

February 13, 2023

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
Harold Ridgeway ---- Councilman
Brendon Ralph ---- Councilman
Tim Lehenbauer ---- Councilman

Not Present: Dave Miller ---- Councilman

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

Minutes: Councilman Lehenbauer moved to accept the January 23, 2023 meeting minutes and the January 30, 2023 building committee minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ralph. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Lehenbauer, Ralph) Noes: 0

Public Input:

Highway: The Westford Highway Department is short 2 employees so the Worcester Highway Department is plowing and sanding County Route 36 up to All Road. This is a County Route, so we will be reimbursed from Otsego County for this. Worcester has also taken over Up County Road Westford's portion of Up County Road..

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 #55: Audit of Claims:

Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman Ralph: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves payment of the bills listed on abstract 2:

General Fund:	claims: 25-40	\$21,039.40
Highway Fund:	claims: 21-34	\$84,996.02
Worcester Water #2	claims: 7-11	\$2,031.32
East Worcester Water #1	claims: 3-5	\$3,174.42
East Worcester Street Lights	claims: 2	\$234.05
Worcester Street Lights	claims: 2	\$487.37

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

For the record, the 2022 Annual Financial Report is complete and has been filed with NYS.

The Town of Worcester received reimbursement for Intuit Quickbooks for a duplicate payments made in error in 2021 and 2022.

Supervisor Report: Supervisor Wilcox reported that the site walk-through for the new highway department building location is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15th at 12:00 for the contractors interested in bidding on the project.

The specifications for a well at the site of the new highway department building was discussed. Councilman Ridgeway moved second by Councilman Lehenbauer to put the well out to bid as soon as Supervisor Wilcox has all the specs. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Lehenbauer, Ralph) Noes: 0

Supervisor Wilcox reported that the catch-basins that are going to be purchased with the Otsego Count ARPA money were cheaper than originally thought, so instead of 5 catch basins, 7 of them can be purchased. Two of these will be given to the Worcester Fire District to help with drainage issues on the north side of their facility.

The furnace in the Town Hall quit last week, Supervisor Wilcox got it working and parts to do a complete repair are on order.

Community Bank is closing the Schenevus branch location. They have offered higher interest rates if the Town of Worcester stays with Community Bank. Also they have offered a remote check depositing machine for the Town Clerk to limit the number of trips to the bank to deposit checks.

Resolution #56: Community Bank Remote Check Depositing for Clerk/Collector/Water Clerk

Offered by Councilman Ralph, second by Councilman Lehenbauer: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board authorizes Jo-Ann Beverland to remotely deposit checks into accounts at Community Bank for the Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Worcester Water #2 and East Worcester Water #1 checking accounts. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Lehenbauer, Ralph) Noes: 0

Adjournment: Councilman Lehenbauer moved, second by Councilman Ralph to adjourn the meeting at 7:36pm. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Lehenbauer, Ralph) Noes: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland
Worcester Town Clerk