

**December 12, 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  
 Dave Miller ---- Councilman

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

**Minutes:** Councilman Lehenbauer moved to accept the November 28, 2022 meeting minutes and the December 5 building committee minutes as presented The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller  
 VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Lehenbauer, Ralph, Miller) Noes: 0

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

**Highway Superintendent:** The vacancy at the highway department is being advertised until the position is filled.

Discussion was had on the salaries of the highway mechanic and the Deputy Highway Superintendent. Councilman Miller moved, second by Councilman Lehenbauer to pay overtime on the hourly stipend portion of their pay. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Lehenbauer, Ralph, Miller) Noes: 0

**Water Superintendent:** Supervisor Wilcox the main water valve in Worcester Water #2 has been replaced.

**Financial:**

**Resolution #104: Audit of Claims:**

Offered by Councilman Ralph, second by Councilman Lehenbauer: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves payment of the bills listed on abstract 12:

|                         |                 |             |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| General Fund:           | claims: 236-248 | \$35,223.68 |
| Highway Fund:           | claims: 225-238 | \$6,368.05  |
| Worcester Water #2      | claims: 59-62   | \$2,438.80  |
| East Worcester Water #1 | claims: 40-41   | \$730.47    |

VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Lehenbauer, Ralph, Miller) Noes: 0

The board scheduled the annual organizational meeting for 6:00pm on Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

**Supervisor Report:** The mining reclamation has started by Seward Sand and Gravel.

The \$50,000 in ARPA money has been received from Otsego County to fix catch-basins and do some sidewalk upgrades.

The Planning Board is scheduled to meet this Wednesday and will be working on updating the land use regulations.

**Executive Session:** Councilman Ridgeway moved to enter executive session at 7:34pm to discuss the collective bargaining negotiations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Lehenbauer, Ralph, Miller) Noes: 0

Councilman Ralph moved to leave executive session at 7:45pm and resume regular session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ridgeway. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Lehenbauer, Ralph, Miller) Noes: 0

**Old Business:** Nothing at this time.

**New Business:** Two quotes were received for municipal financial software. Both quotes were around \$24,000 to start up and yearly maintenance of around \$5,000. Since this expense was not included in the budget for 2023 it will be tabled until it can be included in the 2024 budget.

**Adjournment:** Councilman Miller moved, second by Councilman Lehenbauer to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Lehenbauer, Ralph, Miller) Noes: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland  
Worcester Town Clerk