

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall by President Ryback, Clerk Hoselton,
Trustees Corder and Jacobs, With Four remaining Trustees, Staff
and Public by teleconference via Go To Meeting Service
July 21, 2020**

- Call to Order:** President Ryback called the meeting of the Village Board of Trustees to order at 6:07pm.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** President Ryback led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call:** In attendance at Village Hall were Village President Glenn Ryback and Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Trustees Mildred Corder and Doug Jacobs. In attendance by teleconference were Village Trustees Ben Dolan, GERALYN Hansen, Robert Hayden and Fred Witte; Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth. All members could hear and be heard by each other.
- Remote Confirmation:** A motion was made by Dolan, seconded by Witte, to allow members of the Village Board to attend this meeting remotely.
- Roll call vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried.
- Public Comment:** There was no Public Comment.
- Establish Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Trustee Corder, seconded by Trustee Jacobs, to establish a consent agenda for the following items:
- a. Approval of the July 7, 2020 Village Board Meeting Minutes as presented.
 - b. Approval of the Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2020.
 - c. Approval of Checks Issued Between Meetings, June 17, 2020 to July 21, 2020, totaling \$189,571.08.
 - d. Approval of Bills To Be Paid as of July 21, 2020 in the amount of \$ 28,679.95.
- Roll call vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried.
- Approval of Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Trustee Jacob, seconded by Trustee Corder, to approve the consent agenda as presented.
- Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Nays-none. Motion carried.
- Discussion of removed topics:** There were no removed topics.
- Old Business:** Brief discussion was held regarding the revised Reciprocal License Agreement with Saint Patrick School regarding use of adjacent Village property. Attorney Asprooth explained minor revisions suggested by the Archdiocese is currently under review and expects minor changes to the agreement.
- A motion was made by Corder, seconded by Jacobs, to Adopt a reciprocal License Agreement between the Village of Wadsworth and the Catholic Bishop of Chicago pending final attorney review.
- Roll call vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried.
- New Business:** The sale of a package liquor store business and property is expected to occur at 41404 US Highway 41 in the near future. The adjacent property owner, Taj Lakhani, intends to not only remodel the appearance of the building after his purchase, but to utilize all three units. The first will continue as a package liquor retail store, requiring a new liquor license of the same classification as is presently in use. Brief discussion was held, including input from Mr. Lakhani about his intentions to open a restaurant in the second unit featuring Indian cuisine and a bar. He has no plan for the third unit yet. The Village Board was supportive of creating a new package goods license to replace the one which will be retired when the current ownership concludes. Taj anticipates a two-month remodel period for the store and up to six months to complete the restaurant construction.

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We will authorize the new license at a future meeting.

A request from Mount Rest Cemetery Secretary Heide Olson was received, requesting a license for installation of a traffic control gate on Edwards Road, 200 feet west of the road's termination point near Interstate 94. The Cemetery has experienced vandalism when unknown persons enter and cause damage to the monuments either by hand or by driving vehicles across the monuments. The roadway gate and adjacent boulders are intended to stop vehicular entrance to the cemetery during nighttime hours. Trustee Witte inquired about the south driveway entrance and was informed by Trustee Dolan another gate is planned for that driveway as well. Access keys to the gate will be shared with Wadsworth. It was further noted that cemetery visitors are not permitted to park along Old Skokie Highway frontage but must park on-site. Following further discussion, the Village Attorney was directed to prepare a license agreement for the Edwards Road gate. Legal costs will be paid by Wadsworth rather than being billed to the cemetery.

Trustee Jacobs referred to a letter from Pam Holmes, representing The Daughters of the American Revolution, Ansel Brainerd Cook Chapter in Libertyville. This Chapter has "adopted" Mount Rest, which was established in 1848. She is seeking financial support for restoration, preservation and repair of cemetery markers at Mount Rest. Of the 56 Veterans who are buried there, only Henry Collins served in the Revolutionary War. Others served in the Seminole Indian War, Civil War, WW1, WW2, Korean War and Vietnam War.

Trustee Jacobs noted that several grave monuments are either weathered or have been vandalized. Attorney Asprooth stated that any funds used for a public purpose to benefit taxpayers at large would be a permissible expense. It could promote future tourism, since the cemetery is open to the public, not only to families of the deceased within the cemetery.

A motion was made by Jacobs, seconded by Corder, to donate \$1,000 to The Daughters of the American Revolution, for restoration, preservation and repair of cemetery markers at Mount Rest Cemetery in Wadsworth. Discussion followed regarding the actual cost of restoring stone monuments from the mid-1800's. Jacobs then amended his motion to increase the donation amount to \$1,500, which was again seconded by Corder.

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

Brief discussion was held regarding our intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Beach Park for Building Inspection and Construction Plan Review. The Community Development Director recently left the Village for employment in Wisconsin. Smaller projects can be reviewed by other staff personnel, but larger projects cannot be reviewed by Beach Park staff. Administrator Amidei has researched two firms which offer this service to other Lake County communities. B & F Code Enforcement Services is too busy to take on additional work at this time, but SAFEbuilt has adequate capacity for our needs. Amidei noted that our 2006 Building Code will need to be updated to the 2018 standard in the near future, bringing Wadsworth current with many adjacent communities and providing a favorable ISO insurance rating for property owners in the Village.

A motion was made by Jacobs, seconded by Corder, Authorizing the Execution of a one-year Professional Services Agreement between the Village of Wadsworth, Illinois and SafeBuilt Illinois, LLC.

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Village President's Report: President Ryback provided an update of his efforts to procure warning signage on Route 41 at Kelly Road. The intersection will see increased traffic beginning on August 4 when the Dilley's and Wadsworth Road intersection is closed for three months for roundabout construction and all traffic in the area will be directed to Route 41 or Route 173 at Mill Creek Road.

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

Village Administrator Report: Administrator Amidei referred to an expense sheet which illustrated all Covid-19 expenses incurred by Wadsworth which qualify as CARES Act reimbursable expenses from Lake County using an intergovernmental agreement.

A motion was made by Corder, seconded by Hayden, to Execute the Covid-19 Relief Fund Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Lake And Village of Wadsworth.

Roll call vote: Ayes-Corder, Dolan, Hayden, Hansen, Witte. Nays-Jacobs. Motion carried.

Amidei indicated that a press release will be provided by Lake County Division of Transportation regarding the closing of Dilley's Road at Wadsworth Road for 3 months (August 4 thru Nov 1) during roundabout construction after the Wadsworth Road Bridge is completed on August 3.

He noted that Wadsworth has a Census completion rate of 80%. The Census Bureau will not provide specific addresses of households who have not completed the Census, but directed us to the areas of Wadsworth with the lowest compliance rates. A postcard will be mailed in early August.

The new Love's Travel Center will open this week. They have been issued a Certificate of Occupancy and plan for a soft opening, with a ribbon cutting to be planned in the near future. Amidei remarked that the entire process of working with Love's office staff and on-site contractors all went very smoothly.

Committee Reports:

Finance: President Ryback indicated he did not have a Finance Report to present.

Public Service: Trustee Hansen is concerned about holding the annual Pig Roast and Concert in the Park, which is only 2 months away. Discussion followed regarding Covid-19 best practices and what the State of Illinois may require as time goes on. It was decided to cancel the event for this year. She will notify Howard we will not need his band this year.

Planning, Zoning and Plats: Trustee Hayden agreed that the annual Pig Roast and Concert in the Park should not be held this year and noted that the annual Newport Township Fire Department fundraiser held at Jim Belli's farm will not be held this year, either.

Road and Bridge: Trustee Dolan reported that there are no action items to discuss today, however work continues on punch-list items remaining from last year's road program.

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Ordinance Committee: Trustee Jacobs referred to updated information furnished by the State of Illinois requiring new training regarding personnel. Following brief discussion on the topic and a recommendation by the Village Attorney, he suggested the following.

A motion was made by Jacobs, seconded by Corder, to Adopt a Resolution Adopting a Policy for Handling Complaints of Sexual Harassment made by one elected Official Against Another Elected Official.

Roll call vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried. Resolution #2020-295.

Parks and Village Hall: Trustee Corder reported observing many folks using the Village Park walking trail leach morning and the playground and baseball field later in the day. Boller Construction will install the back-ordered doors and kick plates when they arrive. The new service countertop will be installed this week. She has another quote to repair or replace the front entrance door with a second one proposal expected shortly.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Jacobs, seconded by Witte, to enter Executive Session at 7:36 PM to review Executive Session Minutes. 2C-21

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ryback, Corder, Dolan, Hansen, Hayden, Jacobs, Witte. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board returned to regular session at 7:50 PM.

Return to Regular Session Roll: Ryback, Corder, Dolan, Hansen, Hayden, Jacobs, Witte.

Results of Executive Session: A motion was made by Jacobs, seconded by Hansen, to Adopt a Resolution Approving and Making a Determination On Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ryback, Dolan, Hansen, Hayden, Jacobs, Witte. Nays: none. Abstain: Corder. Motion carried. Resolution #2020-296

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM on a motion by Witte, seconded by Hayden.

Roll call vote: All Ayes. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk