CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Village of Worth Village Board was called to order by Village President Werner on Tuesday, September 3, 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, Brad Urban, Rich Dziedzic, Laura Packwood

Also Present:
Village Attorney: Greg Jones
Deputy Chief of Police: Tim Denton
Finance Director: Dwayne Fox
Building Commissioner: Bruce Zartler
Assistant Superintendent of Public Works: Ed Urban

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

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Werner announced some upcoming events:

- October 18 at 6 p.m. American Legion Post 991 and the Worth Boy Scouts will have a Flag Retirement Ceremony at Gale Moore Park.
- October 20 from noon – 2 p.m. Worth Jr. High will be celebrating their 50 year anniversary this is an open house and all alumni are invited to come see former teachers, students and to see how the school has changed.

VILLAGE CLERK

Clerk Price stated that on the consent agenda is to approve the following requests:

- Approve the request from the Worth Lions Club for Ton of Food Drive on November 16, 2019. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.
- Approve the request from the Worth Lions Club for Porchlight Parade on October 10, 2019. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.
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Approve the request from the Worth Lions Club for Candy Day on October 11, 2019. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Approve the request from Worth Lions to sell Christmas Trees at 116th & Harlem, from November 9-December 31, the Lions Club will get permission from MWRD & provide the necessary insurance documents. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Approve the request from OLOR Knights of Columbus to tag on September 20 & 21 on 111th & Ridgeland. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Approve the request from Maggie Palenik for approval for a block party to be held on September 21 with a rain date of September 28 for Crandall residents from Oak Park to New England. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Ryan stated that on the consent agenda is to approve the September 3 bill list in the amount of $1,088,758.67. The bill list has the 2nd installment payment to North Palos Fire Protection District. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Ryan stated that on the consent agenda is to approve payroll for the month of August in the amount of $436,433.80. The month of August had 3 payrolls. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee Kats, stated that the residents have noticed the police presence near the schools, Trustee Kats wanted to thank the police department and the officers.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE/BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Urban stated that the Normandy project is moving forward. Public works seeded the parkways on the north end of Normandy and the grass is coming in nice.

Trustee Urban also asked the residents to clean out the culverts and manholes of leaves and debris, with Fall coming this will help with the water.

BUILDING/LICENSING/ORDINANCES

Trustee Dziedzic stated that on the consent agenda is to adopt Ordinance 2019-44 Ordinance 2019-44 An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Chapter 2 of the Village of Worth Municipal Code to Modify the Village’s Permit and Inspection Fee Schedule This was discussed at the last meeting. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Dziedzic announced the Worth Car Cruisers Car Show to be held on September 15 and the rain date is September 22 the location is the Worth Metra Lot. The car show starts at noon.
Trustee Dziedzic announced the REDB meeting to be held on September 4, 2019 at 7 p.m. the hearing will be for:

- At the request of Matrix Accounting, Inc. and Matrix Worth LLC, consideration of special use permit requests to establish a professional accounting office and a residential dwelling unit on the property commonly known as 11319 S. Harlem Avenue, Worth, Illinois, and other relief as required.

- At the request of the Village of Worth, consideration of a text amendment to Title 5 of the Village of Worth Municipal Code to establish regulations governing cannabis business establishments and uses, and other relief as required.

President Werner stated that the REDB will be meeting on September 4 and the taxation of recreation cannabis will need to be discussed so that we can pass an ordinance at the next meeting. Windy City has four medical cannabis facilities one in Posen, Justice, Homewood and Worth. The State is allowing the municipality to place a tax from 0 – 3% on the sale of the cannabis. The other municipalities (Posen, Justice, and Homewood) are going to tax it at 1% and we should consider doing the same so that we can be competitive. The State of Illinois is also going to have a tax on the cannabis sales. Trustee Urban stated that the 1% is fine and if we need to increase it at a later time we could. Trustee Ryan asked if we verified that the other municipalities are going to be at 1%, President Werner stated yes we did. President Werner stated it could be increased in increments of ¼%.

BUSINESS LICENSES

In the absence of Trustee Muersch Jr., President Werner stated that on the consent agenda is to approve the business licenses for the following:

Approve the business license to business owner Mohammad Abbushi for Mastic Pistachia Gelato Inc., DBA Mastic Gelato located at 6946 W. 111th Street, Units 3 & 4. President Werner stated that this is a change of ownership in the corporation, it is an existing business. The manager stated there would not be remodeling, everything will remain the same. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Approve the business license to business owner Rula Alowaid for Design Ave. Inc., DBA Design Avenue located at 6611 W. 111th Street, Suite W. Trustee Dziedzic asked if the parking issue was resolved. President Werner stated they built a parking lot that has been approved by Commissioner Zartler. Commissioner Zartler stated that the building owner will need to address the wire from the pole that is hanging down, the grass is 12 inches high and will need to be maintained, some debris and the access from the parking lot to the business needs to be done. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Approve the business license to business owner Ahmad Shakhatreh for Adam S. Inc., located at 6611 W. 111th Street, Suite E. Mr. Shakhatreh was not present and this will be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the September 17 agenda.
GOLF COURSE
Trustee Packwood had no report for this meeting.

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

Consent Agenda
Approve the August 20, 2019 meeting minutes
Approve the request from the Worth Lions Club for Ton of Food Drive on November 16, 2019
Approve the request from the Worth Lions Club for Porchlight Parade on October 10, 2019
Approve the request from the Worth Lions Club for Candy Day on October 11, 2019
Approve the request from Worth Lions to sell Christmas Trees at 116th & Harlem, from November 9-December 31, the Lions Club will get permission from MWRD & provide the necessary insurance documents
Approve the request from OLOR Knights of Columbus to tag on September 20 & 21 on 111th & Ridgeland
Approve the request from Maggie Palenik for approval for a block party to be held on September 21 with a rain date of September 28 for Crandall residents from Oak Park to New England
Approve the September 3 bill list in the amount of $1,088,758.67
Approve Payroll for the month of August in the amount of $436,433.80
Adopt Ordinance 2019-44 Ordinance 2019-44 An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Chapter 2 of the Village of Worth Municipal Code to Modify the Village’s Permit and Inspection Fee Schedule
Approve the business license to business owner Mohammad Abbushi for Mastic Pistachia Gelato Inc., DBA Mastic Gelato located at 6946 W. 111th Street, Units 3 & 4. This license is contingent upon having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances
Approve the business license to business owner Rula Alowaid for Design Ave. Inc., DBA Design Avenue located at 6611 W. 111th Street, Suite W. This license is contingent upon having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances
Approve the business license to business owner Ahmad Shakhatreh for Adma S. Inc., located at 6611 W. 111th Street, Suite E. This license is contingent upon having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances. Removed from the consent agenda.
MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

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

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS

Jack McGrath read that Worth is approving cannabis sales. President Werner stated that the REDB will have a hearing on this tomorrow.

Jack McGrath stated that 16 or 17 years ago he received permission to plant three maple trees in the parkway, they are dying and he would like to remove them and plant 3 more. President Werner stated that we are not allowing residents or business owners to plant on our parkways, we are responsible for them and when they die we need to pay to have them cut down. President Werner did state that he could plant on his property. Trustee Urban stated that the trees that are planted in our parkway lift sidewalks and cause tripping hazards and when we have a main break we are fighting the roots from the trees.

Jack asked about the rat issue and if Thorntons will be doing abatement for the rats before they excavate. Jack stated that the rats are terrible by Walgreens. Trustee Urban explained that Walgreens has an exterminator for rats. Jack stated that he attended hearings and the Judge continued Walgreens tickets four times. Commissioner Zartler explained that they were in court for their parking lot. Jack asked if Carol wrote tickets for rats and garbage. He explained he received two tickets, one for his garage door being crooked and one for a truck and he had to pay $250.00 for each one of them. President Werner stated that the garbage issues were taken care of at Walgreens, Jack showed a picture of rat droppings at Walgreens. Trustee Urban stated that he caught 65 rats on his property. The residents and business owners need to stop feeding birds, clean up after your dogs, clean up your gardens and make sure the dumpsters are big enough and are picked up more often.

President Werner stated that everyone gets a warning of the violation first then if it is not in compliance after 7 days you will receive a ticket. Trustee Ryan stated that if your neighbors have piles of wood you need to let the code enforcement officer know this. Trustee Urban stated that chickens can draw rats into areas.

A resident that lives on 110th & Nagle stated that he sees dead rats and he has called the Village Hall to get them picked up and is placed on hold and it does not get done. Jack asked what is Worth going to do for us he asked about the sewers because he has seen rats in there. Trustee Packwood stated this started when they tore down the Old Barn in Burbank.

President Werner stated that Worth has bait traps at the Public Works property and the Village Hall.

Jack stated that Chicago Ridge brought in an exterminator. Jack said enforce the rules and regulations at 111th & Nagle there is dog poop all over the residents don’t clean up after their dogs. Trustee Urban, Ryan and Kats stated that we need to enforce all ordinances.
Nick Stathopoulos stated that Lakeshore did not pick up the pile of twigs that were tied with string two weeks in a row.

MOTION TO CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Trustee Kats, seconded by Trustee Dziedzic to convene to executive session at 7:52 p.m. for 2(c)(1) To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. A roll call followed. Ayes: Trustee Kats, Ryan, Packwood, Urban, and Dziedzic (5). Nays: (0). Absent: Muersch Jr. (1). Abstain: (0). Motion carried.

President Werner recalled the regular board meeting to order at 8:43

Motion was made by Trustee Urban, second by Trustee Dziedzic to increase the salaries of non-union employees as set forth on the worksheet that the Village Clerk will have on file. A roll call followed. Ayes: Trustee Kats, Ryan, Packwood, Urban, 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 8:45 p.m. A voice vote followed. Motion carried.

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Bonnie M. Price, CMC
Village Clerk