

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WORTH
MAY 18, 2021 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, May 18, 2021 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:	Kevin Ryan
	Pete Kats
	Brad Urban
	Rich Dziedzic
	Laura Packwood

Also Present:

Village Attorney	Greg Jones
Chief of Police	Tim Denton
Building Commissioner	Bruce Zartler
Public Works Superintendent	Wayne Demonbreun
Finance Director	Dwayne Fox
Village Engineer	Mike Spolar

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

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Werner read the proclamation for National Safe Boating Week May 22-28, 2021.

President Werner stated on the consent agenda is several resignations:

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Accept with regret the resignation of Robert Kundrot effective May 18, 2021. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Accept with regret the resignation of James Hudson effective May 13, 2021. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

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VILLAGE CLERK

Clerk Price announced that Marris Meyer American Legion will be holding their Memorial Service at the Veterans Memorial Eternal Flame on May 23 at 11 a.m. On Thursday May 27 Marris Meyer American Legion Women's Auxiliary will be doing Poppy Day, they are in need of volunteers and donations.

Clerk Price stated that the village stickers are on sale and due on your vehicle by June 30. There is a \$2.00 discount in the month of May.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Ryan stated that on the consent agenda is to approve the bill list dated May 18 in the amount of \$165,393.62. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Ryan will be reaching out to the board to get some dates in June and July for the budget meetings.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY

No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee Kats submitted the April police report. The department logged 13,102 miles, had 1,408 total police events and made 32 criminal arrests. Trustee Kats announced the Worth FOP Golf Outing to be held on June 12, for more information call 708-448-3979.

Trustee Kats stated that Chief Denton is asking for an additional option to hire police officers. Chief Denton spoke with the police & fire commissioners and they agree we could have a lateral transfer list and the regular list to hire off of. We would need the board to adopt an ordinance. This would be for future hires. This saves money on the academy and training. Trustee Ryan asked if they start at the starting pay or do they get their years of service pay. Chief Denton stated in the past it was 2 years. Attorney Jones stated that his would be in the ordinance and it would be in the Police & Fire Rules and Regulations. Trustee Kats asked if that could be amended. Attorney Jones stated that they can both be done at the same time. The board consensus is to direct the attorney to prepare an ordinance and to amend the Police & Fire Rules and Regulations.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE/BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Urban submitted the water report for the month of April. The water samples were tested on April 15 and April 28 by the Water Department and were found to be satisfactory, according to the testing analysis performed by Envirotest/Perry Labs Inc. The increase in water used is due to several fires and one large water main break on Southwest Highway.

Trustee Urban reported on the sewer repairs and adjustments. The Michels Corporation reported a serious sanitary sewer collapse along the 8 inch sewer which serves Lode Drive. There have been several manholes that were found during this time, these manholes were not identified on any of the village sewer atlases. Frames and covers were brought up to grade by the addition of concrete adjustment rings. All of the repair work was performed by the public works crew.

Trustee Urban stated that Public Works is putting up the Hometown Hero banners and we are still taking orders for new banners.

BUILDING/LICENSING/ORDINANCES

Trustee Dziejcz stated that on the consent agenda is to adopt Ordinance 2021-16 An Ordinance approving a Special Use Permit to operate a Medical Office at 11220 S. Harlem Avenue, Worth,

Illinois. This was recommended by the REDB. Without any objection, this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Dziejdzic stated that on the consent agenda is to adopt Ordinance 2021-17 An Ordinance Granting a Variance to Section 5-9-6(K) of the Village of Worth Municipal Code to reduce the required number of vehicle parking spaces for a Medical Office located at 11220 S. Harlem Avenue. This was recommended by the REDB. Trustee Ryan is concerned with the number of parking spaces. The variance was a significant reduction in parking. President Werner stated that the business will be working with Autistic children. Trustee Urban stated they do have parking in the back. Trustee Urban asked if we know when the construction will be cleaned up on Harlem Ave. This is near her entryway. Superintendent Demonbreun will check on this. Without any objection, this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Dziejdzic stated that on the consent agenda is to adopt Resolution 2021-02 A Resolution Authorizing the Dedication of Right of Way Adjacent to Depot Street, 109th Street, Nordica Avenue, and Beloit Avenue. Without any objection, this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Dziejdzic submitted the findings from the REDB for the Special Use request for an Accounting Office at 6850 W. 111th Street. The business owner did not appear in front of the REDB in April or May. The REDB denied the recommendation. The village board is able to approve the business, deny the business or send the business back to the REDB. Amer Aburuman the owner was present. The board asked Amer why he did not attend the REDB hearings and he said that in April his partner got COVID and was in the hospital and in May he looked at our web page and had the wrong date for the meeting. Trustee Packwood asked why he answered no to all of the questions on the REDB application, the correct answer is yes and then it needs a response. He answered that he turned in the form to the village hall and the employee stated that it was good.

Motion was made by Trustee Packwood seconded by Trustee Urban to have the Accounting Office back to the REDB for a Special Use on June 7. A roll call followed. Ayes: Trustee Kats, Urban, Ryan, Dziejdzic, and Packwood (5). Nays: (0). Absent: (0). Abstain: Muersch Jr. (1). Motion carried.

Commissioner Zartler stated that in April 2020 the building department collected \$9,257.00 in permits and \$1,090.00 in administrative fees. The building department issued 47 permits. In April 2021 the building department collected \$8,399.00 in permits and \$1,670.00 in administrative fees. The building department issued 72 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 Lila Ayyad-Alharsha to open Academic & Behavior Consultants of Illinois DBA ABC Health to be located at 11220 S. Harlem Avenue. Commissioner Zartler asked if there will be an open flame in the kitchen Lila responded no. He stated that he would need to go in and see about the fire system and the mechanical room. He also stated that the State of Illinois will require sink and toilet that is a certain height for children. Without any objection, this will remain on the consent agenda.

GOLF COURSE

Trustee Packwood submitted the revenue and expense report from the Water's Edge Golf Course. Year to Date the golf course surplus is \$310,920.57. For the month of April 2021 the golf course

surplus was \$1,927.06, 1,583 rounds of golf in the month of May 2021. Upcoming Events: Senior Monday League \$28.00 with a cart, Tuesday Lady League, Taco Tuesday from 11- 3 p.m., and kids play golf free with a paying adult.

MOTION TO ESTABLISH THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

Consent Agenda May 18, 2021

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Direct Attorney to prepare an ordinance regarding lateral transfer for police officers and to amend the police & fire rules and regulations

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ed Guzdziol asked if the surplus for the year at the golf course is exclusive of the bond debt. President Werner stated the bond debt is on the resident’s property tax bill.

Rosemary asked the board why they passed an ordinance that does not allow residents to feed the wildlife. She and her husband like to feed the hummingbirds and that is a liquid, and it does not attract rats. President Werner stated that she had received many complaints from neighbors regarding feeding wildlife, one resident was feeding raccoons and the neighbors complained that they had 15-20 raccoons in their yards another resident took down their pool because their neighbor was feeding birds and they were pooping on the pool. They feed the humming birds a liquid. The board asked the Village Attorney to amend the ordinance so that residents can feed humming birds.

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A resident was asking what can be done on 113th Street with the speeders, many cars use that as a shortcut to avoid 111th & Harlem. Chief Denton stated that the speed trailer can report on how many cars are speeding. The resident asked about a sign that would states local traffic only there is one on 115th Place.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Kats moved seconded by Trustee Urban to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m. A voice vote.

Bonnie M. Price, CMC
Village Clerk