

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WORTH
February 7, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Village President Werner called the regular meeting of the Village of Worth Village Board to order on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

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

Also Present:

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| Village Attorney | Greg Jones |
| Building Commissioner | Bruce Zartler |
| Superintendent of Public Works | Ed Urban Jr. |
| Deputy Chief of Police | Cris Fernandez |
| Village Engineer | Mike Spolar |

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

The Pledge of Allegiance

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Werner introduced Shireen O'Brien. Shireen thanked the board, the FOP and the entire community for supporting her fundraiser for a dog that is trained to help her with a medical condition. Riley is now 7 months old and went for her first vet appointment. Shireen thanked the reporter for placing the article on the front page, she had many supporters tell her that they showed up because of the article. Shireen and her husband Kevin are both veterans that served with the Marines.

President Werner announced a universal help line 211 for Cook County. They can help residents with housing, food health services and more. It is a 24 hour seven day a week operation and trained professionals answer the phone and are able to help you.

President Werner announced the public hearing for Ikes Liquors on February 8 at 7 p.m., the hearing is to see if the business license and liquor license will be revoked.

VILLAGE CLERK

Clerk Price stated that on the agenda is to approve the request from Park Lawn for tag days to be held on April 7, 8, 14 and 15, 2023. Park Lawn will submit the insurance certificate. Without any objection, this will remain on the consent agenda.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Ryan stated that on the consent agenda is to approve the bill list dated February 7, 2023 in the amount of \$1,349,962.47. Trustee Ryan stated that the bill list is high as we had to pay NPPFD for their services. Without any objection, this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Ryan stated that on the consent agenda is to approve the January payroll in the amount of \$328,355.70. Without any objection, this will remain on the consent agenda.

PUBLIC SAFETY

President Werner stated that the Police & Fire Commission have hired an officer effective February 1. This is a lateral transfer so we will have a shorter training period.

The FOP will be presenting a check to SWSRA at the next meeting. The proceeds from the pancake breakfast are being donated to SWSRA.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Greg Jones discussed the sign code and that the REDB was working on some changes. The code is old and the US Supreme Court has ruled on how a municipality can regulate signs. The procedure is that the Village Attorney will make some regulations to REDB and then they would be adopted by the Village Board. This will take several months. Trustee urban asked if Commissioner Zartler will be working with the attorney on the sign ordinance and the response was yes.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE/BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Urban stated that Superintendent Urban is doing a good job.

BUILDING/LICENSING/ORDINANCES

Trustee Dziedzic stated that on the consent agenda is to pass Resolution 2023-01 A resolution authorizing participation in the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative (NIMEC) and authorizing the Village President to approve a contract with the lowest cost electricity provider for a period of up to 36 months. Without any objection, this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Dziedzic stated that on the consent agenda is to pass Resolution 2023-02 IDOT Permit Maintenance Agreement. Without any objection, this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Dziedzic stated that on the consent agenda is to pass Resolution 2023-03 IDOT Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code. Without any objection, this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Dziedzic stated that the Worth Cruisers is having a Valentines Party on February 13 and tickets are still available.

Mike McElroy spoke about the history of Lucas Berg Pit and that MWRD is looking to sell the property to Cook County. President Werner, Commissioner Morrissey and Mike McElroy will meet on the property on Thursday.

Trustee Dziedzic asked Engineer Spolar where we are with the path along the canal. Engineer Spolar stated that we have received funds and working on the engineering plans and with MWRD with permits. Engineer Spolar stated that the project should start in 2024.

Trustee Werner stated that the IDNR has grants available for maintenance of the existing path that we will work on.

BUSINESS LICENSES

Trustee Muersch Jr. stated that on the consent agenda is to approve business license application request from business owner Hani Siam to open Meat House Zabina Halal and Kosher to be located at 11300 S. Harlem Ave. Trustee Muersch Jr. stated that you will need to get permits for working on electric, plumbing and sign. Trustee Dziedzic asked where the animals are butchered the owner responded in Kankakee they have a slaughter house. They will have aged meats. They hope to open up in a month. Without any objection, this will remain on the consent agenda.

GOLF COURSE

Trustee Packwood stated that Orion is going out for bids for carpeting and the bids are being returned to Finance Director Zabinski. Trustee Packwood announced Fish Fry Fridays starting February 24 – April 7 from 4 – 9 p.m., also on February 22 we will have a fish fry. The 2023 calendar is posted on the web page. They are hiring for Food & Beverage staff. On March 18 they are having a St Patty's golf outing and on April 2 they are having a Master's Scramble. They have a new Accel Entertainment representative.

MOTION TO ESTABLISH THE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Trustee Packwood seconded by Trustee Dziedzic to establish the consent agenda. A roll call followed. Ayes: Trustee Ryan, Urban, Dziedzic, Packwood and Muersch Jr. (5). Nays: (0). Absent: Kats (1). Abstain: (0). Motion carried

Consent Agenda February 7

Approve the meeting minutes from January 17, 2023

Approve the request from Park Lawn for tag days to be held on April 7, 8, 14 and 15, 2023

Approve the bill list dated February 7, 2023 in the amount of \$1,349,962.47

Approve the January payroll in the amount of \$328,355.70

Pass Resolution 2023-01 A resolution authorizing participation in the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative (NIMEC) and authorizing the Village President to approve a contract with the lowest cost electricity provider for a period of up to 36 months

Pass Resolution 2023-02 IDOT Permit Maintenance Agreement

Pass Resolution 2023-03 IDOT Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code

Approve business license application request from business owner Hani Siam to open Meat House Zabina Halal and Kosher to be located at 11300 S. Harlem Ave. This license is contingent upon having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Trustee Urban seconded by Trustee Dziejdzic to adopt the consent agenda. A roll call followed. Ayes: Ryan, Urban, Dziejdzic, Muersch Jr., and Packwood (5). Nays: (0). Absent: Kats (1). Abstain: (0). Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Worth Park District President Mike McElroy announced that the Worth Park District will go out for referendum. The money is needed to update the parks. They have an OSLAD grant for Peaks Park it is a matching grant. There will be a public meeting on March 9 at 7 p.m. at the Terrace Centre. President McElroy thanked Trustee Dziejdzic for getting more involved and his help to get this approved.

A contractor stated that he loves working in the Village of Worth the board is very easy to work with for new business owners. It shows that you want new businesses in town.

MOTION TO CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Trustee Urban, seconded by Trustee Dziejdzic to convene to executive session at 7:53 p.m. Motion that we convene into executive session under Section 2 (c)(6) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body. A roll call followed. Ayes: Trustee Urban, Dziejdzic, Ryan, Packwood, and Muersch Jr. (5). Nays: (0). Absent: Kats (1). Abstain: (0). Motion carried.

President Werner recalled the regular board meeting to order at 8:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Packwood moved seconded by Trustee Muersch Jr. to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:21 p.m. A voice vote followed. Motion carried.

Bonnie M. Price, CMC
Village Clerk