CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Village of Worth Village Board was called to order by Village President Werner on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Meeting Room.

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
  Tedd Muersch Jr.
  Brad Urban
  Rich Dziedzic
  Laura Packwood

Also Present:
Village Attorney: Greg Jones
Building Commissioner: Bruce Zartler
Chief of Police: Mark Micetich
Village Engineer: Mike Spolar
Superintendent of Public Works: Wayne Demonbreun
Finance Director: Dwayne Fox

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

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Werner announced some upcoming events:
Worth Police Department Car Seat Checkup event on June 23 in the parking lot of the Village Hall from 9 – 11 a.m.
Relay for Life in Oak Lawn Saturday, June 22 opening ceremony is at 3 p.m.
Worth Park District will host an Independence Celebration on July 3 from 7- 9 p.m. at Altman Park. They will have live entertainment and you can watch the fireworks in Palos Heights.

VILLAGE CLERK

Clerk Price stated on the consent agenda is to approve the request from Olubunmi Omitoyn with the Apostolic Faith Church to approve a Block Party request for 112th Street from Preller to Depot on August 31, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Clerk Price stated that she has a call into Apostolic
Faith Church to ask if they will be blocking the street off at 8:30 a.m. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Ryan stated that on the consent agenda is to approve the June 18 bill list in the amount of $300,025.15. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Ryan stated that the Finance Committee budget meeting for 2019-2020 fiscal year will be held on June 24 at 6 p.m. The trustees and the department heads should receive the budget paperwork to review on Wednesday.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee Kats submitted the May Report for the Worth Police Department. The Police Department logged 13,299 miles in the month of May, they had 1,786 police events and 34 criminal arrests were made.

Trustee Kats announced the Worth FOP Golf Outing on June 29 at Water’s Edge Golf Course, they have a few foursomes open if you would like to golf contact the police department.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE/BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Urban stated that Public Works employees are working on drainage improvements at the property of 11354 Nashville, they replaced 3 street crossing culverts at the intersection of 114th Street and Nashville They also had to replace a pipe that collapsed and would not allow water to flow at all. Trustee Urban gave an update on the Normandy project, they have completed the installation of planned culvert replacement between 112th Street to 113th Street and our now working on the block north of 112th street to 111th Street. Trustee Urban explained that the weather is slowing Public Works down with the job on Normandy.

BUILDING/LICENSING/ORDINANCES

Trustee Dziedzic submitted the building department report for the month of May they had issued 64 permits. Commissioner Zartler stated that the weather has been hard on roofing and asphalt contractors.

Trustee Dziedzic stated that on the consent agenda is to adopt several ordinances:

- Adopt Ordinance 2019-28 An Ordinance amending Section 3-7 of the Village of Worth Municipal Codes Regarding Tobacco Products, Electronic Cigarettes, and Alternative Nicotine Products. This is due to the State of Illinois changes you must be 21 years of age to purchase tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, and alternative nicotine products. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

- Adopt Ordinance 2019-29 An Ordinance Approving an Agreement for Telephone Communication Services between the Village of Worth and Call One Inc. President Werner stated that his is going to save the Village several hundred dollars a month Call one will be installing new equipment and they will be removing the 2 PRI lines that we have. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.
Adopt Ordinance 2019-30 An Ordinance Approving and Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Worth and Worth School District #127 Concerning a School Resource Officer. President Werner explained that in the agreement the School District will reimburse the Village $82,000 the first year, if the bargaining agreement increases so will our payments. If the Village receives grant money for a School Resource Officer that money will decrease the amount of money that we will receive from the School District. President Werner stated that the School Resource Officer helps with bullying and concerns at home. The officer is well liked by the students and the staff. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Pass Resolution 2019-02 Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code. This is MFT funds that can be used for replacing sidewalks and maintenance. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

BUSINESS LICENSES
No new businesses.

GOLF COURSE
Trustee Packwood updated the trustees on the revenues for April and May for the golf course. April revenues in 2018 were $80,272.00 and in 2019 they were $78,000.00. For the month of May 2018 revenues were $143,000.00 and in 2019 they were $188,000.00. The course has $248,000.00 booked in outings for 2019. The patio space can be rented out and the June special is $150.00 of the rental. On June 23 they will host a 3 club tournament. On Tuesdays they have a senior special $35.00 for golf and lunch.

Village Attorney Jones went over some of the new rules that are associated with recreational cannabis, HB 1438 will start January 1, 2020, the governor does need to sign the bill. It is prohibited to smoke in public places and over 21 years of age can have 30 grams. The law allows for the village to opt out of the cannabis business or limit them, it allows for reasonable zoning such as time, place and the number of businesses in the municipality. The municipality can allow cannabis lounges. The sales tax presently on medical marijuana is 1%, the municipality can pass a 3% tax on sales of recreation cannabis. The law states that medical cannabis businesses will have 1st shot at to operate a recreation cannabis business. Trustee Ryan asked if the medical cannabis would need to apply to the municipality. Yes they would, President Werner stated that the medical cannabis owners are looking for a letter of support from Worth. Trustee Kats stated that his biggest concern is for the Police Department and that right now there is no testing for this. Attorney Jones stated that we do have some time to discuss this.

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

Consent Agenda
Approve the June 4, 2019 meeting minutes
Approve Block Party request for 112th Street from Preller to Depot on August 31, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Olubunmi Omitoyn with the Apostolic Faith Church is the applicant

Approve the June 18 bill list in the amount of $300,025.15

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Adopt Ordinance 2019-29 An Ordinance Approving an Agreement for Telephone Communication Services between the Village of Worth and Call One Inc.

Adopt Ordinance 2019-30 An Ordinance Approving and Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Worth and Worth School District #127 Concerning a School Resource Officer


MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

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

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS

Dan Feltz asked if when we are preparing for the budget is there any funds to build the walking trail. Dan stated that Crestwood and Palos Heights are working on the trail. President Werner stated that unless we get grant money that is not in the budget. President Werner stated that Alsip and Crestwood receive 5-6 million in tax revenue and Worth receives $785,000.00.

An Audience member asked about an accounting firm at 11319 S. Harlem and is there a cap on the number of accounting businesses in Worth. Attorney Jones stated there is no cap on accounting firms in Worth, but you would need to go in front of the Real Estate Development Board to get approval for that type of business.

Beth Rosentrotter from Lode Drive asked about the drainage project. President Werner stated that she sent property owners paperwork that need to be signed so that Worth can go onto their property it also states that the homeowner is responsible to maintain the area after we complete the project. Beth is not sure it will fix the problem. President Werner stated that the engineer already looked at this and did a topo survey. The job can begin after the property owners sign the paperwork and the ground dries out.

Jack McGrath asked about the IL Highway Code resolution. Engineer Spolar stated that Worth can utilize MFT funds for sidewalks, electric cost for lighting, and street maintenance.

Jack McGrath asked if NPFDP is saving us money. Trustee Kats and President Werner stated yes that it cost us about 2 million to be with NPFPD and it would cost us 4-5 million to have our own fire department.
Jack McGrath asked if we are doing anything with the rats by Walgreens he stated that he counted the holes in that area and is seeing a lot of rats. President Werner stated that we are ripping out he bushes and replacing that with asphalt. President Werner did state that Walgreens has an exterminator. Jack McGrath said we need to do more. Jack McGrath also asked where the chickens are on Nagle he did not see any on public property but did see ducks. President Werner stated that chickens are usually in resident’s yard they don’t usually roam. Jack stated that when he sees the garbage is overflowing he calls the code enforcement officer.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Kats moved seconded by Trustee Muersch Jr. to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:07 p.m. A voice vote followed. Motion carried.

Bonnie M. Price, CMC
Village Clerk