

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
May 20, 2014**

- Call to Order:** President Ryback called the meeting of the Village Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 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, Robert Hayden, Ken Harvey, GERALYN HANSEN and James Zegar, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Adam Lasker.
- Special Business:** Newport Township Assessor Jerome Behrens briefly outlined assessments and noted the state multiplier has now returned to a factor of “one” from a higher 1.02 amount last year. He thanked Zegar for the article he published in the last newsletter regarding taxes. He also noted that while assessments decreased about 30% in the past five years, the tax rate from taxing bodies has increased. The current bill reflects an assessment decrease of 9%. He encouraged residents with questions to call his office regarding their property assessment and reminded that the actual dollar amount on tax bills is not established by his office. The quadrennial re-assessment will begin in 2015 as required by law.
- Public Comment:** There was no Public Comment.
- Establish Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Hansen, to establish a consent agenda for the following items:
- a. Approval of the May 6, 2014 Village Board Meeting Minutes.
 - b. Approval of Treasurer’s Report as of 4/30/14.
 - c. Approval of checks issued between meetings, totaling \$60,989.10(4/16/14-5/20/14)
 - d. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of 5/20/14, totaling \$13,248.75
- Voice vote: Ayes-all Nays-none Motion carried.
- Approval of Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Zegar, seconded by Hansen, to approve the consent agenda as presented.
- Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried.
- Old Business:** Amidei attended a meeting earlier today and reminded Trustees that the Des Plaines River Watershed Workgroup is seeking a letter of support for their future efforts. Annual dues will be just over \$4,000 and will help Wadsworth comply with new EPA regulations and outfall monitoring. Discussion followed regarding measures the group is proposing. While all were in agreement with the proposal, Zegar believes that addressing fertilizer containing high phosphorus levels and carp should be included in the Workgroup’s mission. He had also consulted with Dr. Donald Hey of Wetlands Research Incorporated.
- A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Zegar, to send the letter of support provided by Trustee Zegar to the Des Plaines River Watershed Workgroup, but to delay forwarding dues until the fertilizer issue is addressed.
- Voice vote: Ayes-all Nays-none Motion carried.
- New Business:** John Ress of the Freedom Farm for Vets was present, seeking a License to use certain Boulevard View Avenue unimproved right-of-way as a driveway and for continued farming purposes. He made a brief presentation about his operation and described how the setting is beneficial to Veterans returning from Service with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. The VA screens Vets prior to recommending them to Ress. The driveway area will be used for a first-aid trailer. Trustees commended Ress for the valuable service he provides. Ress stated that all are welcome at the farm, not only veterans.

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A motion was made by Zegar, seconded by Hansen, to adopt an Ordinance Approving a License to Use Certain Boulevard View Avenue right-of-way for a Driveway and other purposes for the Rosemary Ress/Freedom Farm for Vets Property.

Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried. Ordinance # 2014-925

Village President's Report: President Ryback reported on his Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning-Council of Mayors Executive Committee meeting earlier today at Willis Tower in Chicago. The Committee is comprised of two Mayors from each of the collar counties and seeks Federal funding for the region. Mayor Rockingham of North Chicago is Chairman of the Lake County Council of Mayors and Ryback was recently elected as Vice-Chair by the local Council.

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

Village Administrator Report: Administrator Amidei reported on his attendance at a meeting with Waukegan National Airport. The Waukegan Port Authority, which operates the airport, is seeking \$40 million dollars from the state for a Green Bay Road tunnel installation. The airport is currently operating under a waiver as runway 14 length does not meet newer regulations. The Toors Truckstop on Russell Road is considering replacing their existing building and will be in for a preliminary meeting next week.

The Plan Commission will meet on May 22 to discuss the comments and feedback received concerning the draft comprehensive plan and will consider possible changes to their working draft.

A presentation will be made just before our June 3 Board Meeting by Michael Talbett, Village Administrator of Kildeer, regarding that Village's successful implementation of a sales tax referendum. It will begin at 5 PM.

The Wadsworth Road construction punch-list has been released by Lake County DOT, with final items and repairs taking place in the downtown area during the next few weeks. Amidei recently spoke with Winthrop Harbor Police regarding the Saint Patrick's traffic detail. They indicated that trains often cause congestion problems, but traffic control has indeed been adjusted subsequent to the final pavement striping being installed.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Trustee Harvey did not provide a Finance report.

Public Service: Trustee Hansen asked for a clarification of the noise ordinance after learning of a loud residential party on 21st Street, east of Delany Road.

Planning, Zoning and Plats: Trustee Zegar did not include a merchant coupon in the last newsletter but will seek another area business wishing to promote their services for the next edition.

Ordinance Committee: Trustee Hayden did not present an Ordinance report.

Road and Bridge: Trustee Crittenden did not provide a Road and Bridge Report.

Parks and Village Hall: Trustee Dolan did not provide a Parks and Village Hall Report.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Hayden, to enter Executive Session at 7:10 PM to discuss Personnel.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Crittenden, Dolan, Harvey, Hansen, Hayden, Zegar. Nays: none.

Motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 8:10 PM.

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Return to Regular Session Roll: Crittenden, Hansen, Harvey, Hayden, Johnson, Zegar, Ryback.

Executive Session Results: A motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Dolan, to adjust employee salaries by two percent and the Village Administrator by two and six-tenths percent.

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

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Hayden.

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

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk