

**March 28, 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  
 Brendon Ralph ---- Councilman  
 Tim Lehenbauer ---- Councilman

**Not Present:** Dave Miller ---- Councilman  
 Harold Ridgeway ---- Councilman

**Others Present:** Rita Tetenes, Leo Tetenes, Rick Evans (Highway Supt), Jennifer Hahn, Sadie Ostrander, LouAnn Kassinger, John Kassinger, Garth Kassinger, Dev Kernan and Marilyn Dufresne

**Minutes:** Councilman Lehenbauer moved, second by Councilman Ralph to accept the March 14, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. VOTE: Ayes: 3 (Wilcox, Ralph, Lehenbauer) Noes: 0

**Public Input:** Marilyn Dufresne said that there is a fireproof cabinet from the Presbyterian church if the Town is interested in having it.

Sadie Ostrander and Jennifer Hahn both spoke about the benefits of offering swimming lessons to children and asked that the board reconsider and offer swimming lessons this summer. Garth Kassinger and John Kassinger also said that they feel it should be offered since it hasn't been offered the last 2 years. The Town Board agreed to speak with the summer youth director to see what can be done.

Dev Kernan spoke about the abandoned cemeteries in the Town of Worcester and maintenance plan. Rick Evans said that the highway department can do the minimum and mow the cemeteries twice years. Any maintenance beyond that is dependant on grant funding which we won't know about until May.

**Highway:** Rick Evans reported that there is an opening for a full time person at the highway department. Discussion followed on the difficulty finding employees given the cost of health insurance and the fact that the Town of Worcester doesn't contribute to the cost of insurance until after the six month probationary period. Discussion followed on the highway workers union contract.

Rick Evans said that he would like to put the crushing of cobbles out to bid soon. Councilman Lehenbauer moved, second by Councilman Ralph to put the crushing of cobbles to make winter sand and road item out to bid and have the work completed by July 1, 2022. VOTE: Ayes: 3 (Wilcox, Ralph, Lehenbauer) Noes: 0

Supervisor Wilcox reported that the DOT right-of-way permit for the gravel bank has been sent to Binghamton for approval.

**Financial:****Resolution #62: Audit of Claims:**

Offered by Councilman Lehenbauer, second by Councilman Ralph: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves payment of the bills listed on abstract 3P.

General Fund:	claims: 59-66	\$29,452.00
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Highway Fund:	claims: 58-65	\$8,460.26
Worcester Water #2	claims: 15	\$1,971.00
East Worcester Water #1	claims: 13	\$977.00

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

**Old Business:** The escrow account for Borrego Solar has been set up with Community Bank. The engineer representing the Town of Worcester will be paid for from this fund.

Supervisor Wilcox reported that the Town of Worcester received a 60 day extension to file the annual financial report with the NYS Comptroller's Office.

**New Business:** The Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation has requested that the Town Board prioritize the 4 grant requests submitted. After some discussion these are the grant requests in order of priority:

1. Swimming pool upgrades and maintenance
2. sidewalks repair/replacement
3. reimbursement for street light upgrade to LED
4. abandoned cemetery maintenance.

Supervisor Wilcox will let the Robinson-Broadhurst foundation know the priority list.

**Town Clerk:** The April 11<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting needs to be rescheduled. The board agreed to hold their meeting on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and also work on the reporting for the ARPA money that was received.

The Town Clerk reported that her current computer was purchased in 2016 and there is an issue with the hard drive that is causing problems with the cloud back-up not working properly. The backup company advised that a new computer should be purchased. Councilman Lehenbauer authorized the Town Clerk to purchase a new computer not to exceed \$1,500. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ralph.

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

**Adjournment:** Councilman Lehenbauer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ralph. VOTE: Ayes: 3 (Wilcox, Ralph, Lehenbauer) Noes: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland  
Town Clerk