

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF WORTH**

September 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 Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

President Werner stated that we will remove the motion to allow Trustee Kats to participate remotely, this will be on the next agenda.

Village President	Mary Werner
Village Clerk	Bonnie Price
Village Trustees:	Kevin Ryan
	Tedd Muersch Jr.
	Brad Urban
	Rich Dziedzic
	Laura Packwood

**Also Present:**

Village Attorney	Megan Mack
Chief of Police	Tim Denton
Superintendent of Public Works	Wayne Demonbreun
Building Commissioner	Bruce Zartler

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

President Werner stated that we need to continue the public hearing to consider an annexation agreement for the property commonly known as 6001 W. 111<sup>th</sup> Street until November 16 at 7 p.m., the continuation is at the applicants' request. President Werner asked for a motion. Motion was made by Trustee Urban, seconded by Trustee Packwood to continue the public hearing to November 16 at 7 p.m. A roll call followed. Ayes: Trustee Packwood, Muersch Jr., Ryan, Urban, and Dziedzic, (5). Nays: (0). Absent: Kats (1). Abstain: (0). Motion carried.

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT**

President Werner stated that on the consent agenda is to appoint Kelly Zabinski to finance director. This will be removed from the consent agenda and will be placed on September 21 agenda. We just received the proposal and need time to review.

President Werner introduced Bob O'Shaughnessy from the Worth Park District and Commissioner Mike McElroy who is the President of the Worth Park District. Mike McElroy explained to the board that the Park District loss revenue due to COVID and that they would like

the Village of Worth to consider allocating some ARPA funds that the village of Worth is receiving from the federal government. The letter that the board received was for a donation for some workout equipment that would go in at Penny Park. The trustees asked how much is the Park District looking for and what would the money be used for. Commissioner McElroy stated that they have a lot of needs. Trustee Ryan asked if the Village grant writer could help look for grants for the Park District. President Werner stated that we pay the grant writer to do our grants. Trustee Urban stated that last year we had to defer the street project because of funds, we are now moving forward with the project this year. Trustee Urban asked if they could move the project till next year. Trustee Packwood stated that they were shut down and no money was coming in. We need to look out for the parks. Improvements need to be made, Stahlak Park has no equipment. President Werner stated that the park lost 10% of their revenue. President Werner stated that ARPA funds will come to us in 2 payments it is very restrictive. The village has plans to use it on water infrastructure and the sewer system. Cook County is receiving 1 billion dollars and that will get distributed, the Village did ask for another 1.4 million and that is still up in the air. The board will need to discuss this.

#### VILLAGE CLERK

Clerk Price stated that on the consent agenda is to approve the tag days request from Our Lady of the Ridge Knights of Columbus Local #13201 for September 17 and 18. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Clerk Price stated on the consent agenda is to approve tag days request from Blue Cap for October 2. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Clerk Price announced the recycling day event that will take place on September 18 starting at 9 a.m. until the truck is full. We will accept shredding materials, prescriptions and electronics.

Clerk Price announced that on September 25 from 9 – 11 a.m. the Worth Police Department will be doing car seat safety checks and will also be giving away a car seat, you need to sign up for the raffle at the Worth Police Department.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Ryan stated that on the consent agenda is to approve the bill list dated September 7 in the amount of \$227,332.50. 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 August in the amount of \$314,198.28. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE/BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Urban announced the street project will begin next week.

#### BUILDING/LICENSING/ORDINANCES

Trustee Dziejcz stated on the consent agenda is to adopt Ordinance 2021-29 approving a subdivision improvement agreement between the Village of Worth and Zenex Homes concerning property located Southwest of the intersection of 107<sup>th</sup> Street and Worth Avenue. This has been discussed before. The 12 new homes are going up on Worth Avenue, the street will be fully

improved. The developer will need to pay \$150,000 for his portion of the street. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Dziejcz stated on the consent agenda is to adopt Ordinance 2021-30 approving a Special Use to establish and operate a Beauty Salon at 6946 W. 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 3, Worth, Illinois. This was recommended at the REDB hearing. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Dziejcz announced the Worth Cruisers Car Show to be held on September 19 in the Metra Lot. The Marris Meyer American Legion will be selling hot dogs and hamburgers.

#### BUSINESS LICENSES

Trustee Muersch Jr. stated on the consent agenda is to approve business license application request from business owner Ashley Spillman to open A.N.S. to be located at 6946 W. 111<sup>th</sup> St., Suite #3. Ashley will be selling products and doing hair. Commissioner Zartler stated that the inspections were done. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Muersch Jr. stated on the consent agenda is to approve business license application request from business owner Moathe Abdallah to open Blowing Smoke II, Inc. DBA Up In Smoke to be located at 11015 S. Harlem, Unit C. This is presently a tobacco shop. The owner is purchasing the corporation. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Muersch Jr. stated on the consent agenda is to approve business license application request from business owner Cindy Gonzalez to open The Taste of La Michoacana to be located at 11015 S. Harlem, Unit D. Commissioner Zartler will need to work with her with permits. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Muersch Jr. stated on the consent agenda is to approve business license application request from business owner Rudni Hathwa to open Steak & Chicken DBA Steak & Chicken to be located at 6615 W. 111<sup>th</sup> St., Unit #1. The owner of the building will need to get permits to increase the size of the driveway for cars to park and cars to pass by. It will need to be 20 feet wide. The board also discussed the parking for the house which needs 2 parking spaces. Without any objection this will remain on the consent agenda.

#### GOLF COURSE

Trustee Packwood handed out a spreadsheet with the Water's Edge Golf Course revenues, expenses, and surplus or deficit for the months of May, June and July. In May the revenue was \$205,101.90 and the expenses were \$155,517.53, the surplus was \$49,584.37, of the \$146,000 in expenses the bulk consisted of property taxes and Agro. June revenue was \$218,300.40 and the expenses were \$285,299.43 for a deficit of \$66,999.03. The Agro expense was nearly \$161,000.00 that is because they buy it all at one time and use it for the entire season and property taxes \$37,000.00. President Werner stated that we do not pay taxes on the golf course. Trustee Packwood stated that these are the numbers that were given to me. President Werner will discuss with the finance director. Trustee Packwood stated for the month of July revenue was \$273,569.63, expenses \$186,143.75 and a surplus of \$87,425.88. For the 3 months Water's Edge had a surplus of \$70,011.22. The driving range lights will be installed tomorrow, the ATM, touch tunes and 10 new speakers were installed. We are waiting for a Comcast line to connect the 8 new cameras and the 2 old cameras for a total of 10 cameras. AE is hoping to get Water's Edge in front of IGB by the end of September.

**MOTION TO ESTABLISH THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Trustee Ryan seconded by Trustee Muersch Jr. 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.

Consent Agenda  
September 7

Approve the meeting minutes from August 17, 2021

~~To advise and consent to the Village President's Appointments of Kelly Zabinski to finance director for a term to expire on April 30, 2022~~ Removed from the consent agenda.

Approve Tag Days request from Our Lady of the Ridge Knights of Columbus Local #13201 for September 17 & 18, 2021

Approve Tag Days request from Blue Cap for October 2, 2021

Approve the bill list dated September 7 in the amount of \$227,332.50

Approve August payroll in the amount of \$314,198.28

Adopt Ordinance 2021-29 approving a subdivision improvement agreement between the Village of Worth and Zenex Homes concerning property located Southwest of the intersection of 107<sup>th</sup> Street and Worth Avenue

Adopt Ordinance 2021-30 approving a Special Use to establish and operate a Beauty Salon at 6946 W. 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 3, Worth, Illinois

Approve business license application request from business owner Ashley Spillman to open A.N.S. to be located at 6946 W. 111<sup>th</sup> St., Suite #3. 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 Moathe Abdallah to open Blowing Smoke II, Inc. DBA Up In Smoke to be located at 11015 S. Harlem, Unit C. 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 Cindy Gonzalez to open The Taste of La Michoacana to be located at 11015 S. Harlem, Unit D. This license is contingent upon having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances

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**MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Trustee Ryan seconded by Trustee Muersch Jr. 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.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ken Palakaitis stated that he is disappointed in our police department he has called numerous times. He is looking for a final and complete report on Report #2020133623. President Werner asked what he is looking for. Kenneth stated everything. Chief Denton explained in a homicide investigation you do not get stuff that fast. Chief Denton explained there are limited items that I can release in a homicide, he has not submitted a FOIA. Ken explained that he will submit a FOIA and he will get an attorney if he has to. Chief explained he cannot submit a blanket statement that you want all records. Chief also explained he cannot give records he does not have. Ken will submit a FOIA.

Commissioner McElroy announced that the Park District revitalized the memorial. They are looking to get a mural done, getting some new pavers for the memorial. The park is working on a master plan. On October 3 we are having Fall Fest and we are also having a haunted trail. We are looking for volunteers for both events. President Werner stated the park will need to get a liquor license for the fall fest to have a beer garden.

## ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Muersch Jr. moved seconded by Trustee Urban to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:05 p.m. A voice vote.

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Bonnie M. Price, CMC  
Village Clerk