

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WORTH
MARCH 16, 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, March 16, 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
	Tedd Muersch Jr.
	Brad Urban
	Rich Dziedzic

Also Present:

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

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

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

AUDIT REPORT – JOHN WILLIAMS

Auditor John Williams from Hearne & Associates stated that he filed the Village of Worth audit with the State and County on February 17, 2021. John stated there were no difficulties with the audit as stated in the communication with governance letter. The Village's combined net position decreased to \$(25,083,940). This is a result of expenditures exceeding the program and general revenues for the fiscal year. The additional expenditures are mainly from the increase in the net pension obligation of the Village.

Revenues for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2020, revenues from all activities totaled \$12,444,608, a .41% decrease from 2019. The decrease are mainly from charges for services and other taxes received by the Village. The Villages total expense for all activities for the year ended April 30, 2020 and 2019 were \$17,610.99 and \$13,841,618, an increase of \$3,769,381.

John stated that the commuter parking lot is on page 21 and it has its challenges. On page 35 is the pension liability summary, the village has IMRF, SLEP, Police and Firefighter's pension.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Werner announced the repairs on the Cal Sag Bridge on Harlem will start on April 1 and will last 6 months.

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President Werner announced upcoming events:

Make a Wish will be having a parade on March 21 at noon the parade will kick off at Worthwoods School, line up will begin at 11 a.m. and end at the boat launch. President Werner is asking trustees to volunteer to help with traffic control.

Marrs Meyer American Legion Fish Fry on Friday during lent from 4-8 p.m.

Worth Park District Easter Egg Hunt March 27 you must register for this event. For more information visit the Worth Park District web page.

Worth Park District Easter Bunny Picnic March 27 you must register for this event. For more information visit the Worth Park District web page.

VILLAGE CLERK

Clerk Price stated that the Consolidated Election will be held on April 6. The first day of early voting is March 22.

Clerk Price stated that on the consent agenda is to award the bid for the 2021 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning & Televising to Michel's Corporation in the amount of \$97,615.00. Clerk Price stated that the bid opening was on March 11 and we had 4 bidders. Engineer Spolar recommends that we award the bid to Michel's Corporation for the bid amount of \$97,615.00. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Clerk Price stated that at the adjudication hearing it was mentioned that the building department and police department would like to adopt the 2018 Property Maintenance Code. I sent an email to Attorney Jones. Attorney Jones wanted me to know that there is a 2021 out already. And to check with the building department. He also stated that the building department should consider whether the village wants to make any local amendments to the property maintenance code. I did send an email out to the appropriate department heads. Commissioner Zartler stated that he is ok with the 2021. He also stated that we will need to make some amendments because the new codes require fire suppressions and new houses would need to be sprinkled. The trustees asked Commissioner Zartler to review and make recommendations to the 2021 Property Maintenance Code.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Ryan stated that on the consent agenda is to approve the bill list dated March 16 in the amount of \$298,582.55. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Ryan stated that the Village received the invoice from NPPFD.

PUBLIC SAFETY

In the absence of Trustee Kats, Trustee Urban submitted the February police report. The department logged 13,152 miles, had 1,346 total police events and made 25 criminal arrests.

President Werner stated the FOP collected over \$9,000.00 for Polar Plunge the donations go for Special Olympics. The plunge was held here in Worth at Trustee Urban's house and it was very nice. President Werner spoke with the officers and it will be held locally next year. In the past it was held in Manteno.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE/BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Urban submitted the water report for the month of February. The water samples were tested on February 17 and February 22 by the Water Department and were found to be satisfactory, according to the testing analysis performed by Envirotest/Perry Labs Inc.

Trustee Urban stated that the City of Chicago is raising the water rates effective June 1, 2021. The village will pass on the increase to the residents. The water will go up 10 cents per 1,000 gallons. Trustee Urban also discussed the sanitary sewer 5 year capital improvement program. We are required by MWRD to reduce annually the infiltration and inflow into our separate sanitary sewer system. We will need to increase the sewer fees by 40 cents per 1,000 gallons. Once all of the sewers are cleaned we will then begin lining the pipes. This needs to be done by ordinance, we will vote on this at the April 7 meeting.

BUILDING/LICENSING/ORDINANCES

Trustee Dziedzic submitted the February building report. Commissioner Zartler stated that in February 2021 the total dollar amount collected was \$4,594.00, the total administrative fees collected were \$420.00, and 10 permits were issued. For February 2020 the total dollar amount collected was \$3,337.00, the total administrative fees collected were \$420.00, and 25 permits were issued.

Commissioner Zartler stated that he received the plans for the development on Southwest Highway and 76th Ave. The development is for a restaurant with an apartment above it and a hookah in a separate building. President Werner stated this is a 1.8 million dollar project. Trustee Ryan asked if the special use and or variance have expired and if so what will need to be done. Trustee Dziedzic is also asking about the time line. Attorney DiCianni asked that we send the ordinances to him for review.

BUSINESS LICENSES

Trustee Muersch Jr., stated that on the consent agenda is to approve business license application request from business owner Arrius Brown to open Lavish Lavish Boutique to be located at 6925 W. 111th Street, Unit 106. Arrius Brown stated that it is an online boutique. She will sell women's clothing and accessories. Trustee Urban stated that she will need a sales tax number, before opening in Worth. Without any objection, this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Muersch Jr., stated that on the consent agenda is to approve business license application request from business owner Latefah Poole to open Poole House Cakes to be located at 11312 S. Harlem Ave. Latefah Poole stated that she decorates cakes, she does custom orders. The business has a web site. Commissioner Zartler stated that she will need health inspections from Cook County and she will need a 3 compartment sink. Without any objection, this will remain on the consent agenda.

GOLF COURSE

In the absence of Trustee Packwood, President Werner stated that with the nice weather we had some golfers out golfing.

MOTION TO ESTABLISH THE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Trustee Urban seconded by Trustee Ryan to establish the consent agenda. A roll call followed. Ayes: Trustee Muersch Jr., Urban, Ryan, and Dziedzic (4). Nays: (0). Absent: Kats & Packwood (2). Abstain: (0). Motion carried.

Consent Agenda
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Approve the meeting minutes from March 2, 2021

Approve the Public Hearing minutes form March 2, 2021

Award the bid for the 2021 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning & Televising to Michel’s Corporation in the amount of \$97,615.00

Approve the bill list dated March 16, 2021 in the amount of \$298,582.55

Approve business license application request from business owner Arrius Brown to open Lavish Lavish Boutique to be located at 6925 W. 111th Street, Unit 106. 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 Latefah Poole to open Poole House Cakes to be located at 11312 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 was made by Trustee Ryan seconded by Trustee Dziedzic to establish the consent agenda. A roll call followed. Ayes: Trustee Urban, Ryan, Muersch Jr, and Dziedzic (4). Nays: (0). Absent: Kats & Packwood (2). Abstain: (0). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Muersch Jr. moved seconded by Trustee Dziedzic to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:52 p.m. A voice vote.

Bonnie M. Price, CMC
Village Clerk