

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
October 21, 2014**

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

Public Comment: Hope Forcier provided a report on the success of the 2014 Wadsworth Farmer's Market. Some customers suggested starting earlier in the year and concluding at a later date. Hope was not sure how that might be accomplished as the vegetables are not ripe until early July and the weather turns too cold after early October for outdoor sales. She reported a season-long profit of nearly \$1400 which will be used for market advertising next spring.

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 October 7, 2014 Village Board Meeting Minutes.
- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report as of 9/30/14.
- c. Approval of checks issued between meetings, totaling \$764,448.31 (9/17/14-10/21/14)
- d. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of 10/21/14, totaling \$19,929.32
- e. Motion to Approve Escrow Agreement related to area property owners' participation with railroad quiet zone establishment efforts.

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

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

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

Discussion of removed topics: There were no removed topics.

Old Business: Discussion was held related to the upcoming Sales Tax Open House Meeting at Village hall. Trustees considered printing and mailing an additional informational sheet presenting facts about what projects the proposed sales tax increase would be applied to. Dolan volunteered to prepare a double sided color page illustrating new bituminous pavement versus deteriorated pavement and information comparing actual costs of the annual Wadsworth road program versus engineer estimates of a larger amount that should be expended to not fall behind in resurfacing projects.

A motion was made by Dolan, seconded by Hansen, to authorize an amount not to exceed \$2,000 for printing and mailing costs of the informational circular.

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

Trustee Crittenden referred to estimates procured for engineering and construction costs for an access driveway to the Village property located near the Post Office. The \$6,000 amount would be for surveying and engineering. A second amount of \$24,000 would be for actual roadway excavation and construction. He suggested only approving the smaller amount at this time so engineering and layout could continue during the winter months. In this way the site would be ready for springtime construction. He also hopes to procure recycled roadway base materials from nearby springtime construction projects, greatly diminishing the \$24,000 estimate. Discussion followed regarding delaying the

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project for up to three years. Ryback agreed that recycled road base material would greatly reduce construction costs and anticipates availability from the IDOT 2015 Route 41 resurfacing project.

A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Hansen, to authorize an expenditure of \$6,000 for access road engineering costs of the Village property adjacent to the Post Office.

Roll call vote: Ayes Crittenden, Harvey, Hansen, Hayden, Nays: Dolan. Motion carried. Trustee Zegar absent.

New Business:

There was no New Business.

Village President's Report:

President Ryback referenced the gas station at Routes 41 and 173. A new lessee has re-opened the business and requested transfer of the existing liquor license. The property owner and new lessee were both present to answer questions. After discussion, Trustees agreed that Ryback should issue a new license for that location.

A motion was made by Dolan, seconded by Hayden, to authorize the transfer of the Class C liquor license at 41867 Route 41 from Pembroke Lane, Incorporated to Super Mart & Liquor, Incorporated.

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

Village Attorney's Report:

Attorney Krafthefer provided a sample, informational circular from another municipality to Trustee Dolan which would be helpful for the proposed Sales Tax information page to be mailed to Wadsworth residents.

Village Administrator Report:

Administrator Amidei presented two recommendations from the Village Planner and past Village Engineer for the release of letters of credit at the completed Khayat and Forest View Subdivisions.

A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Crittenden, to fully accept the public improvements in the Khayat Subdivision (Helena Lane) and authorize the full return of the two year maintenance letter of credit as recommended in letters from Bleck Engineering dated July 29, 2014, from Manhard Consulting Limited dated June 18, 2014 and from Lake County Stormwater Management Commission dated July 15, 2011.

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

A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Dolan, to fully accept the public improvements in the Forest View Subdivision (Concord Court) and authorize the full return of the two year maintenance letter of credit as recommended in letters from Bleck Engineering dated August 5 and October 20, 2014, from Manhard Consulting Limited dated June 18 and October 21, 2014 and from Lake County Stormwater Management Commission dated July 31, 2014.

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

Amidei referenced the incomplete proposals several tree service companies presented last meeting for removal of dead parkway Ash trees. Two of the proposals were updated to complete status by their providers and after reviewing both, Trustees agreed to have the dead trees in various locations removed.

A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Hayden, to accept the proposal of JR Tree Service Company in the amount of \$5,225 to remove 37 dead trees and stumps.

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

Amidei received an inquiry to use a property behind the Route 41 Budget Auto Sales lot for an airsoft game range and campgrounds. He reviewed the permitted zoning uses for the subject site, noting the proposed use might require a variance and would require a Conditional Use Permit. Some Trustees were not familiar with Airsoft and asked for time to visit the existing operation on Green Bay Road in Zion prior to further discussion.

Amidei also reminded Trustees about the Sales Tax Open House forum to be held at Village Hall tomorrow evening.

He received an inquiry from a prospective property owner regarding their potential purchase of a residence of over five acres that presently has a private stable containing the permitted number of horses. The future owner wishes to keep alpacas on the property. Discussion followed regarding zoning restrictions on equine and other hoofed animals. It was suggested by Attorney Krafthefer that the usual guidelines for horses do not apply to alpacas as such animals are deemed to be farm animals.

Committee Reports:

Finance:

Trustee Harvey did not provide a Finance report.

Public Service:

Trustee Hansen suggested everyone reserve December 6 at 6:30 PM for the annual Seasonal Tree Lighting event and will again also conduct the highly popular Holiday Cookie Contest that evening. She will request a small budget at the next meeting.

Planning, Zoning and Plats:

Trustee Zegar was absent and did not submit a report.

Ordinance Committee:

Trustee Hayden did not provide an Ordinance report.

Road and Bridge:

Trustee Crittenden did not offer any further report.

Parks and Village Hall:

Trustee Dolan did not offer any further report.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Hayden, to enter Executive Session at 7:40PM to discuss Personnel and Pending Litigation.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Crittenden, Dolan, Harvey, Hansen, Hayden. Nays: none. Trustee Zegar absent.

Motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 8:05 PM.

Return to Regular Session Roll: Crittenden, Dolan, Hansen, Harvey, Hayden, Ryback. Trustee Zegar absent.

Executive Session Results:

A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Hansen, to authorize Amidei present the stipulation offer to opposing counsel.

Voice vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried. Trustee Zegar absent.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Crittenden.

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

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk