

October 24, 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
 Brendon Ralph ---- Councilman
 Dave Miller ---- Councilman
 Tim Lehenbauer ---- Councilman

Not Present: Harold Ridgeway ---- Councilman

Others Present: Richard Evans (Highway Superintendent), Rita Tetenes, Agnes Terrell, Marilyn Dufresne and Ellie Hill (Bookkeeper), Herb Fiederer, Diane Adesso, Issac Peachin, Aaron House (Water Superintendent) and Judge William Fisher.

Minutes: Councilman Lehenbauer moved to accept the October 10, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ralph. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Wilcox, Lehenbauer, Miller, Ralph) Noes: 0

Public Input: Judge Fisher questioned why the East Worcester water district rates aren't decreasing since the debt service has been paid in full. The board explained that East Worcester is always short on funds to do upgrades and by keeping the bills at \$97 bi-annually and not having to pay a portion of that for debt, that East Worcester Water District should eventually have enough to do needed upgrades.

Herb Fiederer spoke about the need to get the local laws and land use application form updated and spoke briefly of issues surrounding towns are having with land use issues.

Diane Adesso will work on drafting the Robinson-Broadhurst grant requests, but wanted to know what the requests would be. Supervisor Wilcox will schedule a meeting with her to go over the highway building estimates to decide what to request.

Highway Superintendent: Rick Evans reported that a new employee started today.

Councilman Ralph asked why there are “no parking” signs on Chase Street. Rick Evans said that because that roadway is very narrow, if there are cars parked on the street, it is very difficult to get a plow through there.

Water Superintendent: Aaron House presented his 2023 contract for water district operation.

Resolution #91: 2023 Contract with Clearwater Operation for Water District Operation

Offered by Councilman Miller, second by Councilman Ralph: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board accepts the agreement from Clearwater Operations, LLC for the operation of the East Worcester Water District #1 and Worcester Water District #2 at a cost of \$36,440.52 annually. The term of the contract is from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 and may be terminated by any party with 90 days written notice. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Wilcox, Lehenbauer, Miller, Ralph) Noes: 0

Aaron House reported that the main control valve in Worcester Water #2 is failing and needs to be replaced. The current valve is 40 years old and has been rebuilt a few times, but it is now an emergency and needs to be fixed as soon as possible. The estimated cost to replace the valve is \$11,208.00. The part is on order and should be installed within a couple of weeks. The procurement policy for this purchase was reviewed and since it is an emergency repair, no additional quotes were necessary.

Financial:

Resolution #92: Audit of Claims:

Offered by Councilman Miller, second by Councilman Lehenbauer: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves payment of the bills listed on abstract 10P:

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| General Fund: | claims: 209-215 | \$2,317.88 |
| Highway Fund: | claims: 194-203 | \$15,060.42 |
| Worcester Water #2 | claims: 53-54 | \$2,157.29 |
| East Worcester Water #1 | claims: 36 | \$977.00 |

VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Wilcox, Lehenbauer, Miller, Ralph) Noes: 0

Resolution #93: Adoption of 2023 Budget

Introduced by Councilman Lehenbauer and seconded by Councilman Ralph:

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Worcester held a public hearing on the 2023 Preliminary Budget on October 24, 2022 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 2023 Town of Worcester budget exactly as presented at the public hearing.

VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Wilcox, Lehenbauer, Miller, Ralph) Noes: 0

Old Business:

Resolution #94: Bond Resolution (Summarized)

Offered by Councilman Ralph, second by Councilman Miller:

Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board adopts a bond resolution on file at the Worcester Town Clerk's Office and summarized as follows: The resolution authorizes the acquisition and construction of a highway garage, including grading and improvement of the site, original furnishings, equipment, machinery, or apparatus required for the purpose for which such building will be used, stating the estimated maximum cost of said acquisition and construction, together with certain costs preliminary and incidental thereto is \$1,800,000, appropriating said sum therefor and authorizing the issuance of up for \$1,800,000 serial bonds of the town to finance said appropriation.

VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Wilcox, Lehenbauer, Miller, Ralph) Noes: 0

Resolution #95: Contract with Fiscal Advisors and Marketing, Inc.

Offered by Councilman Lehenbauer, second by Councilman Ralph: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board agrees to hire and sign the contract from Fiscal Advisors and Marketing, Inc to act as financial advisor to the Town of Worcester to provide services relating to the issuance of Serial Bonds, Refunding Serial Bonds, Bond Anticipation Notes and other prospective borrowings as requested.

VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Wilcox, Lehenbauer, Miller, Ralph) Noes: 0

Supervisor Wilcox reported that it is looking like the plans for the highway department building will be ready by the end of November and the bid packages can go out by the end of the year. There will be a total of 5 bid packages.

Supervisor Wilcox reported that the street lights are still being billed as high pressure sodium bulbs, not LED. National Grid will be making this adjustment and will be giving credit for the months we were incorrectly billed.

Supervisor Wilcox reported that Seward Sand and Gravel will be able to start the reclamation of the Town's mine on State Route 7 before winter.

Supervisor Wilcox has spoken with the Assessor regarding assessing travel trailers that are being lived in full-time and storage containers that are on a property for more than 6 months.

New Business: Nothing at this time.

Adjournment: Councilman Miller moved, second by Councilman Lehenbauer to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland
Worcester Town Clerk