

November 13, 2017

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

Not Present:	Don Zaengle	----	Councilman
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Town Officials Present: Historian, Marilyn Dufresne; Bookkeeper, Alice Hughes and Water Superintendent, Aaron House

Citizens Present: Diane Adesso, Kathryn Demby and Agnes Terrell

Minutes: Councilman Ridgeway moved, second by Councilman Miller to accept the minutes from the October 23, 2017 public hearing and regular meeting as presented. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway) Noe: 0

Public Input: Kathryn Demby asked if the Town Board would consider adding a historic district in South Worcester which would provide the same protections as the Worcester Historic District. Ms. Demby surveyed 17 residents in South Worcester and 16 are in favor of a historic district and one is neutral. Councilman DeLong reported that this was discussed in 2003 and residents of South Worcester supported having a historic district. Councilman DeLong went on to explain how historic districts are formed and why South Worcester was not included as a historic district when the land use regulations were developed in 1976. Councilman DeLong presented the board with a draft of a proposed amendment to the land use regulations which adds a portion of South Worcester as a historic district.

Marilyn Dufresne asked if the blue house on the corner of Cook Street and Main Street will revert to a single-family dwelling since it has been vacant for several years. The board read the section in the land use regulations pertaining to this and the language is not clear.

Water Superintendent: Aaron House reported that the drilling for the new wells will start next week. Discussion was had on how weather could affect getting the new wells online. Due to winter approaching, as much of the digging and prep work is being done now, before the ground freezes. Aaron House is anticipating switching to the new wells early next year.

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 #112: 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 the abstracts for November 13, 2017.

General: <i>Claims 205-212</i>	Abstract 11	\$3,050.15
Highway: <i>Claims: 220-233</i>	Abstract 11	\$6,424.90
Worcester Water #1 <i>Claims: 69-74</i>	Abstract 11	\$23,767.27
East Worcester Water #2 <i>Claims: 51-54</i>	Abstract 11	\$384.09
Street Lights <i>Claims: 21-22</i>	Abstract 11	\$1,501.70
VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway) Noes: 0		

Planning Board: Councilman DeLong reported on the last Planning Board meeting:

1. The Planning Board recommends Bill Saroka to fill the one vacancy on the Planning Board.
2. The Planning Board turned their final draft of the solar regulation over to the Town Board for a public hearing to be held.
3. The working group on the sign law will be meeting in December to work on the draft regulation.
4. The Planning Board would like a response from the Town Board regarding reviewing the plans for the new municipal buildings.

Executive Session:

Councilman Ridgeway moved to enter executive session at 7:45 to discuss a HUD Loan applicant. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Executive session was closed at 7:47pm and regular session resumed.

Resolution #113: Approving HUD Loan

Offered by Councilman Miller, second by Councilman Ridgeway: Be it resolved that an application for a HUD loan was received by Rural Housing requesting a loan of \$14,000 and

that the Worcester Town Board accepts the loan request at an interest rate of 3%. The Town Attorney will do the necessary paperwork to process the loan. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Old Business: Supervisor Lindberg attempted to get 2 quotes for plumbing and heating work in the building located at 19 Katie Lane. Sperbeck Plumbing and Heating was not interested in submitting a quote. The other quote was from AJL Plumbing and Heating for \$1,475 for the plumbing and \$3,200 for the heating in the bathroom addition that was built.

Resolution #114: Accepting quote from AJL Plumbing and Heating

Offered by Councilman Miller, second by Councilman Ridgeway: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board accepts the 2 quotes from AJL Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$1,475 for the new plumbing in the bathroom addition and \$3,200 for the heating in the bathroom addition. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Supervisor Lindberg got hourly rates from 2 electricians for the electrical work. One was for \$50 per hour and the other for \$55 an hour. Discussion ensued on which one would be the best for this job.

Resolution #115: Hiring Mike Maker as Electrician for 19 Katie Lane

Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman Miller: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board hires Mike Maker at a rate of \$55 an hour to do the electrical work in the building located at 19 Katie Lane. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Councilman Miller moved, second by Councilman Ridgeway to send letters to US Senator Kristin Gillibrand, US Senator Chuck Shumer, NY Senator Jim Seward, and Congressman Faso asking for financial assistance to build a new highway department building.

Supervisor Lindberg reported that Otsego County will be fixing the shoulders on Brooker Hollow Road and will be rebuilding the retaining wall on Church Street this December.

Supervisor Lindberg said that regarding building a pavilion at the community pool, the best option would be to extend the pool area to the east, but the school would have to give permission to do so. Councilman DeLong moved, second by Councilman Ridgeway to authorize Supervisor Lindberg to ask the school to consider letting the Town of Worcester expand the community pool area to create additional seating and shade. VOTE: Ayes: 3 (Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway) Noes: 0 (*Supervisor Lindberg abstained*)

Councilman DeLong asked if there has been any response from the Dog Control Officer regarding starting a dog enumeration. Supervisor Lindberg reported that he has not been able to reach Peggy Suydam.

Councilman DeLong reported on his research into abandoned cemeteries and if burials can take place there. The NYS Cemetery Association strongly discourages allowing new burials, however, it can be allowed if the Town Board permits it. Discussion had if it should be allowed since there is a request to be buried in the abandoned cemetery on the corner of Hall Road. Not all the graves are marked, so in order for someone to be buried, a survey of available space would have to be done. One option that was discussed was if a neighboring property owner would deed over a small portion of land to the cemetery, burials take place there since without any concern of unmarked graves. The Town Attorney will be consulted in how to deal with this matter.

New Business:

Resolution #116: 100th anniversary of WWI: Honoring those that served

Offered by Councilman DeLong, second by Councilman Ridgeway: BE IT RESOLVED: that the Worcester Town Board honor the memory of those Town residents who served their country one hundred years ago during World War I, and whose names appear on a plaque on the Soldiers' Monument in the Maple Grove Cemetery. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Councilman DeLong would like to schedule public hearings in January regarding adopting 3 proposed local laws: South Worcester Historic District; the Solar Power Regulation; and updating the Hamlet district permitted uses. Councilman DeLong will bring this up at the first meeting in January for the board to consider. Draft copies of all the proposed laws were distributed to the board.

Town Clerk: The Town Clerk reminded the board that the rescheduled second meeting in December will be at the East Worcester Fire Department and that the Fire Department should be notified of the meeting.

Councilman Ridgeway moved, second by Councilman DeLong to reschedule the second meeting in December to the 21st at 7:00pm to be held at the Town Building located at 29 Katie Lane. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Adjournment: Councilman Ridgeway moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. The motion carried unanimously amongst those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland
Town Clerk