

January 8, 2018

Supervisor Lindberg called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led in the flag salute at the advertised first monthly meeting of the Worcester Town Board, held in the Earl F. Johnson room, Town Building, 29 Katie Lane, Worcester, NY.

Present:	Don Lindberg	----	Supervisor
	Don Zaengle	----	Councilman
	Dave Miller	----	Councilman
	Larry DeLong	----	Councilman
	Harold Ridgeway	----	Councilman

Town Officials Present: Bookkeeper, Alice Hughes; Water Superintendent, Aaron House and Historian, Marilyn Dufresne

Citizens Present: Agnes Terrell, Jim Buelow, Jeremy Southworth and Harold Southworth

Minutes: Councilman Miller moved to accept the December 21, 2018 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman DeLong. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, Zaengle, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Public Input: Marilyn Dufresne thanked the highway department for taking good care of the sidewalks this winter.

Jeremy Southworth, a member of Boy Scout Troop 168, reported that he is working on a merit badge and has to attend a local government board meeting and take notes of how the meeting is conducted.

Harold Southworth expressed his concern about the Town Assessor not filing his Veteran's exemption paperwork that was turned in last July. Mr. Southworth is going to file the paperwork directly with Otsego County to make sure it is done, but feels that the Assessor should be handling things in a more timely manner.

Jim Buelow reported that the NYS DOT has again told him to remove the Worcester Inn's sign at the intersection of Hollenbeck Road and State Route 7. Mr. Buelow would like the Town Board to try to work something out so that business signs can stay at that location. Mr. Buelow reported that the DOT would be willing to abandon the property if the Town would take it over. Discussion was had. Supervisor Lindberg and Councilman DeLong will talk to the NYS DOT and see what can be done.

Water Superintendent: Aaron House reported that with the last couple weeks of extremely cold weather, there have been many houses freezing up but nothing that will be the responsibility of the Water District to fix. Aaron House reported that the wells in Worcester District #2 have been started but the cold weather has slowed down the process. This week things should be getting back on track with better weather being predicted.

Financial: The Supervisor's monthly statement, Town Clerk's report and the Town and HUD's financial statements are on file at the Town Clerk's office.

Resolution #120: Audit of Claims

Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman Miller: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves payment of the bills listed on the abstracts for January 8, 2018.

General: <i>Claims 1-17</i>	Abstract 1	\$11,202.40
Highway: <i>claims 1-8</i>	Abstract 1	\$6413.36
Worcester Water #2 <i>Claims: 1-2</i>	Abstract 1	\$137.08
East Worcester Water #1 <i>Claims: 1</i>	Abstract 1	\$40.00
Street Lights <i>Claim: 1-2</i>	Abstract 1	\$1,760.29

VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, Zaengle, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Planning Board: Councilman DeLong reported that the Planning Board did not meet in December but the working group on the proposed solar regulation will be meeting. Councilman DeLong also proposed that the other amendments to the land use regulations all be consolidated into one local law, rather than have several local laws which all amend the land use regulations. When the Planning Board meets again in March, Councilman DeLong will suggest that the proposed laws pertaining to the land use all be consolidated into one law.

Councilman DeLong would like to talk to the Code Enforcement Officer about the proposed solar regulation and would like more information on the SEQR process.

Supervisor Report: Supervisor Lindberg reported that the building at 19 Katie Lane ran out of propane for heating, but a delivery has been made. Supervisor Lindberg will be contacting Mirabito to see if they can service the boiler and do auto-delivery for propane. Suburban Propane had been contacted, but they don't have anyone who will service the boiler if there is an issue.

Old Business: Councilman DeLong shared an article in the *New York Times* regarding the inaccuracies in the FEMA Flood Mapping in New York City and surrounding areas.

New Business: Nothing at this time.

Town Clerk: The board scheduled the annual audit of the books for Monday, January 29, 2018 at 6:00pm.

Adjournment: Councilman Miller moved, second by Councilman DeLong to adjourn the meeting at 7:54pm. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Lindberg, Zaengle, DeLong, Miller) Noes: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland
Town Clerk