

**Village of Wadsworth  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
Held at the Village Hall  
November 15, 2016**

- 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 and James Zegar, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Adam Lasker. Trustee Tyler Crittenden's position is now vacant.
- Special Business:** Lake County Municipal League Executive Director Mandi Florip discussed the League's efforts to create a Lake County Land Bank. She indicated that three Land Banks currently exist in Illinois, providing positive results in their areas of Vermillion County and South Suburban Chicago. The Lake County Group has been meeting for three months with the current goal of obtaining a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of \$45,000 for a feasibility study to address blighted or vacant properties. She asked for Wadsworth's support of this non-profit entity by a letter of support by November 21.
- Trustees discussed possible action, related to sending a letter of support for the Lake County Municipal League's efforts to create a Lake County Land Bank.
- A motion was made by Zegar, seconded by Hayden, to provide a Letter of Support for the Feasibility Study.
- Roll call vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried.
- Public Comment:** There was no Public Comment.
- Establish Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Dolan, to establish a consent agenda for the following items:
- a. Approval of the November 1, 2016 Village Board Meeting Minutes as corrected
  - b. Approval of Treasurer's Report as of 10/31/16
  - c. Approval of checks issued between meetings, totaling \$99,189.50(10/19/16-11/15/2016.)
  - d. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of 11/15/16, totaling \$127,673.86.
- Amidei noted that \$121,861.81 of that amount was to Peter Baker for Payment #2 of the 2016 Wadsworth Road Program Paving Contract.
- Voice vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried.
- Approval of Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Dolan to approve the consent agenda as amended.
- Roll call vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried.
- Discussion of removed topics:** There were no removed topics.
- Old Business:** There was no Old Business.
- New Business:** There was no New Business.
- Village President's Report:** President Ryback indicated two residents had interest in the vacancy created by the retirement of Trustee Crittenden and had provided their resumes. Two Trustees had not yet reviewed the resumes and asked for the appointment to be made at the next meeting.

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Ryback attended a meeting in Glenview Illinois Passenger Rail division of IDOT. An additional siding is proposed in the Glenview-Northbrook area and a second siding in the Rondout area. The new sidings will provide improved and additional Amtrak Hiawatha service between Chicago and Milwaukee. The effect in Wadsworth will be an increase from 7 roundtrips each day to 10 roundtrips each day on the rail tracks along the Des Plaines River. The comment period will conclude on November 15, 2016. Ryback submitted a Wadsworth Comprehensive Plan to the entity, which suggests a new Amtrak stop in Wadsworth be considered.

Ryback also discussed the new SWALCO Food Scrap program which is offered in some communities with yard-waste programs. The Food Scrap and yard waste is composted at a site specifically designed for the operation and yields a rich fertilizer at the process conclusion.

**Village Attorney's Report:** Attorney Nelson-Jaworski did not present a report.

**Village Administrator Report:** Administrator Amidei discussed the November 3 history lecture held at Village Hall that was offered by Lake County. He indicated that several more lectures will be offered by Lake County next year and suggested that more be scheduled. The cost to Wadsworth is \$80 per presentation. Trustees agreed to schedule all the available lectures for the upcoming year, which are open to the public.

Amidei provided proposals for demolition services at the Route 173 property acquired by the Village. Proposals included removal of a house that was practice burned by Newport Township Fire Department, a concrete block garage, a small horse barn and a garage floor slab. Trustees reviewed all six proposals and discussed the pricing and completeness of each. It was determined the lowest responsible bidder with an acceptable proposal package was Campanella and Sons of Wadsworth.

A motion was made by Zegar, seconded by Harvey, to accept the proposal of Campanella and Sons, Inc in the amount of \$16,650 for demolition and removal of buildings and certain improvements on the property at 13831-13905 IL Route 173 in Wadsworth. Harvey asked that a letter of notice for future compliance with bid specs be sent to Campanella, as one of their completed pages was not notarized.

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

Amidei referred to a letter from the Village Engineer, recommending a reduction in the cash bond for roadway improvements at 13167 West Pickford Street. John Briggs indicated a reduction to \$5,000 would be adequate for the final asphalt surface placement to be done upon completion of construction of the residence this street extension serves.

A motion was made by Dolan, seconded by Hayden, to reduce bond amount for 13167 Pickford Street to \$5,000 as recommended by Village Engineer John Briggs of Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Incorporated in his letter dated November 11, 2016.

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

A letter from our snowplowing contractor, Kaplan Pavement Services, suggested pre-treating roadway surfaces with liquid anti-icing material to melt the initial snow accumulation, keep roads less slippery, diminish the bond between snow and road surface, ultimately requiring less road salt. Trustees agreed to consider a limited test of the pre-treating of roads based on a pricing schedule provided by Kaplan.

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Amidei attended a meeting of the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission regarding watershed through local drainage-ways and creeks. He highlighted a concern regarding significant debris in the Newport Drainage Ditch, a large amount of which is fallen trees and rotting vegetation.

Discussion about the band shell concept on the Village's Wadsworth Road property resumed, with a suggestion of constructing two 10' gazebos with a concrete slab between them. A portable stage could be erected there if only a few events were held each year. Any permanent type facility would require restroom facilities, consisting of a building, water well and individual sewage disposal system as required by the Illinois Plumbing Code.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance:**

Trustee Harvey did not provide a Finance Report.

**Public Service:**

Trustee Hansen reminded that the Seasonal Tree Lighting will take place Saturday, December 3 at 6:30pm. Outdoor caroling will begin when Santa Claus arrives by Fire Truck, in advance of the decorated trees being switched on. Santa will stay for hot chocolate and cookies, visiting with young residents inside the Village Hall afterwards.

**Planning, Zoning and Plats:**

Trustee Zegar did not provide a report, but will release another newsletter for the Tree Lighting.

**Ordinance Committee:**

Trustee Hayden did not provide an Ordinance Committee report.

**Road and Bridge:**

This position is currently vacant.

**Parks and Village Hall:**

Trustee Dolan did not provide a Parks and Village Hall Report.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:29PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Hayden.

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

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Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk