

**Village of Wadsworth**  
**Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting**  
**Held at the Village Hall**  
**January 20, 2026**

Call to Order: Village President Witte called the meeting of the Village Board of Trustee to order at 6:00p.m.

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

Roll Call: In attendance in person were Village Trustees Ben Dolan, Chris Finkel, Wade Goff, GERALYN Hansen, and Robert Hayden; Village President Fred Witte, Village Administrator Pat DiPersio, Village Attorney Mark Heinle and Village Clerk Nancy Huffman were also physically present.

A motion was made by Trustee Dolan, seconded by Trustee Hayden, to Add Trustee Corder to the Meeting Via Phone

Voice Vote:  
Ayes: All  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

Trustee Corder was added to the meeting at 6:02p.m. and departed the meeting at 6:56p.m.

Special Business: None

Public Comment: Chief Kirschhoffer was present and expressed the need for higher value growth in the Village in order to assist with economic deficit that is eminent for the fire department

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

1. Approval of the January 5, 2026, Village Board Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the January 6, 2026, Village Board Regular Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of the January 8, 2026, Village Board Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

4. Approval of the January 12, 2026, Village Board Committee of the whole Meeting Minutes
5. Approval of the January 15, 2026, Village Board Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
6. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of January 20, 2026
7. Approval of Checks Between Meetings (12/12/2025-1/15/2026)
8. Approval of Pay Request #1 to Payne & Dolan, Inc. for the N. Mill Creek Roadway Improvements Project

Voice Vote:

Ayes: Corder, Dolan, Finkel, Goff, Hansen, Hayden

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Approval of Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Trustee Finkel, seconded by Trustee Goff to Approve Consent Agenda as Amended

Trustee Corder requested that the minutes in items #1, 3 and 4 be amended to show that she was in attendance for the executive sessions

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Corder, Dolan, Finkel, Goff, Hansen, Hayden

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Discussion of Removed Topics:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Old Mill Creek, the Village of Wadsworth, and the County of Lake Regarding the Illinois Route 173/I94 Interchange

A motion was made by Trustee Hansen, seconded by Trustee Goff to Approve Resolution 2026-346 Amending the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Old Mill Creek, the Village of Wadsworth, and the County of Lake Regarding the Illinois Route 173/I94 Interchange

Administrator DiPersio advised that he has received notice that Lake County seeks to terminate the agreement as of January 31, 2026. This moves up the prior expiration date of November, 2026. There is a party is interested in the area – Old Mill Creek and Lake County are in favor of seeing that move forward. All of the prior zoning requirements remain after the agreement is

terminated. The Village will have to look at the area and decide if any zoning changes are warranted.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Corder, Dolan, Finkel, Goff, Hansen, Hayden

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Village President's Report:

Village President Witte mentioned that he would like to begin discussion on plans for the 250th anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence.

Village President Witte advised there is one or two more candidates that he would like to be interviewed for the Administrator position – he will send names to the Trustees. After those final interviews the 2<sup>nd</sup> round interviews would be decided.

The Board decided on Monday January 26/26 for next interviews depending on candidate availability

Village Attorney's Report:

Village Attorney Heinle did not provide a report

Village Administrator's Report:

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve a Quote Trading a 2013 Ford F550 and Purchasing a 2026 Chevrolet Trail Blazer

A motion was made by Trustee Dolan, seconded by Trustee Hansen to Approve a Quote Trading a 2013 Ford F550 and Purchasing a 2026 Chevrolet Trail Blazer

Village President Witte advised that Newport Township may not continue to assist in plowing certain areas moving forward. Consideration may be warranted to hold onto the old 550 in the event we need more coverage. If there was a need for another vehicle down the road, it could take 6-12 months to obtain.

Maintenance Worker Corey shared his thoughts on keeping the old 550 for a back-up vehicle. There would be an additional cost of \$12k to bring the old 550 up to operational standard. There would also be a need to store the old 550 until next steps are determined.

Trustees commented that it may be a temporary band-aid to hold onto the old 550. There are options to accommodate an additional roads, if needed, until a new vehicle is obtained. Storage adjustments in the future would also be needed.

An amended motion was made by Trustee Dolan, seconded by Trustee Finkel to the Purchase of a Village Administrator Vehicle, a 2026 Chevy Trail Blazer for up to \$35,000

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Corder, Dolan, Finkel, Goff, Hansen, Hayden

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#### Village Trustee Committee Reports:

##### Finance

Trustee Corder advised the audit is complete and is currently being finalized for the next meeting

Administrator DiPersio advised that he received the most recent draft document today

##### Public Service:

Trustee Hayden advised that everyone enjoyed the bonfire and all went well

Administrator DiPersio acknowledged the great work by Maintenance Cory and Josh, which was reciprocated for the team effort that included Administrator DiPersio and Trustee Dolan

##### 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 did not provide a report

##### Road and Bridge:

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Soliciting Bids for the Min-Oaks Subdivision Drainage and Road Improvements Project

A motion was made by Trustee Goff, seconded by Trustee Dolan to Approve Soliciting Bids for the Min-Oaks Subdivision Drainage and Road Improvements Project

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Corder, Dolan, Finkel, Goff, Hansen, Hayden

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Adjournment:**

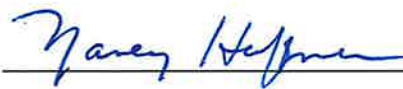
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:56p.m. on a motion by Trustee Dolan, seconded by Trustee Hansen.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion Carried

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Nancy Huffman", is written over a horizontal line.

Nancy Huffman, Village Clerk