

October 8, 2018

Supervisor Lindberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm 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:	Larry DeLong	----	Councilman
	Dave Miller	----	Councilman
	Don Zaengle	----	Councilman
	Donald Lindberg	----	Supervisor
	Harold Ridgeway	----	Councilman

Other Officials Present: Bookkeeper, Alice Hughes; Historian, Marilyn Dufresne and Highway Superintendent, Roger Butler

Citizen Present: Agnes Terrell, Jeff Teller, Leo Tetenes, Rita Tetenes and Diane Adesso

Minutes: Councilman Miller moved to accept the September 24, 2018 minutes and the October 1, 2018 budget workshop minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ridgeway. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, Miller DeLong, Zaengle, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Public Input: Marilyn Dufresne asked if we still pay the solid waster user fee on our tax bills. Supervisor Lindberg said that everyone pays that to offset the cost of collecting recyclables. Marilyn Dufresne asked why Westford, Maryland and Decatur don't have to pay to get rid of their trash, the board responded saying that those towns include that cost in their annual budget.

Jeff Teller questioned the Times Journal article written by Marilyn Dufresne and said that it was inaccurate. Mr. Teller said that he put the gate up on his property at the end of Park Street to keep children safe since they were using the railroad tracks as a ramp for riding bikes.

Agnes Terrell asked if the Town of Worcester is going to participate in the program that is offered by Otsego County Soil and Water. The board responded that they are not going to participate in that program.

Rita Tetenes asked why the Town of Worcester is no longer considering purchasing the property at 5 Railroad Ave as a location for a new highway garage. Supervisor Lindberg supplied the board with a copy of a letter from McManus Engineering providing input on the costs now and in the future of acquiring that property. Mr. McManus projects that that total cost for purchase, construction and renovation would be approximately \$950,250.00.

Councilman DeLong asked if a committee can be formed to develop a new plan for a highway department building. Supervisor Lindberg, Roger Butler and Councilman Ridgeway will be on that committee.

Highway Superintendent: The Town Clerk read the legal notice and bids were opened for the screening plant the Town of Worcester is looking to sell. One bid was received from Seward Sand and Gravel in the amount of \$15,010.00

Resolution #107: Accepting bid to sell screening plant

Offered by Councilman Miller, second by Councilman Zaengle: Be it resolved that the Town of Worcester accepts the bid from Seward Sand and Gravel in the amount of \$15,010.00 to purchase the Town of Worcester's 1989 Finlay Hydrascreen LTD with extra screen Model #4030 with Deutz Power Plant and a Butler Stacker conveyor model Hydra II. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, Miller DeLong, Zaengle, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Roger Butler said that the CAT loader is scheduled to be traded in December of this year. The cost will be approximately \$9,000 to trade up for the newer model.

Roger Butler explained the various CHIP's projects that were done this year and the difference between paving and double surfacing. Mr. Butler said that you can do a lot more road miles with double surfacing vs traditional paving.

Water Superintendent: Nothing at this time

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 #108: Audit of Claims

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

Abstract 10

General Fund:	claims: 248-254	\$1,989.29
Highway Fund:	claims: 176-189	\$108,002.36
East Worcester Water #1	claim: 38	\$40.00
Worcester Water #2	claims: 63-65	\$110.15
Street Lights	claims: 19-20	\$1,578.28

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

Councilman Ridgeway moved, second by Councilman Miller to scheduled the public hearing on the 2019 Preliminary Budget for Monday, October 22, 2018 at 6:30pm. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, Miller DeLong, Zaengle, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Planning Board: Councilman DeLong reported that the Planning Board will be meeting this week.

Supervisor Lindberg reported that the Planning Board Chairman has requested for the Planning Board to attend a training in Schoharie on Land Use and Zoning at a total cost of \$450. Discussion was had since this would put the Planning Board over budget for the year.

Resolution #109: Approving Planning Board training

Offered by Councilman DeLong, second by Councilman Zaengle: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves the request from the Worcester Planning Board to attend a training on Land Use and Zoning issues in Schoharie on November 10, 2018 at a cost of \$450.00. VOTE: Ayes: 3(DeLong, Zaengle, Ridgeway) Noes: 2 (Lindberg, Miller)

Supervisor Report: Spectrum is not showing up for the scheduled appointments to have the phone lines installed at 19 Katie Lane.

To have a business phone system installed at 19 Katie Lane, the quote was \$6,947.22 which includes the phones and training. The monthly cost will be about \$200. The other option is to have individual lines and phone numbers for everyone at a cost of about \$300 a month. The board decided that in the future, it is probably best to have one centralized number for the Town of Worcester and everyone can have extensions off of that number.

Resolution #110: Approving a phone system to be installed at 19 Katie Lane

Offered by Councilman DeLong, second by Councilman Ridgeway: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board authorized Supervisor Lindberg to sign the contract to have a phone system installed at 19 Katie Lane at a cost of \$6,947.22. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, Miller DeLong, Zaengle, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Old Business: Councilman DeLong reported that he had a conversation with Mark Vencak, the current DEC Officer for this area. Officer Vencak indicated that he would be willing to enforce the rules of Caryl's Lake. If the lake was designated as a public fishing access, he would be required to patrol the area. Officer Vencak provided Councilman DeLong with contact information for a person who would be able to supply more information on how to set up a public fishing access. Councilman DeLong agreed to look into this to see what is involved and report back to the board.

Councilman DeLong reported that the theater is replacing their seating and asked if the Town would be interested in them for the meeting room at 19 Katie Lane.

Grant requests to the Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation were discussed.

Councilman Ridgeway moved, second by Councilman Zaengle to sponsor a grant request on behalf of the East Worcester Lower Cemetery for a new shed and tree removal at a total cost of \$8,510.60.

Councilman Ridgeway moved, second by Councilman Miller to submit a grant request for the Town of Worcester to insulate the ceiling with spray foam at 19 Katie Lane, to add sidewalks around the building and a new table and chairs for the meeting room. Cost estimates have to be provided to Councilman DeLong before the request can be submitted. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, Miller DeLong, Zaengle, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

The grant request for the Eagle Scout project is on hold until Jeremy Southworth provides a cost estimate on his project proposal.

New Business: Nothing at this time.

Town Clerk: Nothing at this time.

Executive session: Councilman Miller moved to enter executive session at 7:52pm to discuss a legal matter pertaining to a right-of-way. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zaengle. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, Miller DeLong, Zaengle, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Councilman Zaengle was excused at 8:00pm.

Executive session concluded at 8:04pm.

Adjournment: Councilman Ridgeway moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:04pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman DeLong. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Lindberg, Ridgeway, Miller, DeLong) Noes: 0

Sincerely,

Jo-Ann Beverland
Town Clerk