

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WORTH
February 21, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Village President Werner called the regular meeting of the Village of Worth Village Board to order on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Village President	Mary Werner
Village Trustees:	Kevin Ryan
	Pete Kats
	Brad Urban
	Rich Dziedzic
	Laura Packwood

Also Present:

Village Attorney	Mark Heinle
Building Commissioner	Bruce Zartler
Superintendent of Public Works	Ed Urban Jr.
Chief of Police	Tim Denton
Finance Director	Kelly Zabinski
Village Engineer	Mike Spolar

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

The Pledge of Allegiance

President Werner announced that the Worth FOP had a pancake breakfast on February 5, the proceeds were donated to Southwest Special Recreation Association. Sergeant Cozzi presented SWSRA with a check in the amount of \$1,800.00.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Werner announced:

- Fish Fry Fridays at Waters Edge and the Marris Meyer American Legion Post.
- Marris Meyer American Legion will be having a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on March 11 from 2-7 p.m.
- Marris Meyer American Legion Post will have a Singing and Swinging night on March 18, tickets are on sale now.

- Marris Meyer American Legion Women's Auxiliary is having their annual new to you rummage sale April 27 & 28, you can donate gently used clothing and household items on April 24 & 25.

President Werner asked Finance Director Kelly Zabinski to discuss what she had found out regarding the Village owing money to the Police Pension Fund. Kelly Zabinski stated that the Village owes the Police Pension fund \$47,000.00. This liability has been on our books since 2010. Kelly explained that Cook County used to send the property tax levy money to the municipality and then it was the responsibility of the municipality to send a check to the pension fund. This should have been done a long time ago. In 2012 or 2013 the money started to go directly to the pension fund. This money will be paid to the Police Pension fund before April 30, 2023.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Ryan stated that on the consent agenda is to approve the bill list dated February 21, 2023 in the amount of \$249,016.03. Without any objection, this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Ryan stated that this is not on the agenda but trustees asked for an update on the ARPA money that was to be given to the Worth Park District. Trustee Ryan was told that the money is now able to be given to the Worth Park District without any paperwork needed from them explaining what they need the money for. Trustee Ryan asked Finance Director Zabinski to give the update. Finance Director Zabinski explained that there is more flexibility with the ARPA money, but we are giving the money to another governmental taxing body and if it was for a non-profit it is more flexible. When the board approved the money we stated that we would reimburse for PPE that was not reimbursed to the Park and for an additional personnel. Kelly stated that she contacted the grant writer and he explained that she would need to receive support for the money. For the expenses she needed to receive invoices and for the personnel she needed to receive a payroll register and why it is COVID related. Kelly did receive paperwork from the Worth Park District but it was dated 2019 – mid 2020, COVID started in March 2020. Kelly explained she went back to Bob O'Shaughnessy at the Worth Park District a couple of weeks to let him know these are pre COVID expenditures. Kelly stated that she has not heard back from the Worth Park District as of yet. Trustee Packwood stated that the treasury has changed the rules where we could place the money it can go into our general fund. Finance Director Zabinski stated that the money would need to be declared as lost revenue this is not free and clear. Trustee Packwood explained the treasury lightened up on everything. President Werner explained we are held responsible for that money. Trustee Packwood stated that they came to us with a project, but the lawyers said it cannot be used for that project. Finance Director Zabinski stated that this is a front loaded grant. They should be able to give us the support. President Werner explained they came to us because they lost money, and that they would provide to us the documentation. I explained this to the President of Park District the other day on the phone. Trustee Packwood was not aware that they had to hire anybody. Finance Director Zabinski they did receive \$5000.00, they did not apply for other grants. The Village did approve a resolution regarding the \$30,000.00. Trustee Kats stated that they need to give us the proper documentation. Trustee Packwood said that should be simple because they did not have any programs for a year. That is a loss of revenue. President Werner explained if they needed to hire new people to help with custodial duties or if they needed to have smaller groups and needed extra staff. Trustee Packwood stated that we are using the money to do sewers. Finance Zabinski stated yes that is infrastructure. The Worth Park District will need to sign a document regarding the money and the expenditures.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee Kats submitted the Police report for the month of January. The Worth Police have made 27 criminal arrests, logged 11,605 miles, and had 1,454 total events in the month of January. Very busy month for the police department.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE/BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Urban stated that on the consent agenda is to approve an honorary street sign, the sign will be displayed at Home Ave. and Ridgeland Ave. and the name on the sign will be Schutt Farm Road. Without any objection, this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Urban submitted the water report for the month of January. The water samples were tested by the Water Department and were found to be satisfactory, according to the testing analysis performed by Envirotest/Perry Labs Inc.

In the month of January public works had 5 salt events, 1 plowing event, 1 watermain break and 4 sanitary sewer calls for possible blockages.

Trustee Urban announced the Hometown Hero Banner program. Banners will be displayed starting Memorial Day, cost is \$70.00.

BUILDING/LICENSING/ORDINANCES

Commissioner Zartler submitted the building department report from the month of January. Commissioner Zartler stated that the total dollar amount collected in January 2023 was \$4,097.00, total administrative fees collected was \$400.00, and the building department issued 21 permits. The total dollar amount collected in January 2022 was \$4,956.00, total administrative fees collected was \$500.00, and the building department issued 21 permits.

BUSINESS LICENSES

In the absence of Trustee Muersch Jr., President Werner stated that on the consent agenda is to approve business license application request from business owner application request from business owner Anthony Kavaliunas to open Roma Café to be located at 6900 W. 111th Street. This is the same process as we went through with Melinda's when they purchased Staunton's Tavern Inc. Trustee Packwood asked Anthony if they would be opening up the kitchen, he stated yes. President Werner stated that he will come back to us and ask to remove the package liquors and open up the restaurant. Without any objection, this will remain on the consent agenda.

In the absence of Trustee Muersch Jr., President Werner stated that on the consent agenda is to approve business license application request from business owner Monzer Mohd Qasem to open Almarah LLC DBA Shiakah Style (Clothes, Home, and Miscellaneous items) to be located at 6659 W. 111th Street. Without any objection, this will remain on the consent agenda.

GOLF COURSE

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.

Trustee Packwood summarized January Financials. This is the 1st year anniversary for Orion. The golf shop revenue is at 91.2%, we budgeted 1.3 million and we are at 1.2 million in revenues. Food & Beverage revenues is at 99.5% they budgeted \$366,000 and we are at \$365,000. We are cutting waste and it shows our surplus is \$172,000.00 we are looking very healthy. We are getting a quote from TIPS for Carpeting. Our gaming revenue is at \$22,308.00 and we are going to receive a 5th machine.

Trustee Kats asked about the sale of some public works property, President Werner stated that will not happen until March 7. Trustee Kats asked that the money from the sale be used at Public Works for some projects.

Trustee Urban stated that the on March 4 we will be doing the Polar Plunge at Altman Park, there is a website so that donations can be made.

MOTION TO ESTABLISH THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

Consent Agenda February 21

Approve the meeting minutes from February 7, 2023

Approve the executive minutes from February 7, 2023

Approve the bill list dated February 21, 2023 in the amount of \$249,016.03

Approve the request from David Schutt for an Honorary Street Sign – Schutt Farm Road to be located at the corner of Ridgeland and Home

Approve business license application request from business owner Anthony Kavaliunas to open Gaming Cafe to be located at 6900 W. 111th Street. This license is contingent upon having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances

Approve business license application request from business owner Monzer Mohd Qasem to open Retail Store (Clothes, Home, and Miscellaneous items) to be located at 6659 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 made by Trustee Urban seconded by Trustee Dziejdzic to adopt the consent agenda. A roll call followed. Ayes: Kats, Ryan, Urban, Dziejdzic, and Packwood (5). Nays: (0). Absent: Muersch Jr. (1). Abstain: (0). Motion carried

MOTION TO CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Trustee Packwood, seconded by Trustee Urban to convene to executive session at 7:50 p.m. 2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. A roll call followed. Ayes: Trustee Kats, Ryan, Packwood, and Dziejdzic (5). Nays: (0). Absent: Muersch Jr. (1). Abstain: (0). Motion carried.

Board of Trustees – Minutes
February 21, 2023

President Werner recalled the regular board meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Ryan, seconded by Trustee Urban to authorize the Village President to execute the FOP Contract from May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2027 for the Clerical employees. A roll call followed. Ayes: Trustee Kats, Ryan, Packwood, and Dziedzic (5). Nays: (0). Absent: Muersch Jr. (1). Abstain: (0). Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Packwood moved seconded by Trustee Ryan to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:03 p.m. A voice vote followed. Motion carried.

Bonnie M. Price, CMC
Village Clerk