

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WORTH
APRIL 7, 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 Wednesday, April 7, 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
	Laura Packwood

Also Present:

Village Attorney	Greg Jones
Chief of Police	Tim Denton
Building Commissioner	Bruce Zartler
Public Works Superintendent	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 the passing of Frank Bonham. Frank served the village for over 50 years. He served as a volunteer firefighter and left as a Chief, then served on the Planning & Zoning commission, then as Village Trustee and the last 20 years as a commissioner on the Police & Fire Commission. President Werner asked for a moment of silence for Frank Bonham.

President Werner stated that on the consent agenda is to accept with regret the resignation of Ray Kopacz retiring with 36 years of service.

President Werner announced a memorial softball tournament for Amber Woodworth on May 1, 2021. They are looking for raffle prizes and you can go there and purchase raffle tickets to help this fundraiser.

VILLAGE CLERK

No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Ryan stated that on the consent agenda is to approve the bill list dated April 7 in the amount of \$1,328,695.34. This bill list includes North Palos Fire Protection District payment of 1.2 million. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Ryan stated that on the consent agenda is to approve March Payroll in the amount of \$299,597.05. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY

Attorney Jones stated that the Village has had a request from Holy Sepulchre Cemetery requesting to be annexed into Worth. The property that they would like to annex is presently in unincorporated Cook County. The process would be that they would need a zoning approval from the REDB and annexation paperwork to be filled out. It appears as they would not be a burden on Village of Worth services. They presently get water from Chicago Ridge and from Alsip. Trustee Ryan asked about NPPFD, Attorney Jones stated they are required to serve the Worth boundaries. The village should notify NPPFD and we will also place in the agreement that if NPPFD ever does charge that they would be responsible for the increase in the payment. The annexation is for 230 acres. The Village of Worth would be responsible for issuing any of the permits for any work that is done at the cemetery. The board would like to proceed with the request.

Attorney Jones went over the Worth Park District plat of dedication for public streets. The Park District had a survey of all of their properties and determined that some of the property needs to be dedicated for our streets this is done by an ordinance. The streets that are affected are Beloit, Depot, 109th Street and Nordica. Superintendent Demonbreun said this is a good thing for the Village.

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 4 and March 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 effective May 1 LRS will increase the annual rate by 3%.

Trustee Urban stated as part of the Village of Worth's sewer maintenance program, the Village has awarded a sewer cleaning and televising contract to Michels Construction to inspect a portion of the Village sewers. Cleaning and televising is performed by placing equipment into the sewers that removes existing debris and video records the condition of existing sewers. This work will be begin next week. If your area of the Village is included in this year's program, additional information will be provided by the contractor.

BUILDING/LICENSING/ORDINANCES

In the absence of Trustee Dziejcz, President Werner stated that on the consent agenda is to adopt Ordinance 2021-09 An ordinance amending Section 7-4 of the Village of Worth Municipal Code to modify the Village's Water and Wastewater Service rates and charges. City of Chicago increased their rates and the Village passed it on to the residents. 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 Fayiez Dawd to open Dawd Fresh Market, Inc. DBA Dawd Fresh Market to be located at 10724 & 10726 S. Harlem Avenue. Commissioner Zartler stated that we are waiting on the plumbing contractor and no permit will be issued until we get that information. 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 Mohammed Abu Omar to open Signzilla to be located at 6925 W. 111th Street, Unit #103. Business owner was not at the meeting, removed from the consent agenda.

Trustee Muersch Jr., stated that on the consent agenda is to approve business license application request from business owner Omar Hmedian to open Goat Liquidation Inc., DBA Goat Liquidation Inc. to be located at 6602 W. 111th Street, Unit D. Commissioner Zartler asked if they are building a wall, the owner stated no the wall on the diagram was there already. Commissioner Zartler stated he will need to get in to inspect the property. Without any objection, this will remain on the consent agenda.

GOLF COURSE

Trustee Packwood stated that the month of March started out very snowy. In the month of March we had 1,141 rounds of golf and our total revenues were over \$65,000.00. April 17 Tax Day Scramble sign up at the pro shop or online. The restaurant will be open Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday until May 1.

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 Packwood (4). Nays: (0). Absent: Kats & Dzedzic (2). Abstain: (0). Motion carried.

Consent Agenda April 7, 2021

Approve the meeting minutes from March 16, 2021

Accept with regret the resignation of Ray Kopacz retiring with 36 years of service

Approve the bill list dated April 7, 2021 in the amount of \$1,328,695.34

Approve March Payroll in the amount of \$299,597.05

Adopt Ordinance 2021-09 An ordinance amending Section 7-4 of the Village of Worth Municipal Code to modify the Village's Water and Wastewater Service rates and charges

Approve business license application request from business owner Fayiez Dawd to open Dawd Fresh Market, Inc. DBA Dawd Fresh Market to be located at 10724 & 10726 S. Harlem Avenue. 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 Mohammed Abu Omar to open Signzilla to be located at 6925 W. 111th Street, Unit #103. This license is contingent~~

~~upon having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances-~~
Removed from consent agenda, business owner did not attend meeting.

Approve business license application request from business owner Omar Hmedian to open Goat Liquidation Inc., DBA Goat Liquidation Inc. to be located at 6602 W. 111th Street, Unit D. 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 Packwood seconded by Trustee Urban to establish the consent agenda. A roll call followed. Ayes: Trustee Urban, Ryan, Muersch Jr, and Packwood (4). Nays: (0). Absent: Kats & Dziedzic (2). Abstain: (0). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MOTION TO CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Trustee Packwood, seconded by Trustee Ryan to convene to executive session at 7:37 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 and 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, and Muersch Jr., (4). Nays: (0). Absent: Kats and Dziedzic (2). Abstain: (0). Motion carried.

President Werner recalled the regular board meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Motion was made by Trustee Urban, second by Trustee Packwood to authorize the Village President to execute the agreement regarding a raise for Sergeant Cichocki from \$48.91 to \$49.98 per hour, retroactive to July 10, 2020. A roll call followed. Ayes: Trustee Ryan, Urban, Muersch Jr., and Packwood (4). Nays: (0). Absent: Kats & Dziedzic (2). Abstain: (0). Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Packwood moved seconded by Trustee Muersch Jr. to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:48 p.m. A voice vote.

Bonnie M. Price, CMC
Village Clerk