

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
November 5, 2013**

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, Ken Harvey, GERALYN Hansen and James Zegar, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Adam Simon.

Remote attendance: President Ryback noted that Trustee Hayden suffered a pinched spinal nerve. He cannot stand up, but was able to communicate on a nearby speakerphone. A motion was made by Zegar, seconded by Hansen, to have Trustee Hayden participate by remote attendance as permitted by Ordinance.

Voice vote: Ayes – all. Nays – none. Motion carried. Trustee Hayden abstained.

Special Business: Susan Zupec and Peter Campanella Junior made a presentation regarding vacant property they intend to purchase on Wadsworth Road near Route 41. The site is a former sand and gravel mine which has been depleted of product and will require significant restoration if it is to be used for future business uses. They proposed a temporary use which would be operated concurrently with restoration of the site, suggesting it may require several years to improve the current situation. After Trustees asked many questions about the proposal, they agreed to allow it proceed through the zoning process. The current Business zoning may require re-zoning or a conditional use; staff will determine the process and will advise the petitioners.

Public Comment: There was no Public Comment.

Establish Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Dolan, to establish a consent agenda for the following items:

- a. Approval of the October 15, 2013 Village Board meeting minutes.
- b. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of November 1, 2013, totaling \$23,126.65.
- c. Adoption of an Ordinance amending the Village Code Concerning the Village Administrator (Spending Authority)
- d. Motion to approve final Pay Request to Peter Baker and Son Company in the amount of \$10,540.48 related to 2012 Wadsworth Road Program
- e. Motion to approve a request from the Northeastern Illinois Association of Snowmobile Clubs request to use Village park property in conjunction with regional snowmobile trail.

Amidei asked to remove Item D until the Village's right of ways are restored to an acceptable condition.

Harvey asked to remove Item C for discussion.

The motion was amended by Crittenden and the second was amended by Dolan.

Voice vote : Ayes—all. Nays—none. Motion carried

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

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

Discussion of removed topics: Harvey asked for a clarification of the proposed Ordinance, which Trustees held over from last meeting in Harvey's absence. Amidei described the intent of the Ordinance. Attorney Simon indicated the Ordinance is consistent with a number of communities in the area and provides authority to the Administrator, the Village President and the Senior Trustee in emergency circumstances.

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A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Zegar, to approve the Spending Authority Ordinance as presented.

Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried. Ordinance # 2013-911

Old Business:

Amidei discussed the proposal from last meeting regarding new computers and network software based on State contract pricing. While most of the units are about seven years old, he suggested the newest computer (from the Mayor's office) be installed in the Public Works garage. Discussion followed regarding potential misuse of the garage computer. Some Trustees did not foresee any problem.

A motion was made by Dolan, seconded by Hansen, to purchase five new personal computers, software licensing and installation in an amount not to exceed \$8,000 per the proposals submitted.

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

Zegar believes that computers help good employees be more productive. A motion was made by Zegar, seconded by Crittenden, to install the Mayor's existing computer in the garage.

Voice vote: Ayes- Crittenden, Hayden, Zegar, Ryback. Nays-Harvey, Hansen, Dolan. Motion carried with Village President voting aye.

The Magnolia Avenue right-of-way being used by Brian and John Weir was discussed. The Weir's own adjacent properties which share a driveway that occupies a village street right-of-way which is not currently improved. They were present to answer questions. Discussion followed regarding the issuance of a license that would allow continued use as it exists or vacating the right-of-way entirely, yet maintaining a utility easement for future needs. Wetlands exist on the adjacent property. Attorney Simon noted that vacation of the site while reserving a utility easement was preferred from a legal standpoint.

John Weir noted that the sale price would be diluted, as building improvements could never be made. The majority of Trustees were in favor of the vacation rather than the licensing agreement. Attorney Simon asked the Weir's to contact him prior to preparing a Plat of Vacation for the Village.

New Business:

Amidei is seeking suggested improvements around town that may be covered by a future state capital bill. The Village Engineer is measuring Chicago Avenue for resurfacing so it can be ready for submittal, if possible. He would like input before Christmas.

Village President's Report:

President Ryback remarked on continuing progress of the Wadsworth Road project downtown. Curbs are nearly done, with old pavement in the far north lane mostly removed. The railroad staffing sometimes delays progress.

Village Attorney's Report:

Attorney Simon did not provide a report.

Village Administrator Report:

Administrator Amidei is seeking to establish a quiet zone on the CP rail line through downtown. The Union Pacific line to the east requires about \$100,000 worth of improvements, which would be at Wadsworth's expense. He is not pursuing that area at this time.

Many residents near the Des Plaines River area have complained about the train whistle during nighttime hours and are hoping the quiet zone can be accomplished. It is possible that this area will not have any large costs associated with establishing a quiet zone.

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Amidei sits on the Lake County Medical Marijuana task force. They are addressing cultivation and distribution sites. Our Wadsworth zoning code identifies all Agricultural lands as Residential, which precludes those areas as a cultivation farm.

State Legislation (HB-924) will require any contractor bidding on prevailing wage municipal work to operate an apprenticeship-training program. Many of our smaller, outsourced jobs are overlooked by larger contractors, with only the smaller contractors replying to our request for proposals.

Trustee Dolan noted that the prevailing wage concept is intended to provide training through the higher, required wages and provided an explanation of the process.

A motion was made by Zegar, seconded by Hansen, to send a letter objecting to the House Bill mandating the apprenticeship-training program

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Crittenden, Hansen, Zegar, Ryback. Nays-Harvey, Harvey, Dolan
Motion carried with Village President voting aye.

The Marketplace Fairness Act was supported by Dick Durbin at the IML Conference. Attorney Simon explained the impact of the Act for on-line retailers and when it may pass the House and Senate.

**Committee Reports:
Finance:**

Trustee Harvey did not provide a Finance Report, but inquired as to the status of the balled trees received from the City of Lake Forest. Amidei explained the trees had been stored in Lake Forest for quite some time, with some not healthy enough to warrant the cartage and planting expense. Upon arrival in Wadsworth, several more expired. The remaining 50 trees were placed in Wadsworth Park to replace infected Ash trees. The remainders were also planted as parkway trees in subdivisions which also had Ash trees removed.

Additionally, Harvey was not pleased to learn that the north sidewalk on Wadsworth Road will meander around telephone poles which were supposed to be moved back last year so the sidewalk would be straight. He suggested contacting Lake County DOT to correct the situation.

Public Service:

Trustee Hansen suggested establishing a budget for the annual Holiday Tree Lighting in the usual amount of \$2,000. Since Rosko's Reindeer are only available on Sunday, the event will be held at 6 PM on December 8th at Village Hall.

A motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Crittenden, to establish a Tree Lightning budget not to exceed \$2,000.

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

Planning, Zoning & Plats:

Trustee Zegar reported that preliminary plans for Tracy's Bistro are nearly complete and Dunkin' Donuts has made application for the adjacent space.

He noted that the final Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting will be held November 11th at 7PM. He intends to prepare a 2-3 page Executive Summary of what the plan contains.

Ordinance Committee:

Trustee Hayden indicated he did not have an Ordinance Report. The Ordinance regarding building permit fees will be held over until a future meeting.

Road and Bridge:

Trustee Crittenden has been working with Amidei regarding damaged guardrails on Chicago Avenue and at the end of Yorkhouse Road. Wadsworth will bill the motorist who drove into the second guardrail.

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A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Dolan, to accept the proposal of Kujo, Incorporated to repair the guardrails and replace the damaged sections for \$5850.

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

Parks and Village Hall:

Trustee Dolan is preparing a list of Village-wide improvements, which can be submitted for financing assistance by Illinois Capital Bill expected in 2014. Discussion followed regarding how to best compile an all-inclusive list of qualifying projects.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:02PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Crittenden.

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

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk