

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
September 4, 2018**

- 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 Ben Dolan, Geralyn Hansen, Ken Harvey, Robert Hayden, Doug Jacobs and James Zegar, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth.
- Public Comment:** There was no Public Comment.
- Establish Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Hayden, to establish a consent agenda for the following items:
- a. Approval of the August 23, 2018 Village Board meeting minutes.
 - b. Approval of September 4, 2018 Bills to be Paid Report in the amount of \$235,788.24.
 - c. Action related to the approval of Pay Request #2 form Copenhagen Construction in the amount of \$207,919.44.
- Voice vote: Ayes-all Nays-none Motion carried.
- Approval of Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Jacobs, to approve the consent agenda as amended by advancing agenda item 13-F-1 to the consent agenda as item c. It was noted that \$136,000 remains to be paid on the Copenhagen parks contract for work currently under construction.
- Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried.
- Discussion of Removed Items:** There were no removed items.
- Old Business:** Discussion was held regarding the request from Mill Creek Nursery to utilize Village roadways for vehicles and trailers that are in excess of 12,000 pounds during the spring and fall harvest seasons in the Southeast District neighborhood. Owner Mike Greco was present to answer questions regarding the trucks with "F" license plates and associated trailers used during harvest and transport of the maturing trees. He emphasized that springtime harvest takes place during April, May and June. Fall harvest happens during September and October. His two dump-trucks are a 16000 pound F500 Ford and a 19,000 pound F550 Ford. He estimated that each tree weighs 250 pounds, with 12 to 20 trees per delivery. He fills the large water-tank truck at a location in Gurnee and transports it back to the nursery for the trees. He indicated the trucks are not there overnight and won't be parked there in the future. The inventory of 3500 trees will mature during the next three years and be removed during that time period.
- A motion was made by Dolan, seconded by Hansen, to temporarily allow trucks up to 16,000 pounds on Rosedale, Hart, Chaplain and Northwestern until September 18, 2018.
- Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held regarding the Final Operation Review Report composed by Marabella Associates as well the assignment of recommended implementation tasks among Village Officials and Village Administrator.
- Amidei will take the lead on items 1 through 3 which include Village Board priorities and the possibility of purchasing a new Financial and Information Technology System. Village Hall hours and staff hours will be adjusted for best efficiency as outlined in the report. He noted that Grayslake uses a code system for every task. He will request the system from them for review in our application.

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Item 25 will be taken by Trustee Jacobs regarding the change of Village Clerk from an elected position to an appointed position.

New Business:

Lengthy discussion was held regarding the change of Village Clerk from an elected position to an appointed position beginning in 2019. Trustee Dolan spoke of the importance of the Clerk's position and outlined his opinion in detail of why the Village Clerk has always been elected by the residents and should continue to be elected. Trustee Zegar believed the appointment of a person by the Village President would be adequate. The residency requirement would also be eliminated. The Village Attorney noted that the Village President may not vote to break a tie in this situation.

A motion was made by Zegar, seconded by Jacobs, to Adopt a Resolution Choosing to Have the Village Clerk Appointed Rather Than Elected.

Roll call vote: Nays-Dolan, Hansen, Hayden. Motion failed.

Attorney Asprooth stated that the roll call need not continue, as three Nay votes were identified and the motion could not pass.

Village President's Report:

President Ryback spoke about a review of salaries for the Elected Officials. He noted the last salary adjustment took place in 2001. Any changes must be implemented 180 days prior to the April 2 election.

Village Attorney's Report:

Attorney Asprooth did not provide a report.

Village Administrator Report:

Administrator Amidei reported on the Movie in the Park last Saturday, which was postponed from a Friday rain-out date. Roughly 30 people were in attendance. Last July, 100 people attended a different movie on a Wednesday date.

He also reported that someone has made copies of our Wadsworth checks and is using them to buy things on Craigslist. He has received phone calls from people receiving the fraudulent checks across the country. The bank and Lake County Sheriffs Department are working on the case.

Committee Reports:

Finance:

Trustee Harvey discussed possible action related to new investment options to replace several maturing treasury securities and certificates of deposit. He will work with Amidei and the Village Treasurer to find improving interest rates.

He also asked again about installing an electrical line to the flagpole behind the softball field. At a previous meeting, costs were discussed for installing an electric source and lighting for the flag, but costs were high.

Public Service:

Trustee Hansen reminded all about the Concert in the Park Event coming up on September 29th. The band will begin at 6pm and play until 10pm.

Planning, Zoning & Plats:

Trustee Zegar did not present a Planning, Zoning & Plats report.

Ordinance:

Trustee Hayden reported that Trudy from Newport Township Fire Department has received drawings from a motel for their fire protection system, which is mandated by Village Ordinance to be in operation by January 1, 2019. Nothing, however, has yet been submitted by Kelly's Stables on Kelly Road at Route 41.

Road and Bridge:

Trustee Dolan has evaluated the new playground equipment with his consultant son and both are satisfied with the new installation.

Parks and Village Hall:

Trustee Jacobs reported that small items are being concluded at the new Village Park playground, such as court striping. Our staff will perform the final cleaning. The Pavilion building is on the way.

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He is also working with the Ordinance Committee on the Chicken Ordinance.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Hayden.

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

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk