

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**VILLAGE OF WORTH**  
April 5, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Village of Worth Village Board was called to order by Village President Werner on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**MOTION TO ALLOW TRUSTEE KATS TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY**

Motion was made by Trustee Packwood, seconded by Trustee Muersch Jr. to allow Trustee Kats to participate remotely for the April and May meetings. A roll call followed. Ayes: A roll call followed. Ayes: Trustee Ryan, Urban, Kats & Muersch Jr. Packwood, and Dziedzic (6). Nays: (0). Absent: (0). Abstain: (0). Motion carried

**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.
	Pete Kats
	Brad Urban
	Rich Dziedzic
	Laura Packwood

Also Present:

Village Attorney	Keri Lyn Krafthefer
Chief of Police	Tim Denton
Building Commissioner	Bruce Zartler
Finance Director	Kelly Zabinski
Engineer	Mike Spolar
Public Works Superintendent	Wayne Demonbreun
Assistant Public Works Superintendent	Ed Urban

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

**MOTION TO CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Trustee Urban, seconded by Trustee Packwood to convene to executive session at 7:03 p.m. for 2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. A roll call followed. Ayes: Trustee Ryan, Packwood, Urban, Kats, Muersch Jr., and Dziedzic, (6). Nays: (0). Absent: (0). Abstain: (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Urban, seconded by Trustee Dziedzic to reconvene the regular board meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. A roll call followed. Ayes: Trustee Ryan, Packwood, Urban, Kats, Muersch Jr., and Dziedzic, (6). Nays: (0). Absent: (0). Abstain: (0). Motion carried.

## REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

### VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Werner stated that the Friends of the Chicago River will be holding a Lucas Berg Clean Up on May 14 from 9 a.m. – noon. Attendees will need to sign up online, more information will follow.

### VILLAGE CLERK

No report.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Ryan stated that on the consent agenda is to approve the bill list dated April 5 in the amount of \$195,362.83. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Ryan stated that on the consent agenda is to approve the payroll for the month of March in the amount of \$303,808.28. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Ryan stated that on the consent agenda is to discuss the ARPA funds and how much if any we will give to the Worth Park District. Robert O'Shaughnessy explained to the board that park districts were a forgotten entity and that is why a village can share the funds with the park district. Trustee Urban stated that the Park district did a very large parking lot improvement in the amount of \$90,000.00. Trustee Muersch Jr. asked what project they are considering with this money. Trustee Urban stated they were looking to install basketball courts. Mr. O'Shaughnessy explained that even after the pandemic when we reopened it was slow. Trustee Packwood asked if they were eligible for PPE loans Mr. O'Shaughnessy stated no. Trustee Packwood stated that from 2020 to 2021 they received \$100,000.00 less in services. President Werner stated that you had a decrease in your property taxes. Finance Director Zabinski asked if they applied for a FEMA Grant. Mr. O'Shaughnessy responded no but we did receive \$50,000.00 from the County. Finance Director Zabinski did state that with the new public act you may recoup some of the property tax loss. Trustee Ryan asked for a number, he stated that the fund balance decreased by \$3,000.00. Trustee Urban stated that we have many projects. President Werner stated that we need to work on infrastructure, storm sewers, sanitary sewers and we could use 10 times the amount that we will receive from ARPA. Trustee Packwood stated that we need to take care of the parks. Trustee Muersch Jr. gave a number of \$25,000.00, Trustee Packwood said \$30,000.00. The board agreed on \$30,000.00. The board directed the attorney to prepare a resolution authorizing the Village to give the Worth Park District \$30,000.00 of ARPA funds that the Village received.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

No report.

### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE/BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Urban submitted the water report for the month of March. The water samples were tested on March 9 and March 29 by the Water Department and were found to be satisfactory, according to the testing analysis performed by Envirotest/Perry Labs Inc. Public Works had 2 water main breaks in the month of March.

Trustee Urban stated that the Village has received correspondence from the City of Chicago and the rate increase is 5% which is an increase of about 20 cents per unit. President Werner asked if we need

to add an additional increase. Trustee Kats stated that the Village's cost are going up. Superintendent Demonbreun stated that additional increase is needed. Trustee Urban stated that we will need to increase an additional 5%. Trustee Ryan stated this will be approximately 20 cents, so the total will be about 40 cents. Finance Director Zabinski stated that the city of Chicago may have another rate increase before next year. The board directed the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance for a rate increase on water effective June 1, 2022.

#### BUILDING/LICENSING/ORDINANCES

Trustee Dziedzic stated that on the consent agenda is to adopt Ordinance 2022-15 An Ordinance approving an agreement for Telephone Communications Services between the Village of Worth and First Communications, LLC. Clerk Price has discussed this at previous board meetings. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Dziedzic stated that on the consent agenda is to adopt Ordinance 2022-16 An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of a lawn mower. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Dziedzic stated that on the consent agenda is to adopt Ordinance 2022-17 An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of an excavator. Finance Director Zabinski stated that the excavator will be purchased outright not financed. The ordinance will need to be amended. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Dziedzic stated that on the consent agenda is to adopt Ordinance 2022-18 An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of a trailer. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Dziedzic stated that on the consent agenda is to adopt Ordinance 2022-19 An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of a John Deere tractor and boom. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda

Trustee Dziedzic stated that on the consent agenda is to adopt Ordinance 2022-20 An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of two 2023 International HV607 Trucks. Finance Director Zabinski stated that we can order 2 trucks and in the future if we need to cancel one of the trucks there will be a charge to the Village of \$1,500.00. Trustee Kats asked Finance Director Zabinski if the Village can afford all of the equipment. Finance Director Zabinski stated that we are in a very healthy position. The trucks went up \$15,000.00 in 2 weeks. The ordinance needs to be amended to revise the interest rate not to exceed 5%. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda

#### BUSINESS LICENSES

Trustee Muersch Jr., stated that on the consent agenda is to approve business license application request from business owner Naishil Patel to open NAP Worth Group Corp. DBA Sharn's Motel located at 7240 Southwest Highway. Trustee Muersch Jr. stated this is a new owner. No changes at this time. 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 business license application request from business owner Mufid Saleh to open Shabaan Inc. DBA Shabaan located at 6615 W. 111<sup>th</sup> St. Unit #1. Mufid stated that he is only taking one store front. They will sell shrimp. Trustee Dziedzic asked about the plans for the other store front. Mufid stated they are working on something. 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.

#### GOLF COURSE

Trustee Packwood announced that May will be the opening of the golf course. The Fish Fry has been successful year to date the fish fry made a profit of \$3,900.00. The Fish Fry will be extended for April 22 & April 29. The golf course is looking into having Bingo night on Tuesdays they will also have taco Tuesday. Eight Finn bikes are being delivered they are scooters that the golfers can rent, we will be the only golf course in the Chicago land area that have them. The team is working on the March financials. We are hiring a PGA professional. We have several April & May specials. Senior golf specials. May 2 Worth Car Cruisers will be in the parking lot. Monday the Edge Bar & Frill special will be ½ price burgers. Trustee Packwood stated that she is looking at new chairs and table tops for the dining room. Some of the chairs are breaking. Trustee Packwood said they are getting quotes on 60 regular chairs and 24 high top chairs.

#### MOTION TO ESTABLISH THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

#### Consent Agenda April 5, 2022

Approve the meeting minutes from March 15, 2022

Approve the public hearing minutes from March 15, 2022

Approve the executive meeting minutes from March 15, 2022

Approve the Payroll for the month of March in the amount of \$303,808.28

Approve the bill list dated April 5 in the amount of \$195,362.83

Adopt Ordinance 2022-15 An Ordinance approving an agreement for Telephone Communications Services between the Village of Worth and First Communications, LLC

Adopt Ordinance 2022-16 An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of a lawn mower

Adopt Ordinance 2022-17 An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of an excavator as amended to pay for the excavator outright and not finance

Adopt Ordinance 2022-18 An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of a trailer

Adopt Ordinance 2022-19 An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of a John Deere tractor and boom

Adopt Ordinance 2022-20 An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of two 2023 International HV607 Trucks as amended changing the interest rate to 5% or less

Approve business license application request from business owner Naishil Patel to open NAP Worth Group Corp. DBA Sharn's Motel located at 7240 Southwest Highway. 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 Mufid Saleh to open Shabaan Inc. DBA Shabaan located at 6615 W. 111<sup>th</sup> St. Unit #1. This license is contingent upon having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances

Direct the Village Attorney to prepare a resolution giving the Worth Park District \$30,000 in ARPA Funds

Direct the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance increasing the water rates

#### MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

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

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Youngren stated that on Normandy there is a house that is in terrible condition and has rats. Some of the other neighbors were also in attendance, some neighbors are killing the rats. One neighbor submitted photos of the property to the Village President. One neighbor had them in their house. This house is vacant and they have complained in the past. They are looking for the village to help with the rat problem on this block and in Worth. President Werner stated that the building commissioner has made contact with the owner of the house and they will be meeting there on Saturday, he has ordered a dumpster to start the clean-up process. Bob would like the village to purchase a form of birth control for the rats. President Werner explained that the property taxes that we receive per household is about \$350.00. We do not have this in our budget nor do we have the funds to place this in the budget. Some of the residents stated that Chicago Ridge pays for the rat control. Fiancé Director Zabinksi stated that in Justice the Code Enforcement Officer writes tickets. President Werner stated that we have had multi-family units and businesses in court and they are mandated to have pest control.

A resident asked why public comment is at the end of the meeting he thinks it should be at the beginning. Trustee Packwood stated it Roberts Rule of Order. He also stated that he feels we need to really consider placing pest control in the budget.

Trustee Muersch Jr. left the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Ryan moved seconded by Trustee Ryan to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:17 p.m. A roll call followed. Ayes: Trustee Ryan, Urban, Kats, Packwood, and Dziedzic (5). Nays: (0). Absent: Muersch Jr. (1). Abstain: (0). Motion carried

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Bonnie M. Price, CMC  
Village Clerk