

**Village of Wadsworth  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
Held at the Village Hall  
May 7, 2019**

**Swear-in Mayor and 3 Trustees:** President Ryback introduced the Honorable Charles Smith, Judge of the Nineteenth Circuit Court. He first administered the Oath of Office to Trustee R. Ken Harvey, who is serving a fourth term; then to Trustee Robert Hayden who is serving his third term and to Mildred Corder, who is beginning her first term. Judge Smith then administered the Oath of Office to President Glenn Ryback, who is serving his fourth term in that office. Ryback made a brief statement, thanking Judge Smith for his assistance. He spoke about challenges faced by many communities, including Wadsworth and encouraged all the Trustees to continue in the spirit of cooperation which they always exhibit. He thanked Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, who has served as Trustee, Mayor and most recently Village Clerk for the past twelve years.

**Call to Order:** President Ryback called the meeting of the Village Board of Trustees to order at 6:20pm.

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

**Roll Call:** In attendance were Village President Glenn Ryback, Village Trustees Mildred Corder, Ben Dolan, GERALYN Hansen, Ken Harvey, Robert Hayden and Doug Jacobs, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth.

**Public Comment:** Newport Township Assessor Jerome Behrens discussed the recently mailed 2019 Real Estate Tax Bills and provided an overview of the mass appraisal process utilized across the township. An additional informational page is included this year, outlining the percentage amounts of how tax dollars are collected. The page indicates that an average of 69% is given to school districts for operational costs. He spoke about the rate and levy, noting that when the assessment goes up, the rate usually goes down. He encouraged homeowners to apply for the homestead exemption and senior citizens over 65 to apply for the senior exemption. He also noted that 2019 is the quadrennial reassessment year, when each property value will be examined to be certain of any increase or decrease in value.

Ken Furlan made reference to the Ordinance to be acted upon today regarding the keeping of chickens. He believed the variable amount of poultry based upon acreage was more generous than needed since a chicken would produce 180 eggs annually, but could not be sold on the premises. He also questioned chicken coop construction and disposal of expired chickens. He will be included in that discussion later in the meeting.

Susan Zingle asked about mosquito spraying which is done Village-wide each summer. She believed the product being sprayed would not only kill a mosquito, but everything else upon which the spray settled. She was also concerned that grass and clover inadvertently sprayed with the product would be unhealthy when ingested by her ponies while at pasture. She asked if a more agricultural-friendly spray product was available and if larvicide could be done in standing water areas or if residents could opt-out of their area being sprayed. Trustee Hayden noted that larvicide tablets have been used in The Willows with success. Administrator Amidei indicated he would speak with Clarke Mosquito Spraying about the ingredients in their product.

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

- a. Approval of Bills To Be Paid as of May 7, 2019 in the amount of \$50,393.85.

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

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

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

**Discussion of removed topics:** Approval of the April 16, 2019 Village Board Meeting Minutes-A motion was made by Jacobs, seconded by Dolan, to approve the minutes as presented.

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

**Old Business:** An Ordinance regarding Love's Travel Stops was discussed by Amidei, with Chad Bruner of Love's providing an update on earthwork at the site. Dennis from the excavating company was also present to answer any questions.

A motion was made by Jacobs, seconded by Corder, to Adopt an Ordinance Approving a Minor Change to a Final Development Plan for Love's Travel Stops and Country Stores on Old US Highway 41 at Russell Road.

Roll call vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried. Ordinance 2019-1059.

**New Business:** Mr. Sean Collins from the Lake County Health Department discussed the GO Walking Initiative. (<https://www.livewelllakecounty.org/go-lake-county>.) He spoke at length about the benefits of walking on the various trails throughout Lake County. A calendar of events is available on the website. They will also be at the Wadsworth Farmers Market each Wednesday beginning July 10<sup>th</sup>.

The property owner from 40851 Delany Road was to appear, but the issue is now moot. The owner had submitted a plan that suggested that a proposed new pole barn would encroach in front of the primary structure on the property (home). However, after looking at a scaled plat of survey, the owner appears to have a few feet to spare to prevent this condition from occurring.

Amidei was seeking Village Board input as to our position on House Bill 348, which would dissolve Township Highway Road Districts in townships with less than 15 miles of roadway. Newport provides mowing and some plowing services at a great value to Wadsworth. After discussion, it was decided to take not action at this time.

Amidei referred to proposal from Clarke Mosquito to provide adulticiding control applications during the 2019 calendar year. After brief discussion, it was decided to table the topic until more information can be obtained regarding the ingredients in the spray solution.

**Village President's Report:** President Ryback indicated that Committee Assignments were not yet complete.

**Village Attorney's Report:** Attorney Asprooth provided an update from Springfield regarding the proposed Cannabis Bill.

**Village Administrator Report:** Administrator Amidei referred to proposals for tree replacement in the Village Parks and parkways in Wadsworth Trails Subdivision where dead Ash trees have been removed.

A motion was made by Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Hayden, to accept the proposal from Greco Landscaping in an amount not to exceed \$6605 to replace trees in the Village Parks and parkways throughout Wadsworth Trails Subdivision where dead Ash trees have been removed.

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

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Amidei also stated that the Appropriations Ordinance would be ready tomorrow for review and for adoption at the next meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance:**

Trustee Harvey did not provide a Finance Report, but asked about demolition progress on the Yorkhouse Road barn. He was told Petersen Excavation had not yet begun due to wet soil conditions.

**Public Service:**

Trustee Hansen reported that she has been clearing trash from the 21<sup>st</sup> Street right-of-way between Kilbourne and Delany Roads. She thanked Assistant to the Village Administrator Maurice Cashin for publishing a new “Easter Egg Hunt” manual, which identifies several improvements that can be incorporated into next year’s event.

**Planning, Zoning & Plats:**

The Planning, Zoning & Plats Chair has not yet been named.

**Ordinance:**

Trustee Hayden presented an Ordinance for the keeping of chickens. Lengthy discussion followed. The chart in the Ordinance was amended, which reduced the maximum number of chickens in Residential zoning to 24 from the originally proposed 36. Coops will require a building permit.

A motion was made by Hayden, seconded by Hansen, to Adopt an Ordinance Approving a Text Amendment to the Wadsworth Zoning Ordinance Regarding the Keeping of Chickens.

Roll call vote: Ayes-Corder, Dolan, Hansen, Hayden, Jacobs. Nay-Harvey. Motion carried. Ordinance #2019-1060.

**Parks and Village Hall:**

Trustee Jacobs has reviewed all proposals for restoration of the lower level office space in Village Hall. Amidei will prepare a comparison of the amounts.

**Road and Bridge:**

Trustee Dolan discussed a proposal from the Village Engineer for construction engineering services needed for the 2019 Village road Program.

A motion was made by Trustee Dolan, seconded by Trustee Harvey, to accept the proposal from Gewalt Hamilton, Incorporated in the amount of \$56,048 for construction engineering services associated with the 2019 Village road Program.

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

**Adjournment:**

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

Voice vote: All Ayes. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk