

**February 13, 2017**

Supervisor Lindberg called the meeting to order at 5:30pm 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.

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| <b>Present:</b> | Don Lindberg    | ---- | Supervisor |
|                 | Larry DeLong    | ---- | Councilman |
|                 | Don Zaengle     | ---- | Councilman |
|                 | Dave Miller     | ---- | Councilman |
|                 | Harold Ridgeway | ---- | Councilman |

**Town Officials Present:** Water Superintendent, Aaron House; Judge William Fisher; Code Enforcement Officer, Lloyd Stannard and Historian, Marilyn Dufresne

**Citizens Present:** Tim Powers, Tom Blanchard (Flood Plain Coordinator for the NYS DEC) and Karen Sullivan (Otsego County Planning Dept.)

Tom Blanchard and Karen Sullivan answered the board's questions regarding why a new flood plain regulation needs to be adopted. Tom Blanchard explained that the town has been in the program since the 1980's, but new maps have been developed and therefore new regulations need to be adopted that reflect the new maps. The old maps and local law will no longer apply after the new maps and law are adopted.

The board asked about map inaccuracies and how to get buildings that are in the flood plain removed if they should not be included. A letter of map amendment from FEMA will remove a structure from the flood plain after an elevation study. Discussion was had on how elevations are determined. Discussion was also had on what accommodations will need to be made to build in a flood plain if one chooses to do so.

Councilman DeLong moved to schedule a public hearing on the proposed Local Law #1 of 2017 entitled : Flood Damage Prevention” at 6:30pm on Monday, February 27, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zaengle.

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

**Minutes:** Councilman Ridgeway moved to accept the January 23, 2017 minutes from the special meeting and regular meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman DeLong. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Zaengle, Miller, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

**Public Input:** Judge Fisher reported that the Town Court received \$15,000 in grant money; \$5,000 for security upgrades and \$10,000 for construction of a courtroom in the newly acquired building at 19 Katie Lane. Mr. Fisher proposed using \$3,828.07 for a walk-through metal. Discussion was had on who would operate the metal detector. The possibility of hiring and off-duty officer to operate the metal detector on court nights was discussed.

**Resolution #57: Purchase of a walk-through metal detector for the court**

Offered by Councilman Miller, second by Councilman DeLong: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town board approves a purchase order request from Judge William Fisher to purchase a Garrett PD6500i Walk Through Metal Detector -PN 1168411 and Garrett Super Scanner V wand scanner from Protective Technologies International at a price of \$3,828.07. The purchase will be paid for entirely using grant money designated for the Worcester Town Court.

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

Tim Powers stated that he believes that the new Family Dollar Store is being built in a flood plain.

Dan Stannard asked if anyone from the board turned him in to the DOT. The board responded that they did not turn Mr. Stannard in to the DOT. Mr. Stannard also spoke of the town's right-of-way to the water tank on his property. Mr. Stannard says that the right-of-way is washed out and causing water to run down the hill. Mr. Stannard would like to see if an agreement can be worked out to share a roadway and equally share the costs associated with maintaining the roadway. Supervisor Lindberg will speak with the town attorney to see about amending the right-of-way in the deed to include Mr. Stannard's current roadway. Councilman Ridgeway will speak with the Highway Superintendent to see if the Highway Department will fix the current right-of-way and help maintain Mr. Stannard's proposed new right-of-way.

**Water Superintendent:** Aaron House explained that there has been some additional information that needs to be supplied before the water grant is funded. The information has been supplied but not to the correct person at the NYS Department of Health. If all the information is received by March 16<sup>th</sup>, funds can be disbursed at that time. Jeremy Silverman, the grant writer is handing this paperwork issue.

**Financial:**

**Resolution #58: 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 the abstracts for February 13, 2017.

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| <u>General:</u><br>claims:22-29                 | Abstract 2 | \$1,105.32  |
| <u>Highway:</u><br>claims:23-39                 | Abstract 2 | \$14,054.64 |
| <u>Worcester Water #2:</u><br>claims: 10-13     | Abstract 2 | \$1,961.52  |
| <u>East Worcester Water #1:</u><br>claims: 7-10 | Abstract 2 | \$548.37    |

Street Lights: Abstract 2 \$1,807.27

*claims:3-4*

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

**Old Business:** Supervisor Lindberg will speak with the Town Assessor regarding not making his office hours as scheduled.

Supervisor Lindberg reported that the Town of Worcester's housing grant request was denied.

**New Business:** Councilman DeLong would like to see if the four surrounding towns can work together to unify the assessment process and potentially share one assessor.

Dr. Kuettel is willing to be a health officer for the Town of Worcester if a list of duties can be supplied. Councilman DeLong will look into finding a list of duties.

Councilman DeLong asked if the proposed floor plan for the new municipal building will need to be amended considering 900sq ft is allocated to the highway department which will not be in that building.

**Adjournment:** Councilman Miller moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm, the motion was seconded by Councilman Ridgeway and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland  
Town Clerk