

December 28, 2020

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 Town of Worcester Municipal Building.

Present:

Donald Lindberg	----	Supervisor
Larry DeLong	----	Councilman
Dave Miller	----	Councilman
Harold Ridgeway	----	Councilman
Jeff Wilcox	----	Councilman

Others Present: Agnes Terrell, Marilyn Dufresne, Rita Tetenes and Leo Tetenes

Minutes: Councilman moved DeLong, second by Councilman Miller to accept the December 14, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Miller, Ridgeway, Wilcox) Noes: 0

Public Input: Rita Tetenes asked what time does the highway department start plowing in storms like the one that was last week. The Town Clerk responded that it depends on the timing of the storm, but last week they started at 3am. Councilman Ridgeway explained that last weeks storm came down really fast and it was near impossible to keep up when 30" came down in a few hours.

Highway Superintendent: The highway department does not have a working computer and asked if a laptop can be purchased since truck manuals and parts catalogs are typically only available online now.

Resolution # 98: Purchase of a laptop for the highway department

Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman Miller: Be it resolved that that Worcester Town Board approves a purchase order request from the Acting Highway Superintendent for a laptop not to exceed the amount of \$500.00. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Miller, Ridgeway, Wilcox) Noes: 0

Financial:

Resolution #99: Audit of Claims:

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

General Fund:	claims: 205-215	\$13,996.02
Highway Fund:	claims: 220-224	\$6,179.54
East Worcester Water #1	claim: 49-50	\$1,027.00
Worcester Water #2	claims: 70-71	\$2,011.00

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

Budget Resolutions:

Resolution #100: General Fund Budget Resolution

Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman Miller: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves the following budget transfers for the General Fund:

To:

A1330.4	Tax Collector, Contractural	\$544.79
A1430.2	Financial, Equipment	\$125.95
A5132.42	Garage, Telephone	\$2,405.03
A8010.4	Codes, Contractural	\$114.53
		<u>\$3,190.30</u>

From:

A5132.43	Garage, Fuel (Heat)	\$3,190.30
		<u>\$3,190.30</u>

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

Resolution # 101: Highway Fund Budget Resolution

Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman Miller: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves the following budget transfers for the Highway Fund:

To:

DA5110.11	General Repairs, Overtime	\$4,343.86
DA5130.4	Machinery, Contractural	\$7,665.66
DA9050.8	Unemployment Insurance	\$6,420.10
		<u>\$18,429.62</u>

From:

DA5110.4	General Repairs, Contractural	\$3,150.56
DA5110.42	General Repairs, Oil & Stone	\$3,668.25
DA5110.42	General Repairs, Fuel Oil	\$3,477.30
DA5130.2	Machinery, Equipment	\$1,619.58
DA5142.11	Snow Removal, Overtime	\$5,513.93
DA9055.8	Employee Benefits, Disability	\$1,000.00
		<u>\$18,429.62</u>

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

Resolution #102: Worcester Water #2 Budget Resolution

Offered by Councilman Wilcox, second by Councilman Ridgeway: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves the following budget transfers for Worcester Water #2:

To:

SW8330.43	Purification, Sampling	\$651.39
		<u>\$651.39</u>

From:

SW8320.41	Source of Supply, Repairs	\$651.39
		<u>\$651.39</u>

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

Resolution #103: East Worcester Water #1 Budget Resolution

Offered by Councilman DeLong, second by Councilman Wilcox: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves the following budget transfers for East Worcester Water #1:
To:

SW8330.45	Purification, Misc.	\$28.35
SW9710.7	Debt Service, Interest	\$3.00
		<u>\$31.35</u>

From:

SW8320.42	Source of Supply, Electric	\$31.35
		<u>\$31.35</u>

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

Planning Board: Councilman DeLong reported that the Planning Board and recommends that Charles Thompson be reappointed as Chairman of the Planning Board.

Resolution #104: Re-appointing Charles Thompson as Planning Board Chairman

Offered by Councilman Miller, second by councilman Ridgeway: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board appoints Charles Thompson as Chairman of the Worcester Planning Board for the year of 2021. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Wilcox, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

So far one person has expressed interest in serving on the Planning Board, but the ad is scheduled to run in the January *Hometown Advantage* so there may potentially be others interested.

Old Business: Otsego County Codes is all set to assume the duties of Code Enforcement for the Town of Worcester starting on January 1, 2021.

New Business: Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the NYS Governor has signed an executive order temporarily suspending the requirement for seniors to reapply for the “Partial Tax Exemption for Real Property of Senior Citizens.” also known as the low income senior exemption. Under the governor's executive order, local governments can automatically renew this benefit in 2021 for all property owners who received this benefit in 2020 unless the local authorities have reason to believe an individual has changed their primary address, added or deleted owners due to marriage, divorce or death.

Resolution #105: Temporarily Suspending the requirement to reapply for Senior Exemption

Offered by Councilman Miller, second by Councilman Wilcox: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board agrees to temporarily suspend the requirement for seniors to reapply for the “Partial Tax Exemption for Real Property of Senior Citizens.” and will automatically renew this benefit for 2021 if the benefit was received in 2020. However if local authorities have reason to believe an individuals situation had changed which may affect their eligibility, a renewal application can be required.

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

Town Clerk: The Town Clerk reminded the board of the annual re-organizational meeting scheduled for 6pm on January 6th.

Adjournment: Councilman Ridgeway moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:12pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Wilcox, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland
Town Clerk