreases after May 1. Crittenden agreed that we should meet with the township regarding joint efforts. Harvey observed that road construction season has arrived, as equipment is being delivered to the Lake County projects on Delany Road and Wadsworth Road. He noted that many area roads will be under construction this summer. He was also pleased with the Queens assistance at the Easter Egg Hunt.

Parks and Village Hall:  Trustee Johnson was pleased with the Easter Egg Hunt and everyone’s assistance.

Public Service:  Trustee Hansen thanked Angelique Guthrie, the Wadsworth Queens and the Trustees for helping to make the Easter Egg Hunt a success. The weather was good and snowy areas were avoided.

Road and Bridge:  Trustee Crittenden has procured a John Deere “Gator” ATV on-site for demonstration, which was quite helpful in advance of the Easter Egg Hunt. The purchase cost with attachments and trade-in of the old tractor would be roughly $7,000. Rental of a loader from Burris for highway salt next winter would be $2,400 monthly. The township’s tractor is not big enough to pile the salt and Grasswick will not bring his machine next season. Crittenden has found pricing for a new $200,000 loader, discounted to $125,000 or a used one for $65,000.

Planning, Zoning & Plats:  Trustee Zegar has an idea regarding truck financing. His Easter Egg Hunt photos will be released tomorrow. His next newsletter will cover springtime road construction, the upcoming Farmer’s Market and Easter Egg Hunt recap. He was pleased that several volunteers for the market have responded to his newsletter request.

Ordinance Committee:  Trustee Hayden did not provide an Ordinance Report but complimented Hansen on the successful Easter Egg Hunt event and thanked the Newport Fire Department for bringing the Easter Bunny.

Adjournment:  There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:33PM on a motion by Hansen, seconded by Harvey. Voice vote: All Ayes. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk