

Village of Wadsworth
Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting
Held at the Village Hall
January 6, 2026

Call to Order: Village President Witte called the meeting of the Village Board of Trustee to order at 6:01p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Village President Witte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: In attendance in person were Village Trustees Chris Finkel, Wade Goff, Geralyn Hansen, and Robert Hayden, Village President Fred Witte, Village Administrator Pat DiPersio, Village Attorney Megan Mack and Village Clerk Nancy Huffman were also physically present.

Absent: Trustee Dolan

A motion was made by Trustee Finkel, seconded by Trustee Goff to Allow Trustee Corder to Join the Meeting Via Phone

Voice Vote:

Ayes: Corder, Finkel, Goff, Hansen, Hayden

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Trustee Corder joined the meeting at 6:03

Special Business: Presentation of a Possible Nursery Use of the Property Located at 40835 N. Kilbourne Road

Garrick Shanley CEO of Clesen Wholesale, Brad Bery and Kyle Meier of ARCO/Murray (GC) presented background and information related to the request in addition to information on a possible annexation and answered questions from the Board regarding both topics

The Board agreed to begin a pre-annexation process

Public Comment: None

Establish Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Trustee Hansen, seconded by Trustee Hayden to Establish Consent Agenda to Include the Following Items:

1. Approval of the December 16, 2025 Village Board Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of January 6, 2026

Voice Vote:

Ayes: Corder, Finkel, Goff, Hansen, Hayden

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Approval of Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Trustee Hansen, seconded by Trustee Hayden to Approve Consent Agenda

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Corder, Finkel, Goff, Hansen, Hayden

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Discussion of Removed Topics: None

Old Business: None

New Business: Discussion and Possible Action to Approve an Ordinance Amending the Village Code to Adopt an Administrative Hearing System Ordinance 2026-1183

Village Attorney Mack provided a brief background on the request

A motion was made by Trustee Hansen, seconded by Trustee Goff to Adopt an Administrative Hearing System Ordinance 2026-1183

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Corder, Finkel, Goff, Hansen, Hayden

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Village President's Report: Village President Witte discussed a proposal for withdrawing from the Gateway District Intergovernmental Agreement with Old Mill Creek and Lake County that would allow for a proposed development in the area to be considered. The Board gave a consensus to take action to formally withdraw from the Agreement at the 1/20/26 Board meeting.

The bonfire scheduled for Saturday January 10th will now start at 4:00pm. Notifications will be made.

Village Attorney's Report: Village Attorney Mack did not provide a report

Village Administrator's Report: Village Administrator DiPersio stated that the January newsletter has gone to print

Village Administrator DiPersio advised that the new desktop computers that have been installed and laptop replacement will be budgeted for next year. He will bring forward a surplus equipment disposal request for the old computers in the near future.

Administrator DiPersio brought forward that the storage unit rental will have a rate increase to \$332/mo (58% increase since 2024). He suggests getting rid of the contents of the unit and will share a list of content to the Board for review.

Administrator DiPersio also stated that there is still a need to dispose of the old 550. He received quotes of \$16,500 and \$17,000 for trade-in value. He will get a quote to obtain an administrator vehicle using the 550 trade-in and present it to the board.

Administrator DiPersio provided an audit update – a compliance letter was sent to the state as the due date of 12/26/25 has passed. A draft audit will be completed by end of current week, with final audit for consideration and approval for the 1/20/26 meeting.

Administrator DiPersio stated that he has started the budget process for the upcoming year and will reach out for input from the Board members

Administrator DiPersio requested that new dates be selected for continuing the Administrator position interview process

Village Trustee Committee Reports:

Finance Trustee Corder did not provide a report

Public Service: Trustee Hayden did not provide a report

Parks and Village Hall: Trustee Hansen did not provide a report

Planning, Zoning and Plats: Trustee Finkel did not provide a report

Ordinance: Trustee Dolan was absent and did not provide a report

Road and Bridge: Trustee Goff did not provide a report

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:46p.m. on a motion by Trustee Hansen, seconded by Trustee Hayden.

Voice Vote:
Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion Carried



Nancy Huffman, Village Clerk