

**November 28, 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  
 Tim Lehenbauer ---- Councilman  
 Harold Ridgeway ---- Councilman

**Not Present:** Dave Miller ---- Councilman

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

**Minutes:** Councilman Ridgeway moved to accept the November 14, 2022 meeting minutes minutes as presented The motion was seconded by Councilman Ralph. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Lehenbauer, Ralph) Noes: 0

**Public Input:** No comments were received.

**Highway Superintendent:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Water Superintendent:** Supervisor Wilcox reported that there is a broken water line on Cook Street that will be repaired. Water to a few households will need to be turned off during the repair. Those households have been contacted.

**Financial:**

**Resolution #103: Audit of Claims:**

Offered by Councilman Miller, second by Councilman Ralph: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves payment of the bills listed on abstract 11:

General Fund:	claims: 227-235	\$25,538.87
Highway Fund:	claims: 217-224	\$48,630.50
Worcester Water #2	claims: 57-58	\$2,108.17
East Worcester Water #1	claims: 39	\$977.00

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

**Supervisor Report:** Supervisor Wilcox reported that Ian White, a geologist will be working on updating the mining permit with the DEC to reflect some changes in the berms.

The county has approved \$50,000 in ARPA funding to be used on projects, this will allow some sidewalks to be repaired and 5 new catch-basins to be installed.

Supervisor Wilcox reminded the board that next Monday, there is a meeting to review the bid documents on the new highway department project. The board was in agreement that they would like radiant floors included in the bid documents as a separate line item.

**Old Business:**

Seward Sand and Gravel will be working on the mine reclamation in the next couple of weeks and will be

billing the town on an hourly basis.

**New Business:**

**Resolution #104: Appointing Dominique Dunham as Deputy Crossing Guard**

Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman Lehenbauer: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board appoints Dominique Dunham as deputy crossing guard for 2022, to be paid the same daily rate as the regular crossing guard. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Lehenbauer, Ralph) Noes: 0

Councilman Ralph suggested an occasional joint meeting with the fire districts, town and school to review any upcoming projects that may affect taxpayers and to try to prevent and tax increases from happening all at once.

**Resolution #105: Standard Workday Reporting Resolution for the NYS Local Retirement System**

Offered by Councilman Ralph, second by Councilman Ridgeway: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board sets the following standard workdays for elected and appointed officials: 6 hour work days for: Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Highway Secretary, Councilmen, Supervisor, Court Clerk, Assessor, Justices, Bookkeepers, land use officer, and Dog Control Officer. Be it also resolved that the Worcester Town Board sets a 8 hour standard work day for: Highway Superintendent and any highway department employees. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Lehenbauer, Ralph) Noes: 0

**Executive Session:** Councilman Ridgeway moved to enter executive session at 7:14pm to discuss the collective bargaining negotiations and the salary of a particular individual. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Lehenbauer, Ralph) Noes: 0

Councilman Ralph moved to leave executive session at 7:55pm and resume regular session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ridgeway. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Lehenbauer, Ralph) Noes: 0

**Resolution #106: Part-time Highway Employee Pay**

Offered by Councilman Lehenbauer, second by Councilman Ridgeway: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board sets the pay of any part-time highway department employees with CDL's at a rate up to \$20 an hour with the stipulation that they are assigned a truck that requires a CDL to operate. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Lehenbauer, Ralph) Noes: 0

**Adjournment:** Councilman Miller moved, second by Councilman Lehenbauer to adjourn the meeting at 8:06pm. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Lehenbauer, Ralph) Noes: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland  
Worcester Town Clerk