Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
August 20, 2019

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 Mildred Corder, Ben Dolan, Hansen, Ken Harvey, Robert Hayden and Doug Jacobs; Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth. Trustee Geralyn Hansen was absent.

Special Business: The annual Illinois Environmental Protection Agency facility inspection report for storm water discharge locations within Wadsworth was presented by Caitlin Burke of Gewalt Hamilton, Incorporated, the Village’s engineer. This report satisfies year #16 of the MS4 reporting requirement for the time frame of March 2018 through March 2019. Ms. Burke explained the procedures for water sampling at each discharge point and reported that everything in the report was satisfactory. She noted that the farm property which drains to the area of Route 173 and Delany Road might be improved by eliminating farmland silt using “Buffer Strips.” She estimated the cost to the farmland owner to be about $24,000. The report was submitted to the IEPA in Springfield on May 29, 2019 by the Village Administrator as the NPDES Phase II-Year 16 Annual Report.

Public Comment: There was no Public Comment.

Establish Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Trustee Harvey, seconded by Trustee Dolan, to establish a consent agenda for the following items except for items B and C:

a. Approval of the August 6, 2019 Village Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

b. Approval of the Treasurer’s Report as of July 31, 2019 will be held over for the next meeting.

c. Approval of Checks Issued Between Meetings, July 17, 2019 to August 20, 2019, totaling $116,094.69.

d. Approval of Bills To Be Paid as of August 20, 2019 in the amount of $24,589.15 and Farmers Market Payment through September 4, 2019.

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

Approval of Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Trustee Harvey, seconded by Trustee Hayden, to approve the consent agenda as amended.

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

Discussion of removed topics: There were no removed items requiring discussion.

Old Business: There was no Old Business.

New Business: A request dated August 9 was received for a Class F Liquor License from Love’s Travel Stops and Country Stores for their location currently under construction at 43100 US Highway 41. The license would permit the retail sale of beer and wine in the original package for off-premise consumption. President Ryback discussed the request with Trustees, who were all in favor of creating the requested license for the new Love’s location. The Village Administrator will initiate the license process.
Administrator Amidei referred to street view photographs of the property at 14195 W. Oak Knoll Road. The new owner of the property has installed six substantial concrete pads which support concrete block piers equipped with electric lighting. The improvements have been constructed on the wrong side of the property line and are on the Village’s right-of-way for Oak Knoll Road. Joseph Fotso was present to answer questions regarding the installation of the piers on his property.

Attorney Asprooth confirmed Amidei’s explanation that improvements of this type are not generally permitted in the right-of-way, as moving traffic could impact the structures should a vehicle lose control or encounter icy, winter conditions. In this situation, the piers were a few feet beyond the property line and residential traffic flow is at low speeds.

After discussion by the Village Board, it was decided to allow the piers to remain, as the footings were described as 42 inches deep by Mr. Fotso. The Village Attorney will prepare a license agreement allowing the property owner temporary use of that portion of the right-of-way currently occupied by the piers, with legal expense billed by the Attorney to be remitted by the property owner. Mr. Fotso would confirm if he would like to proceed with the license or if he would move the piers back onto his private property in the near future.

Village President’s Report:
President Ryback provided a brief report on his Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning meeting earlier today. Ryback is a member of the CMAP Council of Mayors, which includes Mayors from the greater Chicago metropolitan area.

Village Attorney’s Report:
Attorney Asprooth provided an update on the State of Illinois Recreational Cannabis Law.

Village Administrator Report:
Administrator Amidei reported that the Farmers Market will hold a raffle tomorrow afternoon and referenced a number of donated gifts nearby. Winner need not be present to win.

Committee Reports:
Finance:
Trustee Harvey did not provide a Finance Committee Report.

Public Service:
Trustee Hansen was absent and did not provide a Public Service Committee report.

Planning, Zoning and Plats:
Trustee Hayden complimented the Village Attorney for his participation in the Plan Commission meeting yesterday and his up-to-date knowledge on the new Illinois law. Attorney Asprooth noted that 3% tax levy would need to be established by September 30. A cap on locations would not need to be established initially and can wait until a later date.
Hayden also asked about an update on the Fire Alarm ordinance for a future meeting and asked if the Fire Department is enforcing their ordinance in the unincorporated areas of the Newport Fire Protection District.

Ordinance Committee:
Trustee Jacobs did not provide an Ordinance Report.

Road and Bridge:
Trustee Dolan confirmed the Road Program will begin soon on Cashmore Road and planning for winter snow removal will be discussed at an upcoming Road and Bridge Committee Meeting.

Parks and Village Hall:
Trustee Corder indicated she and Amidei are aware the basketball hoops are still installed at the wrong height of 9 ½ feet. They have also identified that the ballfield requires additional clay mix – which will be put down following the September Fall Fest Event.

Executive Session:
A motion was made by Hayden, seconded by Dolan, to enter Executive Session at 7:04 PM to discuss Personnel. 2C-1

Motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 7:31 PM.

Return to Regular Session Roll: Corder, Dolan, Harvey, Hayden, Jacobs, Ryback. Trustee Hansen absent.

Results of Executive Session: No action was taken in Open Session.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Dolan.


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Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk