

**Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
December 18, 2018**

- Call to Order:** President Ryback called the meeting of the Village Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 pm.
- 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 Stuart Diamond.
- Public Comment:** Newport Township Supervisor Randy Whitmore and Newport Township Fire Department Chief Mark Kirschhoffer were both present. They both supported the recent Wadsworth Resolution opposing additional forest preserve purchases of commercially viable land in Newport Township. Chief Kirschhoffer noted that his Board unanimously approved the Resolution. He stated that Commercial land increases the area's Equalized Assessment Value (EAV) amount significantly and provides an opportunity for additional retail sales tax revenues, yet adds no burden to area schools. He then explained how difficult operations of emergency response services and a fire department can be with limited funding, noting the days of a "volunteer" fire department ended long ago. 69% of their calls are for emergency ambulance service. Operating costs include electricity and real estate taxes on the building they lease as Fire Department Station #2 on Old Skokie Highway, which provides coverage for the north and west portions of the fire district. Adding Station #2 has dramatically lowered fire insurance premium costs for area residents by providing them a very low, ISO Class 4 rating. Without Station #2 in operation, residents in some areas could see their premium increase from an annual cost of \$1,200 to over \$4,000 with a Class 10 rating. They recently retired a 1989 tanker truck, used to transport water to areas without public water or fire hydrants. This would include all of Wadsworth. He was fortunate to find a used 1999 model to replace it. Starting wages are not competitive with other area Fire Departments and most employees in training leave after the first year or two, moving to nearby Fire Departments in areas with better funding, due to more commercial development.
- Establish Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Trustee Dolan, seconded by Trustee Hayden, to establish a consent agenda for the following items:
- a. Approval of the December 4, 2018 Village Board Meeting Minutes.
 - b. Approval of the Treasurer's Report as of November 30, 2018.
 - c. Approval of Checks Issued Between Meetings, November 21, 2018 to December 18, 2018, totaling \$87,330.07.
 - d. Approval of Bills To Be Paid as of December 18, 2018 in the amount of \$134,771.98.
 - e. Approval of annual Seasonal Gift to Village Employees (\$200 net to full time and \$100 net to part time).
- Voice vote: Ayes-all Nays-none. Motion carried.
- Approval of Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Trustee Zegar, seconded by Trustee Harvey, to approve the consent agenda as presented.
- 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:** Administrator Amidei referred to two proposals to replace the Village Hall computer server and desktop computers from Advanced Computer Networks and Computer Help Key. Both contained similar information with the opportunity to replace the aging computer server with a cloud-based service. He noted that a computer server has a life

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expectancy of five years. While still operational, ours is ten years old. A technical discussion continued, outlining the advantages of the cloud-based service as compared to purchasing a new on-site computer server costing several thousand dollars. Trustees were convinced that the newer cloud-based technology had advantages over the traditional on-site system.

A motion was made by Trustee Zegar, seconded by Trustee Hayden, to purchase upgraded desktop computers (from Dell Computer, Inc.) and to replace the existing on-site server with off-site cloud-based server services at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.

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

Village President's Report: President Ryback thanked everyone for their active participation throughout the year and looks forward to another successful year in 2019 for Wadsworth.

Village Attorney's Report: Attorney Diamond indicated he was pleased to be in Wadsworth today and offered Holiday Greetings to all.

Village Administrator Report: Administrator Amidei reported on six items.

He updated the Board on Lake County Division of Transportation's plans regarding Wadsworth Road's Intersections Project. The Dilleys Road project may be bid-out in February, but actual construction may start the following year since numerous items need relocation, including electrical lines, communications cables, wetlands and drainage way improvement to correct seasonal standing water. Kilbourne Road will follow in 2021, but the Route 41 intersection may not start for another 5 plus years. Amidei also discussed his recent meeting with County and Forest Preserve officials about a safety improvements project that may take place in 2020 on Wadsworth Road just east of the 41 intersection. The entrances to both Wadsworth Crossing and the Forest Preserve's trailhead parking lot will be moved further to the east. Coordination between all three parties (and the Wadsworth Crossing property owners) will be required in the near future concerning trail/sidewalk extensions on both sides of the roadway.

The current owners of Wadsworth Crossing (the Graham brothers) propose to replace two of the four existing signs with the name "Graham's Market." Two other "Wadsworth Crossing" signs will remain. Since the Village Board is happy to see the recent increase in occupancy there, all were in concurrence with the Graham brothers' request. Attorney Diamond suggested the minutes reflect the concurrence of all board members, further indicating no ordinance or change to the existing ordinance would be required as a result. The potential purchaser of the large commercial property near I-94 has been working with Wadsworth to reach agreement with other local taxing bodies for half of the needed funding for a sanitary sewer extension to the project site.

On Thursday, Amidei will escort contractors through the old Shelley Barn on Yorkhouse Road who have shown an interest in providing a demolition proposal to remove the barn and silos for the Village.

He is assisting Trustee Jacobs with remaining punch list items to be done in Wadsworth Park. The park is adequately completed to be usable at this time. The playground equipment providers have signed off on their work. He is also working on the financial aspect of project closeout.

Amidei reported the Village Hall lower level drain tile work is now installed, with the concrete floor repairs being complete. He is working with a carpenter contractor for framing work and drywall installation.

**Committee Reports:
Finance:**

Trustee Harvey indicated he filed his election petitions last Monday and reported to Attorney Diamond they were not stored on-site properly. Diamond acknowledged being advised of the situation previously, stating nothing improper had taken place and smaller communities he works with often store election petitions off-site in a similar manner. He further noted a lockable filing cabinet has now been provided for use by the Village Clerk at Village Hall as an improvement and was not a legal problem.

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- Public Service:** Trustee Hansen has a request from a Farmer’s Market vendor to be present at the January 12th Christmas Tree Bonfire event. Ryback endorsed the idea of a local vendor, as did all Trustees. Since a larger crowd is expected to attend the Bonfire this year and partake in the hot chili provided by Bauer’s Catering, Hansen will look into moving the indoor gathering from the west maintenance garage to the nearby (heated) east maintenance barn.
- Planning, Zoning and Plats:** Trustee Zegar did not present a Planning, Zoning & Plats report.
- Ordinance Committee:** Trustee Hayden reported that a local motel recently obtained a permit to install the fire alarm system that is mandated for installation by December 31. A reminder postcard was recently sent to all. Some never responded.
- Road and Bridge:** Trustee Dolan did not provide a Road and Bridge Report.
- Parks and Village Hall:** Trustee Jacobs has scheduled a committee meeting for January 12 for a number of discussion items, including those stated in the Marabella report purchased by the Village.
- Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Hayden.
Voice vote: All Ayes. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk