

January 9, 2022

Supervisor Wilcox called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led in the flag salute at the advertised meeting of the Worcester Town Board, held in the Town of Worcester Municipal Building.

Present:

Jeff Wilcox	----	Supervisor
Harold Ridgeway	----	Councilman
Dave Miller	----	Councilman
Brendon Ralph	----	Councilman
Tim Lehenbauer	----	Councilman

Others Present: Agnes Terrell, Marilyn Dufresne, Richard Evans (Highway Superintendent) and Ellie Hill (Bookkeeper)

Minutes: Councilman Ralph moved to accept the December 26, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lehenbauer. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Miller, Lehenbauer, Ralph) Noes: 0

Councilman Ridgeway moved, second by Councilman Miller to accept the January 4, 2023 organizational meeting minutes as presented. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Miller, Lehenbauer, Ralph) Noes: 0

Public Input: Marilyn Dufresne asked if something could be done about the mud in front of her house. Supervisor Wilcox will speak to the DOT to see if something could be done.

Highway Superintendent: The South Worcester Hill bridge needs repairs on the Worcester side of the bridge. The other half is owned by Delaware County. Delaware County has the engineers and staff available to do the repairs but will have to be paid for by the Town of Worcester.

Rick Evans reported that there is an approximate 2 year lead time on the purchase of new highway department trucks. Councilman Miller moved, second by Councilman Ralph to authorize Richard Evans, to sign the documents necessary to get on the waiting list to purchase a Freightliner 4 wheel drive truck with an estimated delivery of early in 2024. This does not obligate us to purchase the vehicle, but gives us the option to purchase once manufacturing is started. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Miller, Lehenbauer, Ralph) Noes: 0

A new full-time highway department employee has been hired and started today.

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 #50: Audit of Claims:

Offered by Councilman Miller, second by Councilman Ridgeway: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves payment of the bills listed on abstract 1:

General Fund:	claims: 1-12	\$19,490.68
Highway Fund:	claims: 1-15	\$20,941.45
Worcester Water #2	claims: 1-2	\$90.93
East Worcester Street Lights	claims: 1	\$1,286.68
Worcester Street Lights	claims: 1	\$3,308.58

VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Miller, Lehenbauer, Ralph) Noes: 0

The board scheduled the annual audit of the books for Monday, January 16, 2023 at 6pm.

Resolution #51: 2022 Budget Modification Resolution

Offered by Councilman Ralph, second by Councilman Miller: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves the following 2022 budget modification resolution which transfers \$89,900 from estimated revenues (DA510) to highway appropriations (DA960) DA5112.2. Capital Outlay, CHIPS. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Miller, Lehenbauer, Ralph) Noes: 0

Supervisor Report: The audit by the NYS Comptroller's office has been complete and the draft of the audit has been distributed to the Town Board. Supervisor Wilcox has 30 days to respond to the findings in the audit and 60 days to submit the corrective action plan.

Alice Hughes will be helping Ellie Hill out with the new year bookkeeping duties such as filing the AUD and doing the W-2's and 1099's. Mrs. Hughes estimates that this will take approximately 10 hours and will provide the town with an itemized bill when complete.

Old Business: The new health insurance plan takes effect on February 1, 2023. A health care reimbursement account has been set up with Community Bank.

Scott Barton, the architect for the highway department building project, presented a timeline for the bid process. The board reviewed the timeline.

New Business: Nothing at this time.

Town Clerk: A letter was received from Natasha Fisher requesting that the sidewalks be replaced near her residence at 65 Main Street. That section of sidewalk is scheduled to be replaced this year. The board discussed sidewalk replacement in other areas around town.

Executive Session: Councilman Ridgeway moved to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation at 7:39pm. The motion was seconded by Ralph. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Miller, Lehenbauer, Ralph) Noes: 0

Councilman Ridgeway moved to leave executive session at 8:23pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lehenbauer. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Miller, Lehenbauer, Ralph) Noes: 0

Adjournment: Councilman Miller moved, second by Councilman Ridgeway to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Miller, Lehenbauer, Ralph) Noes: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland
Worcester Town Clerk