

**March 22, 2021**

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.

<b>Present:</b>	Donald Lindberg	----	Supervisor
	Dave Miller	----	Councilman
	Jeff Wilcox	----	Councilman
	Larry DeLong	----	Councilman
	Harold Ridgeway	----	Councilman

**Others Present:** Agnes Terrell, Marilyn Dufresne, Rita Tetenes, Leo Tetenes, Alice Hughes, Chuck Thompson, Jim Gardner, Terri Merz and Josh Tayler and Richard Evans

**Minutes:** Councilman DeLong moved, second by Councilman Ridgeway to accept the March 8, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented . VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, Miller, Wilcox, DeLong, Ridgeway)

**Public Input:** Marilyn Dufresne asked if something can be done about the blacktop that is on her lawn in front of her house left from the DOT paving project last summer. The board advised Mrs. Dufresne that she should contact the DOT since she lives on a State Route 7.

Mrs. Dufresne asked if there is any plan to replace the tree in the park at the west end of the Worcester hamlet. The tree that was put in a couple of years ago is dead.

Mrs. Dufresne asked if the highway department would install a historic marker in the cemetery marking Seth Flint's grave. The board was agreeable to this if the location where the marker is to be placed is marked out for the highway crew.

**Highway:** Richard Evans explained that the mining permit is going to expire this year. Even though all the mining at the gravel bank is complete, a permit will need to be renewed to continue crushing cobbles and start the reclaiming process. On Tuesday, Mr. Evans reported that he will be meeting with the DEC at the gravel bank to go over everything that needs to be done to be in compliance.

Mr. Evans also reported that he will be meeting with Dave Beisler from Seward Sand and Gravel to look at the pile of cobbles and get an idea of how much is there and if there will be enough to make road sand.

The Hyundai excavator needs to be fixed, but someone will have to come here to fix it.

**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 abstract 3P.

General Fund:	claims: 52-55	\$1,511.35
Highway Fund:	claims: 55-63	\$6,391.09
East Worcester Water #1	claim: 8-10	\$1,504.37
Worcester Water #2	claims: 17-20	\$3,375.37

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

Alice Hughes gave the board a check for \$215.41 because she received a refund on her credit card from the payroll program that the Town of Worcester reimbursed her for last year.

Supervisor Lindberg reported that the payroll program needs to be upgraded. Councilman Miller moved, second by Councilman Wilcox to authorize the bookkeeper to update the payroll program. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, Miller, Wilcox, Ridgeway, DeLong) Noes: 0

**Planning Board:** Planning Board Chairman, Chuck Thompson introduced the 2 candidates that the Planning Board is recommending to fill the 2 vacancies on the board. Terri Merz and Josh Taylor both provided the board with some of their background and what they would bring to the Planning Board. Discussion followed on economic development in Worcester and potential ideas that can be explored. The Town Board was in agreement that right now the Planning board should be focusing on economic development.

Josh Taylor spoke about a farmer's market he is planning for this summer. Mr. Taylor is planning on holding this near the municipal parking lot off Decatur Street on property owned by Michael Palyun.

Agnes Terrell said that the farmer's market should not be allowed because farmer's markets are not a permitted use the land use regulations.

**Resolution #59: Appointing Terri Merz to the Planning Board**

Offered by Councilman DeLong, second by Councilman Ridgeway: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board appoints Terri Merz to the Worcester Planning board to fill an unexpired term ending in February 2025. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, Miller, Wilcox, Ridgeway, DeLong) Noes: 0

**Resolution #60: Appointing Josh Taylor to the Planning Board**

Offered by Councilman DeLong, second by Councilman Ridgeway: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board appoints Josh Taylor to the Worcester Planning board with a term expiring in February 2028. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, Miller, Wilcox, Ridgeway, DeLong) Noes: 0

**Old Business:** The money from the Federal Covid Relief package that is allocated for the Town of Worcester was briefly discussed. The board would like to use the money toward a new highway department building.

**New Business:** The Board of Elections would like to move voting to the Town of Worcester Municipal Building if the Town Board is agreeable.

**Resolution #61: Authorizing Voting for General and Primary Elections at Town Building**

Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman Miller: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves the Otsego County Board of Elections request to hold voting for primaries and general elections at the Town of Worcester Municipal Building located at 19 Katie Lane. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, Miller, Wilcox, Ridgeway, DeLong) Noes: 0

**Adjournment:** Councilman DeLong moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, Miller, Wilcox, DeLong, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland  
Town Clerk