

February 14, 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
Dave Miller	----	Councilman
Harold Ridgeway	----	Councilman
Tim Lehenbauer	----	Councilman
Brendon Ralph	----	Councilman

Others Present: Rita Tetenes, Leo Tetenes, Don Zaengle, Adam Baker, and Scott Barton (architect) Rick Evans (Highway Supt) and Marilyn Dufresne

Minutes: Councilman Miller moved, second by Councilman Ridgeway to accept the January 24, 2022 meeting minutes. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Wilcox, Miller, Ridgeway, Lehenbauer, Ralph) Noes: 0

Public Input: Adam Baker has been summer youth director for the last 3 years and asked that the board consider some of his input before finalizing plans for the pool this summer. Mr. Baker feels that swimming lessons should be offered regardless of the school summer program. Mr. Baker feels that requiring the summer youth director to work 35 hours a week is a bit excessive since most lifeguards work less than 30 hours a week.

Highway Superintendent: Rick Evans had nothing to report. Councilman Ridgeway said that the culvert near his house need attention. Mr. Evans said that he will look at it

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 Lehenbauer: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves payment of the bills listed on abstract 2.

General Fund:	claims: 18-38	\$7,304.67
Highway Fund:	claims: 23-35	\$8,775.22
Worcester Water #2	claims: 4-9	\$4,359.73
East Worcester Water #1	claims: 4-6	\$2,322.30
Street Lights	claim: 3	\$4,438.21

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

Supervisor Report: Supervisor Wilcox reported that the Town of Worcester never received the ARPA funding (COVID money) because it was returned as undeliverable by the post office. A new check will be issued to the Town of Worcester.

Due to the resignation of Heather Lindberg as bookkeeper, Supervisor Wilcox appoints Jessica Kenyon as bookkeeper for 2022.

Supervisor Wilcox reported that he met with Otsego County Code Enforcement to get a certificate of

occupancy on the 19 Katie Lane building. Supervisor Wilcox will continue to follow-up with County Code Enforcement until that is complete.

Supervisor Wilcox met with Psalm Wycoff from NYS DEC to go over what needs to be done at the mine to bring it back into compliance. Initially, a berm needs to be put in place between the mine and the residence to the east. Setbacks of at least 25 feet need to be maintained. Supervisor Wilcox is also working to get a right-of-way permit which needs to be done in order for the mine permit to be renewed.

Old Business: Supervisor Wilcox introduced Scott Barton an architect from McGiver Design Services. Mr. Barton is willing to work with the Town of Worcester to develop a bid package for a highway department building. Mr. Barton proposed keeping the bid package as simple as possible to attract more bidders. Mr. Barton will work for a set fee or at an hourly rate, but needs to know more about the project before a fee can be established. Mr. Barton suggested that a special meeting be set up for the sole purpose of starting the planning process. The board scheduled a workshop for Monday, February 21, 2022 at 6:00pm.

Supervisor Wilcox reported that Fyr-Fyter will do the fire alarm monitoring for the 19 Katie Lane building but right now the parts necessary to set it up are on a substantial back-order.

New Business:

Resolution #56: Authorizing a Town of Worcester Credit Card

Offered by Councilman Lehenbauer, second by Councilman Miller: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board authorizes Supervisor Wilcox to obtain a credit card from Community Bank for town official use only. There shall be 3 authorized users, Supervisor Wilcox, Highway Superintendent Rick Evans and Town Clerk, Jo-Ann Beverland. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Wilcox, Miller, Ridgeway, Lehenbauer, Ralph) Noes: 0

Executive Session: Councilman Ridgeway moved to enter executive session at 7:46pm to discuss the employment of a particular individual. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Adam Baker and Don Zaengle were invited into executive session.

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

Councilman Ridgeway moved to leave executive session and resume regular session at 8:25pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lehenbauer.

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

Resolution #57: Pool Staffing Scheduling for 2022

Offered by Councilman Lehenbauer, second by Councilman Ralph: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board amends resolution #52 of 2022. The resolution should be amended that a the Summer Youth Director, Adam Baker or head lifeguard Edna Gonzalez-Dau be present at the pool during all open hours and shall be paid an hourly rate of \$17 for duties during those hours. Be it also resolved that the summer youth director be paid an additional \$3000 for director duties.

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

Audit of the 2021 Town Court Records

Resolution #58: Audit of the Worcester Town Court Records from 2021

Offered by Councilman Miller, second by Councilman Ridgeway: Be it resolved that the Worcester

Town Board has reviewed the 2021 books from the Worcester Town Court found them to be correct to the best of their knowledge. VOTE: Ayes: 5(Wilcox, Lehenbauer, Miller, Ridgeway, Ralph) Noes: 0

Adjournment: Councilman Ridgeway moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:54pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lehenbauer. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Wilcox, Miller, Ridgeway, Lehenbauer, Ralph) Noes: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland
Town Clerk