

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WORTH
JULY 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Village of Worth Village Board was called to order by Village President Werner on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Village President	Mary Werner
Village Clerk	Bonnie Price
Village Trustees:	Pete Kats
	Kevin Ryan
	Tedd Muersch Jr.
	Brad Urban
	Rich Dziedzic
	Laura Packwood

Also Present:

Village Attorney	Greg Jones
Chief of Police	Tim Denton
Building Commissioner	Bruce Zartler
Village Engineer	Mike Spolar

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Werner stated that Chief Micetich would like to address the board. Chief Micetich thanked the board for everything that he and officers were able to accomplish in the last 6 years to move the department forward. He highlighted several accomplishments: improved training, school resource officer, hiring a grant writer, increase moral in the department, working more closely with the school district and the park district, and most important working in the community with National Night Out, Cop on Top, Pancake Breakfast, Shop with a Cop, Worth FOP golf outing, and playing volleyball at the Worth Jr, High. He stated that 6 years ago he spoke with Mayor Werner and the board of trustees about his plan for the department, they were all on board and he cannot thank them enough. He thanked his wife for raising the girls while he was working, he stated that she did an amazing job. President Werner announced his retirement party information it will be held at Water's Edge Golf Club on August 14 and tickets are on sale by calling 708-448-3979 and asking for Deputy Chief Fernandez.

President Werner thanked the department heads for working hard on the budgets. President Werner announced that Thornton's broke ground.

VILLAGE CLERK

Clerk Price stated that on the consent agenda is to approve the request Approve the request from Family Outreach Program to have tag days on July 24 & 25. Clerk Price stated they will need to wear masks. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Ryan stated that he will need a motion to approve the Annual Appropriation Ordinance and the Certificate of Revenues for the fiscal year 2020-2021. The board has had the figures for some time and also had budget meetings.

Trustee Packwood made a motion seconded by Trustee Dziejdzic to adopt Ordinance 2020-23 the 2020-2021 Annual Appropriation Ordinance be it ordained by the Village President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Worth, Cook County, Illinois. A roll call followed. Ayes: Trustee Kats, Urban, Ryan, Packwood, Muersch Jr., and Dziejdzic (6). Nays: (0). Absent: (0). Abstain: (0). Motion carried.

Trustee Urban made a motion seconded by Trustee Dziejdzic to approve the Certificate of Revenues for the fiscal year May 1, 2020-April 30, 2021. A roll call followed. Ayes: Trustee Kats, Urban, Ryan, Packwood, Muersch Jr., and Dziejdzic (6). Nays: (0). Absent: (0). Abstain: (0). Motion carried.

Trustee Ryan stated that on the consent agenda is to approve the bill list dated July 7, for \$180,136.35. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee Kats submitted the June police report, the police department logged 17,738 miles for the month of June, had 41 arrests, and 1,491 total police events.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Jones explained the Travel Policy during Covid-19 Pandemic. The City of Chicago and Cook County have the same regulations. When visiting states that are on the list the employee will need to quarantine for 14 days. Trustee Dziejdzic asked if the 2 weeks are paid. Attorney Jones stated no the employee would need to use their benefits or FMLA is another option. Trustee Urban questioned if the employee does not tell the employer they are visiting one of those states. Attorney Jones stated they could be disciplined. Trustee Ryan asked if you can ban the employees from visiting those states. Attorney Jones stated no. Attorney Jones stated that every Tuesday, the list is updated by Cook County. Trustee Packwood stated that the policy does not mandate a 14 day quarantine if you can social distance.

Trustee Packwood made a motion seconded by Trustee Ryan to adopt the Village of Worth Employee Travel Policy during COVID-19 Pandemic. A roll call followed. Ayes: Trustee Kats, Urban, Ryan, Packwood, and Dziejdzic (5). Nays: Muersch Jr. (1). Absent: (0). Abstain: (0). Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE/BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Urban asked for a discussion on credit card fees and passing the fees onto the user. Trustee Urban stated that last year the Village paid \$13,307.24 in fees. The fees vary by credit card. Other municipalities are already passing on the credit card fees. The board agreed to have the attorney prepare an ordinance updating the processing fees.

BUILDING/LICENSING/ORDINANCES

Trustee Dziejdzic stated on the consent agenda is to adopt Ordinance 2020-25 An ordinance amending Section 3-6 of the Village of Worth Municipal Code to modify the number of Class B-1 & B-2 Liquor Licenses. Without objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Dziejdzic stated on the consent agenda is to adopt Ordinance 2020-26 An ordinance amending Title ten of the Village of Worth Municipal Code concerning feeding wild animals. Trustee Dziejdzic asked President Werner to talk about this. President Werner explained that people are feeding wild animals at the Bus Yourell SEPA Station, it is harmful to the animals and we are having an issue with garbage. The MWD attorney stated because this is in our village we can pass an ordinance. Trustee Urban stated last week public works spent 6 hours cleaning up at the SEPA Station. President Werner also stated that Lake Katherine prohibits people from feeding the wild animals. Trustee Dziejdzic asked where does this apply. Attorney Jones stated the entire village. Trustee Ryan asked about bird feeders. Attorney Jones stated yes this applies to bird feeders. President Werner stated that we have been getting complaints about rats and one of the issues is bird feeders. Without objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Dziejdzic stated on the consent agenda is to adopt Ordinance 2020-27 an ordinance amending Section 3-3 of the Village of Worth Municipal Code to modify the Village's picnic regulations. President Werner stated that this is also at the Bus Yourell SEPA Station. The area has a bike, walking and jogging path. We have had complaints about people picnicking on the golf course, which they have set up tents and blankets. This is not a picnic grove. This ordinance states that we only have one place to picnic. In 1995 when we entered our agreement with MWRD the board agreed to maintain it, at that time we had 10 plus employees now we have 6 employees. President Werner stated we will have flyers made up and signs regarding this ordinance. We will have Code Enforcement Rak there for two weeks explaining this to the public. After two weeks Code Enforcement Officer Rak and the police will be issuing tickets. The flyers will be in four languages English, Spanish, Polish, and Arabic. Trustee Kats asked about the fine. Attorney Jones stated it up to \$750.00 in adjudication. Attorney Jones stated that MWRD will be helping us with signage. Without objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Dziejdzic submitted the building report from June 2020. The building department issued 79 permits, total dollar amount collected was \$8,630.00 and total administrative fees were \$1,780.00. The same month in 2019 the building department issued 69 permits and collected \$5,859.00.

Trustee Dziejdzic discussed a request from the Worth Car Cruisers to host a parade throughout the village, they would have a route mapped out. President Werner stated that Palos Heights had one but it is through Palos Heights. President Werner asked about liability insurance and blocking the streets. Chief Denton stated that with the COVID-19 we were asked if we could do parades for the school and the Worth Park District. We did and received many complaints from residents. We then received numerous parade requests for birthdays.

We had to say no, because if we received a 911 call we would need to leave.

BUSINESS LICENSES

Trustee Muersch Jr. stated on the consent agenda is to approve the business license application request from Hanan Darweesh, business owner to open Brand Names 4 Less to be located at 7026 W. 111th Street. This license is contingent upon having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances. Trustee Muersch Jr. asked what he will be selling. Mr. Darweesh stated that he will sell close out items from other stores it will be retail. Products will be delivered to the store and unloaded in the front no delivery trucks will be on the premises. Commissioner Zartler asked how many store fronts. Mr. Darweesh stated one. Mr. Darweesh will need permits. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

GOLF COURSE

Trustee Packwood stated that so far July has been rainy and hot. The revenue for July is \$310,000.00 On Monday from 5-8 they have a \$5.00 burger. The driving range is open 7 days a week. The storms on Sunday did some damage to the course, they had lightning hit a drainage pipe on the 10th hole and it flooded and they had lightning hit an electric panel. Brian Dober and Dwayne Fox are meeting and trying to close out May and June financials.

MOTION TO ESTABLISH THE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Trustee Dziejcz seconded by Trustee Packwood to establish the consent agenda. A roll call followed. Ayes: Trustee Kats, Ryan, Urban, Packwood, Muersch Jr., and Dziejcz (6). Nays: (0). Absent: (0). Abstain: (0). Motion carried.

Consent Agenda July 21, 2020

Approve the meeting minutes from July 7, 2020

Approve the request from Family Outreach Program to have tag days on July 24 & 25

Approve the bill list dated July 21 in the amount of \$180,136.35

Adopt Ordinance 2020-25 An ordinance amending Section 3-6 of the Village of Worth Municipal Code to modify the number of Class B-1 & B-2 Liquor Licenses

Adopt Ordinance 2020-26 An ordinance amending Title ten of the Village of Worth Municipal Code concerning feeding wild animals

Adopt Ordinance 2020-27 An ordinance amending Section 3-3 of the Village of Worth Municipal Code to modify the Village's picnic regulations

Approve Business License Application request from Hanan Darweesh, business owner to open Brand Names 4 Less to be located at 7026 W. 111th Street. This license is contingent upon having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Trustee Urban seconded by Trustee Kats to establish the consent agenda. A roll call followed. Ayes: Trustee Kats, Ryan, Urban, Packwood, Muersch Jr., and Dzedzic (6). Nays: (0). Absent: (0). Abstain: (0). Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Trustee Urban stated that the Enterprise moved out and the Windy City Cannabis now has a parking lot. This should make the neighbors very happy.

A gentleman asked about his business license. Clerk Price replied are you opening Up in Smoke, because the building clerk was trying get a hold of you regarding sales tax number and needed a signature on the application from the owner. Clerk Price asked the gentlemen to see her after the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Kats moved seconded by Trustee Muersch Jr. to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:26 p.m. A voice vote followed. Motion carried.

Bonnie M. Price, CMC
Village Clerk