

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
May 19, 2015**

- 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, Geralyn Hansen , Ken Harvey , Robert Hayden and James Zegar, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthefer. Trustee Ben Dolan was absent.
- Public Comment:** Township Assessor Jerome Behrens was in attendance and discussed the 2014 tax bills that were recently mailed to Lake County property owners. Trustees asked questions and most noted an increase in their tax bill amounts. Behrens indicated that assessments fell slightly again this year, but that the County increased the tax rate on his lower assessments, resulting in some tax bills being higher.
- 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 May 5, 2015 Village Board Meeting Minutes.
 - b. Approval of Treasurer's Report as of 4/30/15.
 - c. Approval of checks issued between meetings, totaling \$46,072.67(4/22/15-5/19/2015)
 - d. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of 5/19/15, totaling \$1,399.36
 - e. Adoption of Resolution 2015-259 Approving an Affordable Housing Plan for the Village of Wadsworth.
 - f. Adoption of Ordinance 2015-950 Vacating and Conveying title to part of Magnolia Avenue in the Village of Wadsworth. .
- Voice vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried. Trustee Dolan absent.
- Approval of Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Zegar, to approve the consent agenda as presented.
- Voice vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried. Trustee Dolan absent.
- Discussion of removed topics:** There were no removed topics.
- Old Business:** There was no Old Business.
- New Business:** Owners of the Big Z property on north Delany road intend to hold a family festival in conjunction with Together for Childhood Network on June 28 to which 200 people are invited. The event will be held from noon until 6PM, with clean-up lasting until 8PM. A Lake County Health Department permit is currently in process. Village code requires an event of this size to have Village Board approval.
- A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Hansen, to authorize the event.
- Voice vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried. Trustee Dolan absent.
- Village President's Report:** President Ryback reported on the Lake County Forest Preserve District meeting last week when 60 acres of vacant property at the west side of Old Skokie Highway, a 4-lane divided highway, was purchased for Forest Preserve use. Township Supervisor Whitmore, Trustee Zegar, President Ryback, Fire Chief Kirschhoffer and two other residents spoke in favor of leaving the property for commercial use. Administrator Amidei also informed the District the site was intended for business in the newly adopted Wadsworth Comprehensive Plan. Forest Preserve District Commissioner Bonnie Carter noted that observing municipal comprehensive plans would be too confusing for Forest

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Preserve property purchases and that the owner was a willing seller who had come forward wishing to sell the property to a qualified buyer.

Village Attorney's Report:

Attorney Krafthefer did not present a report.

Village Administrator Report:

Administrator Amidei discussed annexing several surrounded properties in town. Trustees agreed he should prepare the necessary paperwork for the annexations.

He also reported that the 1991 John Deere tractor had sold at auction for \$7,000 and the purchaser came last Thursday to take it away.

He has observed the old Shelley Barn on Yorkhouse Road is being dismantled by unknown intruders and will contact the owner to learn of his future intentions for the barn.

Residents have reported malfunctions of the railroad crossing gates near the Des Plaines River, which commonly occurs on weekdays at 8AM during drive time. Amidei frequently contacts the railroad corporate offices but rarely do they return his calls.

He has also learned of frequent speeding vehicles along Chicago Avenue from residents. Trustees discussed enforcement opportunities and directed Amidei to continue his research.

Committee Reports:

Finance:

Trustee Harvey complimented the excellent maintenance of the Campanella Park ballpark infield. Amidei noted that the used John Deere machine intended for purchase to maintain the infield would lose power during operation and was later returned to the seller for a full refund. A similar machine became available from the Burris Equipment rental fleet for less money and was purchased instead.

Public Service:

Trustee Hansen did not provide a Public Service report.

Planning, Zoning and Plats:

Trustee Zegar reported that now two entries have been submitted for the Village Logo contest and the extended deadline is May 31. More information will be discussed at the next meeting.

Ordinance Committee:

Trustee Hayden did not provide an Ordinance report.

Road and Bridge:

Trustee Crittenden and Administrator Amidei have procured pricing to resurface the easterly 600 feet of Hanssen Road ending at Route 41. This section was last surfaced by Warren Township prior to a previous annexation in the area. A discounted price was successfully negotiated with Peter Baker and Sons Company for the work, who will be paving the adjacent highway for IDOT this summer. IDOT also intends to replace a drainage way culvert at the intersection of Hanssen Road and Route 41.

A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Hansen, to waive the competitive bidding procedure and accept a contract from Peter Baker and Sons in the amount of \$27,064.33 for the paving work.

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

Parks and Village Hall:

Trustee Dolan was absent and did not submit a Parks and Village Hall report.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Crittenden.

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

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk