

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
November 7, 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 Erin Pell.
- Special Business:** Representatives of Lynch Companies were present to inquire about locating a new branch of their truck sales business in Wadsworth. They discussed numerous aspects of their existing business and a possible expansion into this area. The Village Board indicated that the location which Lynch had identified was in the Gateway Area, which is governed by a three party agreement. Wadsworth will work with the other two parties to arrive at an acceptable agreement in efforts to permit their use upon the subject property..
- Public Comment:** Newport Township Fire Department's Chief Kirschhoffer was concerned about the 89 acre Dorsey Farm which will be purchased by the Lake County Forest Preserve District next Tuesday. Amidei confirmed that the parcel, which is north and west of Interstate 94 and south of another road, is partially located in the Gateway Area and was intended for low density estate-type residences. Kirschhoffer noted that the entire parcel will forever be removed from the real estate tax system, which is the major source of funding for the Fire District. Amidei did not receive any notice from Lake County or the Forest Preserve District in advance of their decision. Kirschhoffer further noted that while Lake Michigan water service is available along Highway ML and Route 41 in Pleasant Prairie, no such amenity exists south of the state line, east of Interstate 94.
- 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 16, 2018 Village Board meeting minutes.
 - b. Approval of November 7, 2018 Bills to be Paid Report in the amount of \$44,580.73.
 - c. Motion to approve reimbursement of \$105 to President Ryback related to his attendance at 2018 IML Conference.
 - d. Motion to approve reimbursement of \$30 to Administrator Amidei related to his attendance at 2018 ICSC Dealmaking show.
- Voice vote: Ayes-all Nays-none Motion carried.
- 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.
- Discussion of Removed Items:** There were no removed items.
- Old Business:** There was no Old Business.
- New Business:** Discussion was held regarding the sale of real estate to the homeowner at 15150 Wadsworth Road. Fred Witte Junior was present to answer questions about the five-foot wide strip of land that is adjacent to his home which he desires to purchase. He has already paid for the necessary survey and appraisal as required by the Village. The five foot wide by 150 foot long strip will provide a buffer between his home and adjacent vacant Village property.

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A motion was made by Dolan, seconded by Zegar, to Adopt a Resolution Declaring as Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Estate Owned by the Village (5' Strip Property-West side of Downtown Vacant Property).

Voice vote: Ayes-all Nays-none Motion carried. Resolution #2018-281.

Amidei referred to updated job descriptions of Village employees (excluding Administrator) as well as potential changes to the Personnel Policy Manual. Discussion followed regarding the changes for each position.

A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Zegar, to Approve updated job descriptions and the Personnel Policy Manual for all Village Employees.

Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Nay-none. Motion carried.

Village President's Report: President Ryback reported on his informal meeting yesterday with representative of a large employer wishing to locate in Wadsworth near Interstate 94.

Village Attorney's Report: Attorney Pell did not present a report.

Village Administrator Report: Administrator Amidei reported that snow is in the forecast for tomorrow. Equipment, salt and operators are ready to go. Our new employee has been hired and will begin next week. We will go to Rockford with him for his CDL test in the next month or so. The fire protection system permit for the Rosecrans Motel is now ready to be issued. A similar permit for Taylor Woodshavings main building is also ready. Lake County Division of Transportation will begin their traffic study for intersection improvements along Russell Road at Kilbourne Road, Kenosha Road and Lewis Avenue. The Lake County Forest Preserve District anticipates purchasing the 89 acre Dorsey Farm for \$25,000 per acre at their regular meeting next Tuesday. Amidei will be there to speak during the Public Comment period, explaining that the Dorsey Farm is within the Gateway Zoning area established in 2007 by Lake County, Wadsworth and Old Mill Creek for residential, estate-type homes. A drainage situation at the west end of Wadsworth Park will be corrected with the installation of a drainage structure near the Rossman residence on the south side of the park. It will drain two or three existing farm tiles to our retention area. Love's Truck Centers has asked to use the most recent building code as they plan for their new truck center. Amidei suggested allowing them to utilize the 2015 version of the International Building Code, as that version is currently in use. Our Code has not been updated yet and uses an older version. A consensus was reached among the Village Board to allow Love's to use the 2015 International Building Codes. Amidei has learned of a residence and barn on Wadsworth Road which is in need of demolition due to a collapse of the roof on each. He will attempt to contact the caretaker of the property. The Lake County Municipal League is seeking members to join the new Land Bank to help with abandoned properties. As Wadsworth does not have an immediate need, Amidei has learned that membership may be postponed to a future date. Regarding the Tax Levy, he noted that we did not increase it last year, leaving the amount at \$20,650, when we could have increased at a higher amount. The Village Board indicated they would rather not raise the levy again this year.

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Committee Reports:

Finance: Trustee Harvey referred to an estimate of a Tax Levy for 2018. Brief discussion followed.

A motion was made by Dolan, seconded by Zegar, to Adopt an Estimate of the Tax Levy for 2018.

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

Public Service: Trustee Hansen did not present a Public Service Report.

Planning, Zoning & Plats: Trustee Zegar did not present a Planning, Zoning & Plats Report

Ordinance: Trustee Hayden did not provide an Ordinance Report.

Parks and Village Hall: Trustee Jacobs reported that the contractor had not yet completed his work on the new Village Park.

Road and Bridge: Trustee Dolan did not provide a Road and Bridge Report.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Dolan, seconded by Harvey, to enter Executive Session at 7:59 PM to discuss Pending Litigation and to review Executive Session minutes. (2C21 and 2C11)

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Dolan, Hansen, Harvey, Hayden, Jacobs, Zegar. Nays: none.

Motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 8:51 PM.

Return to Regular Session Roll: Dolan, Harvey, Hayden, Jacobs, Zegar, Ryback.

Results of Executive Session: No action was taken in open session.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Hayden.

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

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk