

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
August 18, 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, Robert Hayden and James Zegar, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski. Trustee Ken Harvey was absent.

Public Comment: There was no Public Comment.

Special Business: State Representative Sheri Jesiel provided an update from Springfield regarding many issues which are currently being addressed. She noted that Motor Fuel Taxes and Video Gaming revenue is not being remitted due to the lack of a State Budget. However, the LGDF (Local Government Distributive Funds) continue at the usual amount. Governor Rauner has suggested those fund amounts be reduced to all municipalities which would require significant public safety cutbacks at the local level. She hopes to provide some relief from Prevailing Wage requirements for smaller municipal projects and noted that about 95,000 residents have left Illinois in the past year. Income is down by 8 billion dollars.

After her presentation she introduced Mr. Tracey Johnson, who spoke at length about proposing an Amtrak train stop in Wadsworth. He noted that in the past, Metra routes were intended to travel to Milwaukee, but have never gone further than Kenosha. He noted that 75% of Amtrak funds come from Wisconsin and 25% from Illinois. He also provided traffic counts from nearby highways which would support potential ridership on the line. He identified locations for a train stop and noted the cost of construction for the Sturtevant station was roughly \$4.2 million. The line currently runs between downtown Milwaukee and downtown Chicago, stopping only at Mitchell Field, Sturtevant and Glenview.

Ryback and the Trustees thanked Representative Jesiel and Mr. Tracey Johnson for their presentations. Representative Jesiel will send a letter to Amtrak in efforts to ascertain the feasibility of a future train stop in the Wadsworth Area either along the IL-173 or Wadsworth Road corridors.

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 August 4, 2015 Village Board Meeting Minutes.
- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report as of 7/31/15.
- c. Approval of checks issued between meetings, totaling \$62,660.32(7/22/15-8/18/2015)
- d. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of 8/18/15, totaling \$6,608.67

Voice vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried. Trustee Harvey absent.

Approval of Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Dolan, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Voice vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried. Trustee Harvey absent.

Discussion of removed topics: There were no removed topics.

Old Business: There was no Old Business.

New Business: There was no New Business.

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- Village President's Report:** President Ryback reported on his attendance at the 2015 Wadsworth Pageant at Midlane Golf Resort with Trustees Crittenden and Zegar. Trustee Zegar volunteered his time and equipment as the event photographer, providing photos for the newsletter and to the families. Our new Miss Wadsworth is Jordan Boucher, Junior Miss is Ciara Robinson and Little Miss is Isabella Robinson.
- Village Attorney's Report:** Attorney Jaworski did not present a report.
- Village Administrator Report:** Administrator Amidei made reference to an Ordinance for a property which had been foreclosed by the lender. To date, Amidei has directed the building to be secured by a board-up service and public access to the site restricted by driveway barrier. Amidei indicated the house and barn are severely deteriorated and has arranged to take control of the property from the lender by agreement. Newport Township Fire Department will utilize both structures for training purposes after they have been prepared for the exercise.
- A motion was made by Hayden, seconded by Zegar, adopting an Ordinance to Accept Certain Property Located within the Village of Wadsworth.
- Roll call vote: Ayes-Crittenden, Dolan, Hansen, Hayden, Zegar Nays-none. Motion carried. Trustee Harvey absent. Ordinance #2015-958.
- Committee Reports:**
- Finance:** Trustee Harvey was absent and did not provide a report.
- Public Service:** Trustee Hansen did not provide a Public Service report.
- Planning, Zoning and Plats:** Trustee Zegar also reported on the Wadsworth Pageant and suggested a modest prize amount for the Junior and Little Miss, as Miss Wadsworth is the only one currently receiving an award.
- Ordinance Committee:** Trustee Hayden reminded Trustees to incorporate the two update packages in their Ordinance Books from Sterling Codifiers to keep the books current.
- Road and Bridge:** Trustee Crittenden advised the Board that the driveway proposal for the Village's Wadsworth Road property is presently under review by the Army Corps of Engineers. When approved, a new entrance to the site can be installed at the end of Caroline Avenue. Crittenden hopes to procure asphalt grindings at minimal cost from the Route 41 resurfacing project currently in progress.
- Parks and Village Hall:** Trustee Dolan reported that the new concrete sidewalks adjacent to Village Hall are now complete, as are the concrete slabs for new benches in the dugout areas of the softball field in Campanella Park. The benches will be installed after the concrete cures completely in 30 days.
- Executive Session:** A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Hayden, to enter Executive Session at 7:25PM to review Executive Session Minutes and discuss Land Acquisition.
- Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Crittenden, Dolan, Hansen, Hayden, Zegar. Nays: none. Trustee Harvey absent.
- Motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 8:00 PM.
- Return to Regular Session Roll:** Crittenden, Dolan, Hansen, Hayden, Zegar, Ryback. Trustee Harvey absent.

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Executive Session Results:

A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Hansen, to release the 2014 Executive Session minutes of March 4, May 20, June 3, June 17, August 5 and September 16, except for any discussion regarding personnel.

Voice vote: All Ayes. Nays – none. Motion carried. Trustee Harvey absent.

A motion was made by Dolan, seconded by Zegar, that there was an on-going need for confidentiality regarding the 2014 minutes of February 4, October 21 and November 5.

Voice vote: All Ayes. Nays – none. Motion carried. Trustee Harvey absent.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05PM on a motion by Crittenden, seconded by Dolan.

Voice vote: All Ayes. Nays – none. Motion carried. Trustee Harvey absent.

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk