

**Village of Wadsworth  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
Held at the Village Hall  
May 17, 2016**

- 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 Tyler Crittenden, Ben Dolan, GERALYN Hansen, Ken Harvey, Robert Hayden and James Zegar, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski. Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton was absent.
- Special Business:** Newport Township Assessor Jerome Behrens updated the Board on taxable values and the tax multiplier. He noted that the "blue card" will be sent in July this year, which reflects information on the property it is addressed to. The card reflects a rolling 3-year value of property sales, which Behrens noted are increasing in value this past cycle. They had been decreasing for the past 6 years. The rate this year will probably remain at 10, 12 or 14, but he anticipates the rate to decrease as values increase in future years. Residents have 30 days from receipt of the Blue Card to file an appeal, if desired.
- 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 May 3, 2016 Village Board Meeting Minutes.
  - b. Approval of Treasurer's Report as of 4/30/16
  - c. Approval of checks issued between meetings, totaling \$58,990.17 (4/20/16-5/17/2016)
  - d. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of 5/17/16, totaling \$48,872.97.
- Voice vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried.
- Approval of Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Hansen approve the consent agenda as amended.
- Roll call vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried.
- Discussion of removed topics:** There were no removed topics.
- Old Business:** Discussion continued from last meeting regarding the most efficient size open trailer to purchase for equipment transport. Additional proposals were procured for 20' and 24' trailers, these model trailers were able to transport additional weight as compared to the previously discussed 20' version.
- A motion was made by Dolan, seconded by Crittenden, to establish a budget amount not to exceed \$7500 for purchase of a new 20' trailer.
- Roll call vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried.
- New Business:** A request was received from a private athletic fitness group to use the park and Village Hall grounds each morning for group exercise. The organizer is affiliated with Zion Benton High School and Zion Central Middle School. A group of 8-15 people from 15 to 60 years of age will use the sled hill and nearby areas as early as 5:30 AM, but not later than 6 or 7 PM each day. Trustees discussed the concept at length but decided to table the matter as Administrator Amidei confirms with the group as to whether or not this is a for-profit endeavor and to possibly amend the Village's park code to provide for a fee structure for these type of permit requests.
- A motion to table the matter was made by Crittenden, seconded by Dolan.

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

**Village President's Report:** President Ryback informed Trustees that he has been asked to serve on the newly formed Board of Directors for the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association. The group of seven will meet several times each year to establish policy and review investments for the insurance group of the IML. He also noted the Local Mayors group would be meeting June 2 in Wadsworth. The group includes Mayors along the Lake Michigan Shore and Gurnee, Park City and Wadsworth.

**Village Attorney's Report:** Attorney Nelson-Jaworski did not provide a report.

**Village Administrator Report:** Administrator Amidei indicated a Zoning Board/Plan Commission Public Hearing will be held next week for the Toors Truck-Stop building project on Russell Road. The existing building will be demolished and a new Denny's Restaurant will be part of the new building. A sign package will be reviewed at the meeting, requesting increased sign sizes which will be visible from the Interstate highway. I-94 RV Sales may also request increased signage for their location which is east of the Interstate at a future date. He is working on finalizing the Onan property zoning applications. The "Big Z" property owner will be in next week to present a proposal for a July event which could include a carnival. They may also seek a permanent liquor license for the site. Harvey was concerned about the carnival proposal, since the site has little or no pavement on which to erect the amusements. He reminded Trustees the IDOT Route 173 Study Group will resume meetings on May 24 which includes the corridor from Downtown Antioch to the Des Plaines River.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** Trustee Harvey did not provide a Finance Report, but asked about the snow plowing contract. Amidei indicated he has similar documents from four other entities that contract for municipal snowplowing, which he is utilizing as resources for the new contract. He has also spoken with the owner of the old Shelley Barn on Yorkhouse Road. Vandals are again pilfering the building for old barn wood. The property owner and his manager are making plans to demolish the remainder of the barn. It was reported that Ms. Variny has been canvassing her neighborhood seeking signatures in support of her "Enchanted Forest" business operating in the subdivision. Harvey has learned that Zion will dismantle the Fielders baseball park, which includes the lighting system. He asked if one could be utilized for our park. Ryback will meet with Mayor Hill next week on other business and learn more.

**Public Service:** Trustee Hansen was absent and did not provide a report.

**Planning, Zoning and Plats:** Trustee Zegar did not provide a PZP report, but noted that a recent newsletter discussed the process concerning property taxation. He worked with Assessor Behrens to obtain all the pertinent information. He also suggested that residents in the area of Routes 41 and 173 watch for information and attend meetings that will be held this summer about the intersection improvement proposed by IDOT. Several houses and a gas station canopy will be removed for the project.

**Ordinance Committee:** Trustee Hayden indicated an Ordinance Committee meeting will be held in the near future to address the Fire Code for business buildings.

**Road and Bridge:** Trustee Crittenden indicated a Road and Bridge meeting will be scheduled to review the Snow Plowing contract that Amidei is preparing.

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**Parks and Village Hall:**

Trustee Dolan discussed repairing the drainage line which is underneath the tennis court. Every few years the bituminous surface requires repair when the ground shifts, causing crack to appear in the surface. He will look into moving the pipe or moving the tennis court.

Amidei suggested adding Elm Lane and Deer Creek Lane to the list of roadways needing resurfacing.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:21PM on a motion by Harvey seconded by Dolan.

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

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Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk