

**Village of Wadsworth  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
Held at the Village Hall  
July 21, 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, Ben Dolan, GERALYN Hansen, Ken Harvey, Robert Hayden and James Zegar, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthefer.

**Public Comment:** Newport Assessor Jerome Behrens reported that the “blue card” property assessment notices will be in the mail next week. Residents will have 30 days to appeal information about their property. Behrens noted that most adjustments are done with a phone call to his office, with others continuing on to the Board of Review or State Property Tax Assessment Board. He again reminded that while values have decreased 25% during the last few years, the tax rate has increased about 30%. In this quadrennial tax assessment year, he expects values to increase 3% but has no control over the tax rate requested by the 13 taxing bodies which levy taxes.

**Special Business:** Administrator Amidei referenced a draft annexation agreement for Trustees to review after updates by the Village Attorney and the property owner’s attorney. The owner was present to answer questions. Trustees were in consensus that the revised agreement was adequate and encouraged the owner to continue the annexation process for the pyramid property which is in Warren Township along Dilley Road.

A property at the Southeast corner of Route 173 and Delany Road received a temporary use permit for log splitting and firewood sales two years ago. The permit must be renewed annually pending Village Board approval.

A motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Zegar, to renew the permit for another 12-month period.

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

The event organizer and property owner were both in attendance to request authorization for a large festival to be held on the former Big Z Riding Club site on Delany Road. A similar gathering was held in June. The organizer identified some traffic movement issues during the last event, but now has the permission of neighbors for additional parking as needed. The holiday event is expected to draw nearly 1,000 people and provides children and their families with an opportunity to see many farm animals.

A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Dolan, to authorize the requested event for August, with the stipulation that they can meet the use standards as set out in a previous email letter to them.

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

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

- a. Approval of the July 7, 2015 Village Board Meeting Minutes.
- b. Approval of Treasurer’s Report as of 6/30/15.
- c. Approval of checks issued between meetings, totaling \$96,931.19(6/17/15-7/21/2015)
- d. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of 7/21/15, totaling \$9,644.72

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

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**Approval of Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Hayden, seconded by Zegar, to approve the consent agenda as presented.  
Voice vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried.

**Discussion of removed topics:** There were no removed topics.

**Old Business:** There was no Old Business.

**New Business:** There was no New Business.

**Village President's Report:** President Ryback discussed a request by Lake County for a Letter of Support for Route 53 and the Route 120 By-pass. Trustees suggested waiting for more information so they could present an informed position.

Ryback asked who might be attending the annual IML conference in September so Amidei could establish a budget amount and make timely arrangements.

Ryback and Amidei have noted that a number of municipalities have consolidated their Zoning Board of Appeals and Plan Commission to gain efficiency and decrease processing times for zoning revisions. Brief discussion followed regarding the advantages of merging of the two Boards.

A motion was made by Zegar, seconded by Hayden, to adopt an Ordinance Amending the Village Code Regarding the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Roll call vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried. Ordinance #2015-956.

Ryback identified several vacancies on the ZBA due to attrition and confirmed that this was an optimum time to merge the two entities. He and Attorney Krafthefer established the various term lengths for the new appointments for seven members of the new Plan Commission following the staggered term lengths used in the past as follows:

- A five year term for Judy Adams and Thomas Pawlak,
- A four year term for Richard Standriff and Robert Schreiner,
- A three year term for Matthew Nordigian,
- A two year term for Charles Rossman,
- A one year term for Renee O'Brien (currently in an unexpired term).

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

**Village Attorney's Report:** Attorney Krafthefer did not present a report.

**Village Administrator Report:** Administrator Amidei advised the Board on costs to update the Village website. He avoided the costly systems used by other Villages and suggested an upgrade costing \$2500 which would allow more versatility using the Village's existing vendor. After discussion, Zegar noted that neighboring municipalities may require such website systems with more functionality that what is actually needed in Wadsworth and felt that the \$2670 price (which included content review services) represented good value for the residents. A newly designed website is needed as many times this resource is the first thing people look at when researching or visiting Wadsworth.

A motion was made by Zegar, seconded by Crittenden, to authorize an amount not to exceed \$2670 to update the Village website.

Roll call vote: Ayes-all Nays-Dolan. Motion carried.

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He also informed Trustees that Newport Township Fire Commissioner John Brewer had retired last Friday and that Trudy Alu-Matta would be assuming his duties.

The Route 173 railroad quiet zone project continues. The contractor who will install the delineators will meet with IDOT very soon for their directives. The speed limit will also be reduced from 55 to 50 MPH in the immediate area as part of the project.

Amidei has ordered several survey plats for upcoming annexations to be completed in the next few months.

The contractor will begin with new sidewalks near Village Hall in the next week or two.

Traffic study equipment will be placed along Chicago Avenue tomorrow which will obtain data regarding vehicles counts and vehicle speeds. It will be moved to Cashmore Road the following week to gain similar data there.

**Committee Reports:  
Finance:**

Trustee Harvey presented a budget to for the upcoming fiscal year to better track expenses and to provide Trustees with an amount available for projects to be undertaking in future years. Krafthefer noted the budget was for internal use and does not replace the Annual Appropriation Ordinance which has already been adopted. An additional table for a QuickBooks format will be prepared by Treasurer Kwiecinski.

A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Dolan, to Adopt an Ordinance Adopting a Budge for the Fiscal Year 2015/2016 for the Village of Wadsworth.

Roll call vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried. Ordinance #2015-957.

**Public Service:**

Trustee Hansen did not provide a Public Service report.

**Planning, Zoning and Plats:**

Trustee Zegar did not provide a report, but indicated his support for the new website.

**Ordinance Committee:**

Trustee Hayden did not provide an Ordinance report.

**Road and Bridge:**

Trustee Crittenden referenced the updated package entitled Specifications and Contract Proposal for 2015-2017 Snow/Ice Removal in The Village of Wadsworth. He reviewed several updated items, which he indicated would provide good control of operations during inclement weather and help to control salt costs. Discussion of the package followed.

A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Zegar, to Authorize Commencement of the Bid Process for Snow/Ice Removal services upon Village roadways for the 2015 through 2017 winter seasons.

Voice vote: Ayes-Crittenden, Dolan, Hansen, Hayden, Zegar. Nay-Harvey. Motion carried.

**Parks and Village Hall:**

Trustee Dolan did not provide a Parks and Village Hall report.

**Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Hansen, to enter Executive Session at 7:55 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 8:08 PM.

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**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Hansen.

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

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Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk