

March 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
 Harold Ridgeway ---- Councilman
 Tim Lehenbauer ---- Councilman

Not Present: Dave Miller ---- Councilman
 Brendon Ralph ---- Councilman

Others Present: Rita Tetenes, Leo Tetenes, Rick Evans (Highway Supt), Larry DeLong, Brooke Willey and Marilyn Dufresne

Minutes: Councilman Ridgeway moved, second by Councilman Lehenbauer to accept the February 28, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. VOTE: Ayes: 3 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Lehenbauer) Noes: 0

Public Input: Larry DeLong spoke about the various abandoned cemeteries in the Town of Worcester. It is the Town's responsibility to mow these cemeteries twice a year. A Robinson-Broadhurst grant was requested to help pay for the maintenance. Mr. DeLong asked how the board is planning on using those funds and if private donations can be collected to stretch the money further. The board tabled a decision on how to allocate the funding until it is known how much of the grant request is received.

Highway: Rick Evans reported that a new computerized system for vehicle inspections will need to be purchased by the end of the year or else the Town will no longer be able to do their own vehicle inspections. The cost for the system is \$1,395. A decision on whether to purchase the system or send the vehicles out for inspection was tabled until the full board is present.

Supervisor Wilcox thanked the highway crew for the work that they did during this past weekend's snow storm.

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 #60: 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 3.

General Fund:	claims: 47-58	\$3,340.15
Highway Fund:	claims: 45-57	\$9,357.89
Worcester Water #2	claims: 11-14	\$1,556.02
East Worcester Water #1	claims: 10-12	\$324.30
Street Lights	claims: 4	\$2,529.08

VOTE: Ayes: 3 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Lehenbauer) Noes: 0

Supervisor Report: Supervisor Wilcox reported that the Town of Worcester will have to decide what to spend the approximately \$212,000 in ARPA funding (COVID money) on. The things that it can be used for appears to be rather limited, but more research will be done before a decision has to be made.

Resolution #61: Establishing Escrow Account

Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman Lehenbauer: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board authorizes Supervisor Wilcox to set up an escrow account with Community Bank for the purpose of paying the engineer that represents the Town of Worcester on the solar project proposal. The escrow account will be opened with the \$12,000 received for such purpose from Borrego Solar. Any funds not used at the completion of the project will be returned to Borrego. VOTE: Ayes: 3 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Lehenbauer) Noes: 0

Adjournment: Councilman Lehenbauer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:44pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ridgeway. VOTE: Ayes: 3 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Lehenbauer) Noes: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland
Town Clerk