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 Geralyn Hansen, Ken Harvey, Robert Hayden, Doug Jacobs and James Zegar, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthefer. Trustee Ben Dolan was absent.

Public Comment: Kathy Males, who resides at the west end of Greenview Drive, voiced concerns about ongoing flooding in that area. Amidei noted that in the past, the problem was due to debris and other restrictions in the Union Pacific Railway right of way. He has contracted with beaver trappers in the past to remove four beavers from the area and will do so again as needed. He has contacted the railroad numerous times, but they fail to reply. Amidei will work with others to clear the drainage way within reason, but advised that permission is often required to perform work on railroad property.

Resident Susan Zingle inquired about previous discussions regarding a possible sanitary sewer extension by Lake County to be placed along Route 173, eastward from Route 45 to the tollway. She cautioned Board members that access to the sewer might lead to small-lot housing developments in nearby unincorporated Lake County, on property that is beyond Wadsworth village limits and acre-plus lot size guidelines.

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 September 18, 2018 Village Board meeting minutes.

b. Approval of October 2, 2018 Bills to be Paid Report in the amount of $19,571.25.

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

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

Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried. Trustee Dolan absent.

Discussion of Removed Items: There were no removed items.

Old Business: Brief discussion was held regarding the draft economic development incentive agreement between the Village of Wadsworth and Lyra, LLC (Shanty/Captain Porky’s property.) After review by the Village Board, Administrator Amidei was directed to have an Ordinance prepared to reflect terms of the agreement. The Ordinance will be presented at the October 16 meeting.

New Business: The Freedom Farm for Veterans was present to request authorization for their annual Fall Festival to be held Sunday, October 14 at their 13155 Hart Avenue location. A raffle will also be held.

A motion was made by Jacobs, seconded by Hansen, to Authorize the Fall Festival Event for October 14 from 1pm to 7pm.

Voice vote: Ayes-all Nays-none Motion carried. Trustee Dolan absent.
Discussion was held regarding compensation of Village Officers. President Ryback had previously distributed a salary survey of other Lake County municipalities which was provided by the Lake County Municipal League and Administrator Amidei. Ryback noted that Village Officer salaries were last adjusted in 2002, about 16 years ago. Trustee Hayden stated that a 3% annual adjustment is common in many municipal positions. An additional informational handout provided confirmation of the suggested amounts.

A motion was made by Zegar, seconded by Hayden, to Adopt an Ordinance Amending the Village Code Concerning Compensation of Village Officers, effective May 1, 2019, for those elected in April of 2019.


Brief discussion was held regarding a Beer Garden Liquor License for the Duck Inn. A confined area beneath a tent behind the building will be utilized.

A motion was made by Zegar, seconded by Harvey, to Adopt an Ordinance Amending the Village Code regarding Liquor Licenses by providing one Class B Beer Garden License for Oaks Duck Inn.

Roll call vote: Ayes-Hansen, Harvey, Hayden, Jacobs, Zegar. Nay-None. Motion carried.

Village President’s Report:
President Ryback reported briefly on his attendance at the Annual Illinois Municipal League Conference. He attended numerous seminars, which included topics from Prevailing Wage Requirements to be observed by municipalities to Attracting New Retail development to your Village. He also conducted his second annual Mayors Roundtable discussion which was attended by numerous Mayors and Village Presidents from across Illinois.

Village Attorney’s Report:
Attorney Asprooth provided a background report about certain township taxing practices and how a gravel tax can be repealed and later re-enacted.

Village Administrator Report:
Administrator Amidei reported that the settlement agreement for the Yorkhouse Road property is now in effect for the next 60 days. There was no update. He attended the International City Managers Conference, first making a week-end stop in Washington DC before proceeding to the Conference in nearby Baltimore. He first attended numerous seminars regarding leadership and personal effectiveness in municipal government along with hearing a presentation by the Baltimore Mayor about daily challenges she faces in that city.
Amidei plans to attend the ICSC Commercial Conference in Chicago later in October. Many retailers attend the Conference when seeking new locations throughout the greater Chicagoland area for their establishments.

Committee Reports:
Finance:
Trustee Harvey remains concerned about the flagpole and flag located at the rear of the softball field. He has noted the solar powered lighting fixture brightness is not adequate. Costs obtained by Trustees Jacobs and Dolan to extend underground electrical service to that location are in excess of $10,000. Ryback was not sure why a flag pole was installed in such a remote location and will investigate simply relocating the pole to the west side of the park where electrical service is already available.
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Public Service: Trustee Hansen reported on the successful Concert in the Park Event on September 29th. The Brass from the Past band played from 6pm until 9pm and 185 pounds of pig were all consumed by hungry residents. The bonfire was nearly done before the rains drove most of the attendees into their cars.

Planning, Zoning & Plats: Trustee Zegar did not present a Planning, Zoning & Plats report but indicated he had prepared and released a Wadsworth newsletter earlier today.

Ordinance: Trustee Hayden did not provide a report.

Parks and Village Hall: Trustee Jacobs reported that a small amount of work was done on the new Village Park playground since last meeting. A continuing water problem may be originating from a drain tile near a neighboring residence. The parking lot lights are on a new style controller which will not require re-setting throughout the year. He also reported that PermaSeal was here last week to update their estimate on the Village hall lower level drainage project.

Road and Bridge: Trustee Dolan was absent, but he provided a report which Trustee Jacobs presented. The Village Engineer will begin engineering work for three streets included in the 2019 Village Road Program. Jody Lane needs a new design for drainage, as many residents have installed pipes and then filled in the ditches for ease of mowing. The result is multiple pipe sizes which have caused localized flooding during rainfall events. Engineering costs are estimated at $14,830. The other two streets will only require pulverizing and resurfacing. Two new culverts are needed along Caroline Avenue at the Post Office driveways.

A motion was made by Jacobs, seconded by Zegar, to Accept a Proposal from Village Engineers Gewalt Hamilton and Associates in the amount of $14,830 for engineering work required for the Jody Lane project.

Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried. Trustee Dolan absent.

Trustee Jacobs then referred to a proposal by NP Paving for snowplowing the Wadsworth Road sidewalks, which was the same cost as the previous two years. The Village Board was pleased with the plowing by NP and Sons in the past.

A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Zegar, to Accept the Snowplowing Proposal of NP and Sons Paving.

Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried. Trustee Dolan absent.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Hayden.


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Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk