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, Ken Harvey, Geralyn Hansen, Robert Hayden and James Zegar, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Adam Lasker.

Special Business: The new owners of the Big Z riding club property were in attendance to present their concept for expanded uses of the site and had a small mock-up model to exhibit. They are proposing “petting-zoo” uses similar to those found at Lambs Farm in Libertyville and would cater to day-camp groups. On-site hayrides would also be offered on the 7-plus acre site. Amidei will work with the property owners to determine what type of zoning relief/process will be required.

Public Comment: There was no Public Comment.

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

a. Approval of the June 18, 2013 (corrected) and July 2, 2013 Village Board meeting minutes.

b. Approval of Treasurer’s Report as of 6/30/13.

c. Approval of checks issued between meetings, totaling $57,399.29(6/19/13-7/16/13)

d. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of 7/16/13, totaling $35,084.31

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. Ordinance # 2013-902

Discussion of removed topics: There were no removed topics.

Old Business: There was no Old Business.

New Business: Amidei referred to the Illinois Municipal League annual conference schedule and inquired as to the number of Village Board members who may be attending, noting that this is the 100th Conference and registration may be high this year.

A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Dolan, to authorize a budget amount for each Village official not to exceed $1,000.

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

Village President’s Report: President Ryback did not provide a report.

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

Village Administrator Report: Administrator Amidei did not provide a report.

Committee Reports:
Finance:
Trustee Harvey suggested a Road and Bridge Committee meeting be held to discuss a driveway on a Village right-of-way on the Weir property along Wadsworth Road. He also discussed the status of the Route 173 property and the old Post Office. Harvey identified a Wadsworth Road property owned by Ron Krieg at the east Village limit. An in-progress County road improvement may divert an increased amount of rainwater run-off onto private property in the adjacent subdivision by eliminating some existing driveway culverts. He will work with Administrator Amidei to bring Craig’s concerns to the attention of the Lake County Division of Transportation, who is working in the area.

Discussion regarding mowing of roadway shoulders followed, with Newport Township to mow only Old Russell Road. Amidei reported that Wadsworth staff has already mowed all other shoulders in the Village.

Harvey again suggested paying off the note on the new white Ford dump-truck. A motion was made by Harvey and seconded by Dolan, with much discussion following. Harvey deferred to Zegar, who outlined the pitfalls of prematurely eliminating working capital. Zegar indicated that carrying the existing 3% note for a few years was a better choice, one that he had often recommended to his clients during his long career as a Certified Public Accountant. Following the discussion, both Trustees withdrew their motion and second, agreeing to re-visit the concept after the Route 173 Village property has been sold.

Public Service:
Trustee Hansen did not provide a report.

Planning, Zoning and Plats:
Trustee Zegar referred to a proposed Ordinance, which would clarify and update Home Occupations and Accessory Buildings. One change would diminish the size of an outbuilding requiring no permit, currently at 180 square feet, to 120 square feet. The smaller size is consistent with the International Building Code in effect. Some Trustees disagreed with the smaller size and asked hold the Ordinance until next meeting. Zegar also has an email newsletter prepared and indicated he would release it later today outlining the success of the Farmer’s Market and other pertinent information.

Ordinance Committee:
Trustee Hayden did not provide a report.

Road and Bridge:
Trustee Crittenden referred to an Ordinance, which would help control on-street parking in the Southeast District during events at the Waukegan SportsPark. Rather than pay the $5 parking fee to Waukegan Park District, event attendees often park on both sides of nearby Wadsworth streets. The Lake County Sheriff’s Department has indicated they cannot accommodate our request to issue parking tickets in the area. The Ordinance provides that illegally parked vehicles will be towed away by a Village designated contractor.

A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Harvey, to adopt An Ordinance Amending the Village Code concerning Parking Violations in the Southeast District.

Roll call vote: Ayes-all Nays-none Motion carried. Ordinance 2013-904

Crittenden also reported on a previous Road and Bridge Committee meeting regarding snowplowing, which included the current contractor and several truck operators. At a subsequent meeting, the discussion will continue regarding the logistics of utilizing Village trucks and employees to lessen current outsourced costs.

Savings already realized have been from purchasing highway salt through the State purchasing contract and storing it in the new barn. Purchase of a loader to pile and load the salt was discussed at previous meetings. Due to the long-term corrosive qualities of salt, it was determined that leasing a loader annually was most cost effective.
A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Hayden, to lease a loader for the winter season in an amount not to exceed $15,000.

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

Parks and Village Hall:

Trustee Dolan reported on a recent Parks and Village Hall committee meeting. He is hoping to establish a line item budget and system to track labor time by operation or project for site maintenance.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:09PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Hayden.


Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk