

October 22, 2018

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

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

Other Officials Present: Bookkeeper, Alice Hughes; Historian, Marilyn Dufresne

Citizen Present: Agnes Terrell, Rita Tetenes, JJ Butler and Jeff Teller

Minutes: Councilman DeLong moved to accept the October 8, 2018 minutes presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, Miller DeLong, Zaengle, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Public Input: Agnes Terrell asked why the Town didn't want to participate in the Otsego County Soil and Water program. Brief discussion was had on if it would have any benefit to the Town of Worcester.

Rita Tetenes asked what the status is on the new office building. Supervisor Lindberg reported that there is still an issue getting phone service in the building.

Marilyn Dufresne asked when the tree will be planted at the park on State Route 7 on the west end of the Worcester hamlet. Supervisor Lindberg responded that it will be soon, and that it is best to plant the tree when the weather is colder.

Marilyn Dufresne asked why the Town of Worcester Highway Department isn't plowing church parking lots this winter. Supervisor Lindberg responded saying that is not legal.

Highway Superintendent: The highway department is back to working 5 days a week for the winter and are currently preparing trucks for winter.

Water Superintendent: JJ Butler reported that the 72 hour pump test on the backup well in Worcester Water #2 will be complete tomorrow afternoon. Then, the water will need to be tested in order for it to be the official back-up water supply.

Fencing around the wells was discussed briefly, but tabled until the next meeting when the Water Superintendent is available and the survey map is available.

Financial:

Resolution #111: 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 abstract 10P.

Abstract 10P

General Fund:	claims: 255-268	\$15,081.62
Highway Fund:	claims: 190-198	\$10,721.03
East Worcester Water #1	claim: 39-40	\$1,062.61
Worcester Water #2	claims: 66-68	\$2,185.66

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

Resolution #112: Adopting the 2019 Budget

Introduced by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Ridgeway.

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Worcester held a public hearing on the 2019 Preliminary Budget on October 22, 2018 at 6:30pm.; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Worcester heard the public comments, questions and concerns at said public hearing,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Worcester hereby adopts the 2019 Town of Worcester budget exactly as presented at the public hearing.

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

Planning Board: The Planning Board met on the 10th of this month and reviewed the responsibilities involved in approving or disapproving architectural standards in a historic district. The Code Enforcement Officer attended the meeting and discussion was had on the duties of the Planning Board, Town Laws, and the Land Use law.

Supervisor Report: Supervisor Lindberg received a letter from the NYS DOT regarding the property at 345 Main Street having abandoned equipment, farm machinery and signage in the NYS DOT right-of-way. This letter said that it is the responsibility of the Town Highway Superintendent to remove these items from the NYS DOT right-of-way. This contradicts previous correspondence with the NYS DOT. The Town Attorney will be consulted in this matter.

Councilman Miller moved, second by Councilman Ridgeway to have the Town Attorney send a letter to the NYS DOT that they should be responsible for removing items that are in their right-of-way. VOTE: Ayes: 5(Lindberg, Miller, Zaengle, Ridgeway, DeLong) Noes: 0

Old Business: Councilman DeLong reported that the Robinson-Broadhurst grant request for the East Worcester Lower Cemetery will have to be amended because the equipment needed for the tree removal will not be able to access the location.

Councilman DeLong reported that Jeremy Southworth will be giving a presentation on his Eagle Scout project on Thursday, October 25th at 7:00pm. The presentation will be at the Worcester Historical Society.

Councilman DeLong reported that the curb area by the bank is causing some issues for people in the community to access the bank. Supervisor Lindberg said that NYS was going to install railings along that section, but hasn't done so. This will be followed up on.

Councilman DeLong asked if the Code Enforcement Officer will be attending regular Town Board

meetings. Supervisor Lindberg will ask her to attend a Town Board meeting.

New Business: Councilman DeLong moved to file papers in Otsego County Court regarding establishing a right-of-way at the end on Park Street on behalf of the Worcester Water District #2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zaengle. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, Ridgeway, Miller, DeLong, Zaengle) Noes: 0

Town Clerk: Jo-Ann Beverland asked if the Town Board wanted to dedicate the new holiday decorations in memory of Michael Turner.

Councilman Zaengle moved, second by Councilman Ridgeway to dedicate the new holiday decorations in the memory of Michael Turner who acquired the ones that are being replaced. Notice of the dedication will be in the November issue of the *Hometown Advantage*.

Adjournment: Councilman Zaengle moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:34pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman DeLong. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, Ridgeway, Miller, DeLong, Zaengle) Noes: 0

Sincerely,

Jo-Ann Beverland
Town Clerk