

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
December 4, 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 Kurt Asprooth.
- Special Business:** Auditor Carrie Eggleston from Dam, Snell & Taveirne, Limited was present to present the Village Audit Report for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018. She noted that expenses were up due to the purchase of our new snowplow truck and design work for the Wadsworth Park update. Senate Bill 2368 amended the Audit Act for entities changing from a cash basis to an accrual basis. Those entities may not return to a cash basis in the future. She suggested the current capitalization amount of \$1,000 should be increased to \$5,000 and the \$50,000 bond amounts should be increased as the Village now has more cash on hand. She also noted the Village has no long-term debt.
- Public Comment:** Public Comment is included in New Business.
- 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 November 20, 2018 Village Board Meeting Minutes
 - b. Approval of April 12, 2018 Special Village Board Meeting Minutes
 - c. Approval of December 4, 2018 Bills to be Paid Report in the amount of \$29,655.13
 - d. Motion to Approve the Village Audit Report for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018
 - e. Adoption of an Ordinance Providing for the Levy of taxes for the Village of Wadsworth, Lake County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2018 and ending April 30, 2019. Ordinance 2018-1052
 - f. Approval of First and Final Pay Request from Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Incorporated in the amount of \$73,121.50 related to the 2018 Pavement Patching Program
- 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 presented.
- Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried.
- Discussion of Removed Items:** There were no removed items.
- Old Business:** Prior to Old Business being discussed, residents Susan Zingle and Debbie Spurgeon asked about the Resolution opposing further Forest Preserve property acquisitions in Newport Township. They believed Forest Preserve property was an asset and the best way to handle wetlands and low lying properties. Trustee Zegar explained in detail that last week's purchase of the 89 acre Dorsey Farm in the Gateway Area along Crawford Road has placed over 21% of Newport Township under ownership of the Forest Preserve District. He agreed that wetland properties are good candidates for the Forest Preserve, however significant amounts of prime, usable real estate with potential residential and business use have been removed from the real estate tax rolls in the past. The tax burden for the now-exempt property is then redistributed among the remaining landowners of Newport Township. He noted the other 17 townships in Lake County contain far less Forest Preserve acreage than Newport. The

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Dorsey Farm was planned for two-acre residential estates under a three-party agreement established in 2007 by Lake County, Wadsworth and Old Mill Creek.

Dolan asked how Wadsworth could speak for the Fire Department, who is included in the names on the Resolution. He was informed the Fire Department suggested the idea, as non-taxable property causes hardship to their operating fund. Dolan then suggested Zegar amend his proposed motion to include the words “commercial property.”

A motion was made by Zegar, seconded by Harvey, to Adopt a Resolution Opposing Further Commercial Property Purchases by the Lake County Forest Preserve District in Newport Township.

Roll call vote: Ayes- Hayden, Hansen, Harvey, Zegar. Nays-Jacobs, Dolan.
Motion carried. Resolution #2018-282.

- New Business:** There was no New Business.
- Village President’s Report:** President Ryback’s report is included with Administrator Amidei’s report.
- Village Attorney’s Report:** Attorney Asprooth did not present a report.
- Village Administrator Report:** Administrator Amidei reported on a subsequent meeting the he, Trustee Zegar and President Ryback had attended with Lake County and a large employer seeking to locate near Interstate 94. Funding options are still being evaluated for installation costs of the \$8 million sanitary sewer extension which needs to be installed along Route 173. A vehicle dealer, also seeking to locate in that area, is awaiting the January Lake County Board meeting as the Gateway Area overlay zoning requires amending for their use. The Gateway plan was adopted in 2007. The sale did not close for the Barn on Yorkhouse Road. The Village’s Settlement Agreement requires Wadsworth to solicit demolition bids so the site can be sold after existing improvements are removed. Amidei is preparing the required paperwork to solicit proposals for that purpose. He has already boarded-up the barn and silos to discourage intruders who regularly enter the barn. The drainage contractor who will remedy flooding in the lower level of Village Hall will start work tomorrow. If the well water tank needs relocating during the project, the Office will be closed for a day. Next Tuesday he will meet with Dan regarding the Park contractor. Punch list items may need to wait until springtime. Our computer server is nearing the end of its useful life. The trend is to backup files to a cloud-based system. Amidei is currently seeking proposals for new computer terminals which will work in conjunction with a cloud system. Information provided to us this week regarding a proposed legislative change in the number of roadway miles required to justify the existence of a Township Highway District was vague. We have subsequently learned the legislation will merely eliminate the elected position of Township Highway Commissioner and transfer the responsibilities and budgeting to the Township. More details are expected in the near future if the Governor signs the bill in veto session.

- Committee Reports:**
- Finance:** Trustee Harvey did not provide an additional Finance Committee Report.
- Public Service:** Trustee Hansen did not present a Public Service Report.
- Planning, Zoning & Plats:** Trustee Zegar did not present a Planning, Zoning & Plats Report

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- Ordinance:** Trustee Hayden reported that fire alarm notices were sent out to the remaining businesses who have not yet responded to the December 31 installation deadline.
- Parks and Village Hall:** Trustee Jacobs is planning a Village Hall Committee meeting based on the Marabella report which seeks a space analysis, discussion to construct a new Village Hall and plans to utilize the 14 acre vacant site next to the Post Office.
- Road and Bridge:** Trustee Dolan did not provide a Road and Bridge Report, but estimates the cost of next year's Road Program to be nearly one million dollars.
- Executive Session:** A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Hayden, to enter Executive Session at 7:35 PM to review Executive Session minutes.
- Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Dolan, Hansen, Harvey, Hayden, Jacobs, Zegar. Nays: none.
- Motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 7:38 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 7:39 PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Hayden.
- Voice vote: All Ayes. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk