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 Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Adam Lasker. Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton was absent.

Assessor Report: Also in attendance was Newport Township Assessor Jerome Behrens. He noted that tax bills were mailed out this week and gave a brief overview about the declining tax rate. He recalled that the tax rate increased 3% in 2015 and 6% in 2016, but decreased 4% for 2017. Brief discussion followed about agricultural taxes, with a 5 acre guideline often used but is not in the statute. The tax rate has resulted in equilibrium as property sale prices have increased.

Swearing-in Ceremony of Newly Elected Officials by the Honorable Judge Jay Ukena: Re-Elected Trustees Ben Dolan, Geralyn Hansen and Newly Elected Trustee Doug Jacobs each recited the Oath of Office as Administered by Judge Ukena.

Public Comment: There was no Public Comment.

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

a. Approval of the April 18, 2017 Village Board meeting minutes.

b. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of 5/2/2017, totaling $51,900.82

c. Motion to Approve issuance of Special Use Permit Liquor License to Saint Patrick’s Church/School to allow alcohol sales at annual fundraiser event to be held at the Onan pyramid Property at 37921 Dilleys Road on May 20, 2017 and waive any fees.

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

Approval of Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Jacobs, 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: Administrator Amidei referred to a draft Agreement with the Lake County Sheriff for traffic enforcement on Village streets where an increased amount of traffic has been observed by residents as traveling in excess of the posted speed limit along with the disobediance of stop signs. Trustees discussed terms of the Agreement and suggested it be posted for action at the next Village Board meeting.

Village President’s Report: President Ryback reported on his recent visit to Springfield and meeting with Governor Rauner which included several other Lake County Mayors who are also on the Board of Directors of the Lake County Municipal League. In an effort to produce a balanced state budget, many in state government are proposing to withhold funding from municipalities, funding which is rightfully due to municipalities across the state. He noted that many Villages may be forced to cut back on essential services to residents if the state does not pass through funding that is intended for municipalities but is only collected by the state.
Village Attorney’s Report: Attorney Lasker did not present a report but congratulated the three Trustees who began their new terms today.

Village Administrator Report: Administrator Amidei reported an inquiry from a cellular system operator about placing a flagpole style cell tower on the Village Hall grounds. Trustees agreed to give this item further consideration; they would like to see how such a facility would look upon Village grounds. The pre-construction meeting for the 2017 Wadsworth Road Program will be this Friday at Village Hall. Amidei also reviewed the proposed budget, which will be voted upon at an upcoming meeting. Discussion followed.

Committee Reports:
Finance: Trustee Harvey did not present a Finance report but suggested a get well gift be sent to the Village Clerk at Lake Forest Hospital.

Public Service: Trustee Hansen did not present a Public Service report.

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

Ordinance: Trustee Hayden did not present an Ordinance report.

Road and Bridge: Trustee Dolan discussed proposals he had solicited for a snow plow truck.

A motion was made by Dolan, seconded by Jacobs, to waive bidding requirements and accept the proposal of JX Peterbilt in Wadsworth to purchase a fully equipped single axle Model 348 Cab and Chassis at a price not to exceed $90,000 and to outfit the truck for snowplowing by Henderson of Huntley, Illinois for a total of $160,000.


Parks and Village Hall: Trustee Jacobs reported that cracks in the tennis court and basketball court had been sealed, preventing a possible trip hazard to players. He is also awaiting two engineering costs to reconstruct the courts, since they have settled significantly and the hot rubber sealant is only a temporary repair. He referenced the new, upholstered chairs in the meeting room which replace the old, metal folding chairs from the 60’s. Prices for playground equipment arrived just today. He will review the proposals this coming week.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Hayden, to enter Executive Session at 8:30PM to discuss Personnel.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Dolan, Hansen, Harvey, Hayden, Jacobs, Zegar. Nays: none. Motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 9:10 PM.

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

Results of Executive Session: No action will be taken.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Zegar.


Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk