CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Village of Worth Village Board was called to order by Village President Werner on Tuesday, September 17, 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:  
Tedd Muersch Jr.  
Brad Urban  
Rich Dziedzic  
Laura Packwood

Also Present:  
Village Attorney  
Greg Jones  
Deputy Chief of Police  
Tim Denton  
Building Commissioner  
Bruce Zartler  
Superintendent of Public Works  
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 announced some upcoming events:

- September 24 Marrs Meyer American Legion Hall is having a Paint Night this is a fundraiser
- September 28 Worth Park District is having Family Fall Fest at Gale Moore Park
- October 10 Worth Lions Porch light Parade, please leave your porch light on and they will be collecting monetary donations.
- October 13 North Palos Fire Protection District Pancake Breakfast at Station 1 on Roberts Road from 7 a.m. to noon
- October 18 American Legion Post 991 and the Worth Boy Scouts will have a Flag Retirement Ceremony at 6 p.m. at Gale Moore Park.
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- October 20 from noon – 2 p.m. Worth Jr. High will be celebrating their 50 year anniversary this is an open house. Alumni are invited to come see former teachers, fellow classmates and to see the how the school has changed.

VILLAGE CLERK

Clerk Price stated that on the consent agenda is to approve the request from Sawsun Abubaker for a Block Party for 10825 S. 71st Ct. on September 27, 2019 from 6-10 p.m. Trustee Ryan questioned the percentage of signatures it does not meet the requirement which is 75% of the residential properties on the block. Clerk Price did state that this is blocking off one address and that the block party can be revoked if the party violates the ordinances. Trustee Packwood and Trustee Urban stated they are fine with this. 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 17 bill list in the amount of $256,653.37. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

PUBLIC SAFETY

In the absence of Trustee Kats, President Werner stated that the board has received the August Police Report.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE/BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Urban stated that the water samples were collected on August 5 & August 20 by the Water Department. The samples were found to be satisfactory, according to the testing analysis performed by Enviro-Test/Perry Labs Inc. Trustee Urban stated that we have had no water main breaks.

President Werner asked for an update on the Normandy project. Superintendent Demonbreun stated that they have one block left to place pipe in the ground on both sides of the street. They are working on restoration and the driveways that were removed will be replaced.

BUILDING/LICENSING/ORDINANCES

Trustee Dziedzic submitted the building department report for the month of August. The building department issued 87 permits and the total dollar amount collected for permits in August was $8,630.00. Commissioner Zartler stated that there are a lot of roof permits

Trustee Dziedzic stated that on the consent agenda is to adopt Ordinance 2019-45 An Ordinance Amending Worth Municipal Code Section 3-2 to Adopt and Levy a Municipal Cannabis Retailers Occupation Tax. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Dziedzic stated that on the consent agenda is to adopt Ordinance 2019-46 An Ordinance Approving a Special Use to Operate a Professional Accounting Office and a Dwelling unit at 11319 S. Harlem Avenue, Worth, Illinois. This was recommended to the board by the REDB. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.
Trustee Dziedzic stated that on the consent agenda is to adopt Ordinance 2019-47 An Ordinance Amending Title 3, Chapter 25 of the Village of Worth Municipal Code Concerning Raffles. The State of Illinois amended the Raffle act. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Dziedzic stated that on the consent agenda is to adopt Ordinance 2019-48 An Ordinance Amending the Current Existing Cal Sag Enterprise Zone Subject to the Enterprise Zone Act of the State of Illinois. Attorney Jones explained that four municipalities that are a part of the Enterprise Zone added properties. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Dziedzic stated that on the consent agenda is to adopt Ordinance 2019-49 An Ordinance Amending Title 5 of the Village of Worth Municipal Code to Modify the Village’s Zoning Regulations Concerning Cannabis Establishments. This was recommended by the REDB. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Dziedzic stated that on the consent agenda is to adopt Ordinance 2019-50 An Ordinance Amending Title 3 of the Village of Worth Municipal Code Regarding Cannabis Business Licenses. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Dziedzic announced the Worth Car Cruisers Car Show had about 90 cars on Sunday.

BUSINESS LICENSES

Trustee Muersch Jr., stated that on the consent agenda is to approve the business license to business owner Alhan Daond for Matrix Accounting Inc. located at 11319 S. Harlem. This license is contingent upon having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Muersch Jr., stated that on the consent agenda is to approve the business license to business owner Ahmad Shakhatreh for Adam S. Inc., located at 6611 W. 111th Street, Suite E. Trustee Urban asked about the hours of 5 a.m. if there will be deliveries that early and asked if it is a retail or wholesale. She will talk to her husband about the hours and get back to us. This will be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the October 1 agenda.

GOLF COURSE

Trustee Packwood stated the greens fees were up from 2018. The course is in great shape. There are several upcoming events at the course: Chili Open on October 12, the Turkey Shoot on November 9, they are running the senior special Tuesday – Thursday for $35.00 per golfer. The Worth Car Cruisers will have Trunk or Treat on October 28 in the parking lot. General Manager Brian Dober stated that we lost 2 weekday events because they needed 36 hole courses.

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, Muersch Jr., and Dziedzic (5). Nays: (0). Absent: Kats (1). Abstain: (0). Motion carried.
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Approve the September 3, 2019 meeting minutes
Approve the September 3, 2019 executive meeting minutes
Approve the September 17 bill list in the amount of $256,653.37
Approve the request for a Block Party for 10825 S. 71st Ct. on September 27, 2019
Adopt Ordinance 2019-45 An Ordinance Amending Worth Municipal Code Section 3-2 to
Adopt and Levy a Municipal Cannabis Retailers Occupation Tax
Adopt Ordinance 2019-46 An Ordinance Approving a Special Use to Operate a Professional
Accounting Office and a Dwelling unit at 11319 S. Harlem Avenue, Worth, Illinois
Adopt Ordinance 2019-47 An Ordinance Amending Title 3, Chapter 25 of the Village of
Worth Municipal Code Concerning Raffles
Adopt Ordinance 2019-48 An Ordinance Amending the Current Existing Cal Sag Enterprise
Zone Subject to the Enterprise Zone Act of the State of Illinois
Adopt Ordinance 2019-49 An Ordinance Amending Title 5 of the Village of Worth
Municipal Code to Modify the Village’s Zoning Regulations Concerning Cannabis
Establishments
Adopt Ordinance 2019-50 An Ordinance Amending Title 3 of the Village of Worth
Municipal Code Regarding Cannabis Business Licenses

Approve the business license to business owner Alhan Daond for Matrix Accounting Inc.
located at 11319 S. Harlem. 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 Adam 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 consent agenda

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

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

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS

Georgia Duffy asked the board for help with the home at 10850 S. Depot. She is worried about the
home being vacant and the doors were not locked, a person was sleeping on the porch. This is
affecting the property values in the area. It needs maintenance. Georgia submitted pictures to the
President Werner. Commissioner Zartler stated the owner of the home was in court on Monday and
the wood will be removed the owner is giving it to Gematos, he did cut the grass and he did secure
the back door. Commissioner Zartler stated the home is up for sale. Georgia is asking the board
what is the village’s plan for this property. Georgia stated that she did look at the property
maintenance codes online. Commissioner Zartler stated that the foundation is bad and the beams are rusted. Commissioner Zartler did state the garage will need to be torn down. Georgia would like the board to have a plan of action to get this corrected. Trustee Packwood asked about Nuisance Abatement. Attorney Jones stated that the village can look at their options. Trustee Urban asked about placing a fence around it.

Jack McGrath asked about Ordinance 19-49 regarding the zoning regulations concerning cannabis. Attorney Jones stated that it is legal to sell recreation cannabis in the Village of Worth January 1, 2020, it will be allowed in the B2 zoning and requires a special use. They must meet the village’s standards they will need to submit a site plan, a security plan, have hours of operation, it limits the number of cannabis establishments and can be increased with board approval when a worthy applicant applies. The Village of Worth also passed a 1% sales tax on recreation cannabis. Jack McGrath is worried that we will spend more money on police activity than we make. Trustee Packwood stated that they can only use it a home, we have had medical cannabis for a while. Jack Boehm asked if we can audit the business. President Werner explained that the Illinois Department of Revenue does not allow her to discuss sales tax dollar amounts. Jack Boehm stated that they will be driving around stoned. Trustee Ryan stated there are tests that you can use to detect this. Our officers have been doing this already.

Steve Werner stated that he had some friends that were saying how great the golf course grounds are. He also stated that he is tired of the taxes going up and the State of Illinois did not allow us to vote on the recreational cannabis and Worth will get to benefit from it.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Packwood moved seconded by Trustee Muersch Jr. to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:18 p.m. A voice vote followed. Motion carried.

Bonnie M. Price, CMC
Village Clerk