

January 9, 2017

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
	Larry DeLong	----	Councilman
	Don Zaengle	----	Councilman
	Dave Miller	----	Councilman
	Harold Ridgeway	----	Councilman

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

Citizen Present: Agnes Terrell and Tim Powers

Minutes: The organizational meeting minutes, resolution #28, should included a term of 2/21 for Matt Stevens and 2/23 for Barb Hamil.

Councilman DeLong moved, second by Councilman Miller to accept the December 26, 2016 minutes as presented and the January 2, 2017 organizational meeting minutes as amended.

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

Public Input: Marilyn Dufresne asked if the owner of the house on the corner of Cook Street and Main Street can be made to fix it up. The Code Enforcement Officer will be consulted.

Water Superintendent: Aaron House reported that there have been a few minor issues that have been dealt with in the last few weeks, but things are going smoothly for the most part.

The new water wells for the Worcester Water District #2 are in the final approval stage at the NYS Department of Health. It has been approved at the county level.

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 #48: Audit of Claims

Offered by Councilman Zaengle, second by Councilman Ridgeway: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves payment of the bills listed on the abstracts for January 9, 2017.

<u>General:</u>	Abstract 1	\$7,493.99
<i>claims: 1-7</i>		

<u>Highway:</u>	Abstract 1	\$10,169.68
<i>claims: 1-10</i>		

<u>Worcester Water #2:</u> claims: 1-2	Abstract 1	\$700.00
<u>East Worcester Water #1:</u> claim: 1	Abstract 1	\$40.00
<u>Street Lights:</u> claims: 1-2	Abstract 1	\$1,922.29

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

For the record, the 2016 annual financial report is on file at the Town Clerk's office and has been filed with the NYS Comptroller.

The board scheduled the annual audit of the books for Monday, January 23, 2016 at 6:00pm to be followed by the regular second monthly meeting of the Worcester Town Board.

The court was given a grant for \$15,000 toward the construction of a new court room at the 19 Katie Lane building.

Old Business: Councilman DeLong spoke with County Representative, Pete Oberaker regarding consolidation of municipalities. Mr. Oberaker reported that there are financial incentives to consolidate which would decrease property taxes.

Councilman DeLong reported that the NYS Governor has signed a law that helps address abandoned homes and those in foreclosure. According to Councilman DeLong, there are three components to the law:

1. Banks would be required to address property upkeep when foreclosure is anticipated, not just when the legal process begins.
2. A registry of abandoned home would be created.
3. NYS would be able to negotiate rates and terms to help prevent foreclosure.

Councilman DeLong also spoke of property maintenance laws that are in many suburban towns, which would be enforced by the Code Enforcement Officer.

Resolution #49: Putting Heating System for 19 Katie Lane out for bid

Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman Miller: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board will advertised for bidders for the installation of a new propane boiler that will heat the 4,800 sq ft building located at 19 Katie Lane. Supervisor Lindberg will meet with prospective bidders at a mutually agreeable time.

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

The Town of Decatur has requested to be reimbursed \$100 from the \$1,200 they contributed to the summer youth program. In the past the Town of Decatur was partially reimbursed from

Otsego County for their contribution, but aren't receiving this reimbursement anymore.

Resolution #50: Reimbursing Town of Decatur \$100 for Summer Youth Program

Offered by Councilman Miller, second by Councilman DeLong: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board authorizes the bookkeeper to issue a check to the Town of Decatur for \$100 as a partial reimbursement of their contribution to the summer youth program.

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

New Business: A copy of the Flood Damage Prevention Law was distributed to the board. The board discussed the proposed law and have some questions before they want to start the process of adopting the law.

Adjournment: Councilman DeLong moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:49pm, the motion was seconded by Councilman Ridgeway and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland
Town Clerk