

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**VILLAGE OF WORTH**  
May 20, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER**

Village President Werner called the regular meeting of the Village of Worth Village Board to order on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 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:	Pete Kats
	Brad Urban
	Rich Dziedzic

**Also Present:**

Village Attorney	Greg Jones
Superintendent of Public Works	Ed Urban
Police Chief	Tim Denton
Finance Director	Kelly Zabinski
Building Commissioner	Bruce Zartler
Village Engineer	Joel Drabicki

The Pledge of Allegiance

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

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT**

President Werner stated that on the consent agenda is to advise and consent to Village President's appointment of Attorney Greg Jones, Ancle Glink P.C. for a term to expire May 1, 2026 and advise and consent to Village President's appointment of Engineer Joel Drabicki, Robinson Engineering for a term to expire May 1, 2026. Without objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

President Werner read the proclamation for Safe Boating.

**VILLAGE CLERK**

Clerk Price stated that on the consent agenda ais to award the bid to National Power Rodding for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation – CDBG Project in the amount of \$273,730.00. Without objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

In the absence of Trustee Ryan, President Werner stated that on the consent agenda is to approve the bill list dated May 20, 2025, in the amount of \$719,793.76. Without any objection, this will remain on the consent agenda.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee Kats submitted the Police report for the month of April. The Worth Police have made forty-one criminal arrests, logged 16,218 miles, and 1,303 total events in the month of April.

Trustee Kats announced the Worth Police Department collected \$3,500.00 for Cop on Top.

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE/BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Urban submitted the water report for the month of April. All samples passed and are IEPA compliant.

Public Works had 2 water main breaks and one sanitary sewer call. Hydrant flushing has begun and will continue through the months of May and June. The remainder of the 2025 salt order was received and stored in the Village salt dome as of April 29. A new replacement drive for pump two was installed and pump two is back to normal daily operation. Preller watermain was put into operation all residents and businesses began receiving water from the new main, and as of April 22 the old main was made inactive.

Trustee Urban gave the board a memo regarding the Worth Transmission Main Agreement Approval and Cost Outline. Trustee Dziejdzic asked what the timeline is. John Spaets explained that the main is coming down Southwest Highway and we need to connect to it that will take place in less than 2 months. The entire project will be completed in January 2027. Finance Director Zabinski explained that Oak Lawn had a certain capacity to sell cheaper, and it was on a first come basis. Village of Worth was able to get it. Finance Director Zabinski stated that at this time we will not need to increase our water rates. We have had a dollar amount for operations, and we will not need to add money to that. We have enough dollars to do this project without borrowing. We will also close the City of Chicago main. The tower project is 1.5 million we may need to get a bank loan for that.

Trustee Urban explained that the City of Chicago water main is at 85 & Cicero we are responsible for any leaks or breaks. The line is 70- years old. Trustee Dziejdzic asked how long we have been placing the money in reserves. President Werner stated that it has been about 20 years, President Guzdziol started this for repairs.

Engineer Drabicki stated that the roadway project is underway. The 115<sup>th</sup> & Harlem project, the liner is being made for the water main.

#### BUILDING/LICENSING/ORDINANCES

Trustee Dziejdzic stated that on the consent agenda is to:

Adopt Ordinance 2025-18 An ordinance approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning for Planning Technical Assistance Services for the Worth Capital Improvement Plan Project. Attorney Jones explained this is an Intergovernmental Agreement between Village of Worth and CMAP. This is for technical Assistance grants. CMAP has funding for water and transportation projects. Without objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Adopt Ordinance 2025-19 An ordinance approving an addendum to the Water Supply Agreement between the Village of Worth and City of Chicago. Without objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Adopt Ordinance 2025-20 An ordinance approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Worth and the Village of Oak Lawn for the installation of a connection to the Oak Lawn regional water system. Without objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Adopt Ordinance 2025-21 An ordinance approving a professional engineering services agreement between the Village of Worth and Robinson Engineering, LTD. for design engineering services for a new Village transmission water main. Without objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Adopt Ordinance 2025-22 An ordinance approving an agreement between the Village of Worth and Spatz Engineering and Services LLC regarding engineering advisory services for the Village Water Systems. Without objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Adopt Ordinance 2025-23 An ordinance amending Section 11-4-3(D) of the Village of Worth Municipal Code to modify the Village's Parking Regulations. Without objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Pass Resolution 25-06 A resolution amending the Village of Worth of Worth Personnel Policy Manual to adopt the Return-to-Work Policy. Clerk Price explained our insurance company asked that we have return to work policy. Without objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Zartler submitted the building department report for the month of April. Commissioner Zartler stated that the total dollar amount collected in April 2024 was \$7,970.00, total administrative fees collected were \$1,110.00, and the building department issued fifty-one permits. The total dollar amount collected in April 2025 was \$15,500.00, total administrative fees collected was \$730.00, and the building department issued thirty-nine permits.

Trustee Dzedzic announced the Worth Car Cruisers will have car shows at Water's Edge Golf Club every Monday.

## BUSINESS LICENSES

In the absence of Trustee Muersch Jr., President Werner stated that on the consent agenda is to approve the business license application request from business owner Ibrahim Maali to open Plus Ultra Toy LLC DBA Plus Ultra Toys to be located at 11414 S. Harlem Avenue. Without any objection, this will remain on the consent agenda.

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GOLF COURSE

In the absence of Trustee Packwood, President Werner stated that Kelly Zabinski Finance Director had a meeting with the Water’s Edge Golf Course to discuss the budget.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Resident Greg Sorci of 116<sup>th</sup> Street spoke for several residents of his block regarding the Water’s Edge Golf Course and the problem with the golf balls breaking windows on the houses, cars and dangerous to people on the street or in the front yards. They have had siding and roof damage also. He asked the board to consider a reimbursement policy. His biggest concern is personal injury. He also stated that when you call or go to the golf course to talk to them about the damage, they treat you poorly and explain it is the golfer’s responsibility.

Resident Joanne Keltzo explained it became worst when the Village cut down the trees and vegetation in that area. It has become unsafe for the residents to play or be in their front yards.

President Werner stated that it was a requirement of MWRD to remove the trees and vegetation in that area.

The board will discuss and get back to the residents of that block.

Julie Duvane stated that parking on Worth Avenue is horrible. She also stated that LK Tires uses the street to test cars. President Werner explained no one should park on that street unless they are a resident of the block. President Werner also explained that the Police Department and Building Commissioner went and spoke with Crater Auto, and he is to only turn left out onto Southwest Highway.

MOTION TO ESTABLISH THE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Trustee Dzedzic seconded by Trustee Kats to establish the consent agenda. A roll call followed. Trustee Urban, Kats, Dzedzic, and President Werner (4). Nays: (0). Absent: Ryan, Muersch Jr., and Packwood (3). Abstain: (0). Motion carried.

Consent Agenda  
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Approve the meeting minutes from April May 6, 2025

Advise and consent to Village President’s appointment of Attorney Greg Jones, Ancler Glink P.C. for a term to expire May 1, 2026

Advise and consent to Village President’s appointment of Engineer Joel Drabicki, Robinson Engineering for a term to expire May 1, 2026

Award the bid to National Power Rodding for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation – CDBG Project in the amount of \$273,730.00

Approve the bill list dated May 20, 2025, in the amount of \$352,015.00

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Approve the business license application request from business owners Ibrahim Maali to open Plus Ultra Toy LLC DBA Plus Ultra Toys to be located at 11414 S. Harlem Avenue. This license is contingent upon having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances

**MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion made by Trustee Urban seconded by Trustee Dziedzic to establish the consent agenda. A roll call followed. Trustee Urban, Kats, Dziedzic, and President Werner (4). Nays: (0). Absent: Ryan, Muersch Jr., and Packwood (3). Abstain: (0). Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Trustee Kats moved seconded by Trustee Urban to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:48 p.m. A voice vote followed. Motion carried.

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Bonnie M. Price, CMC  
Village Clerk