

March 8, 2021

Supervisor Lindberg called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led in the flag salute at the advertised first monthly meeting of the Worcester Town Board, held in the Town of Worcester Municipal Building.

Present:

Donald Lindberg	----	Supervisor
Dave Miller	----	Councilman
Jeff Wilcox	----	Councilman
Larry DeLong	----	Councilman
Harold Ridgeway	----	Councilman

Others Present: Marilyn Dufresne, Rita Tetenes, Leo Tetenes, Mike Roof, and Water Superintendent Aaron House

Minutes: Councilman DeLong moved, second by Councilman Miller to accept the February 22, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented . VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, Miller, Wilcox, DeLong, Ridgeway)

Public Input: Mike Roof reported that the Worcester Little League would like to have a season this year by following all Covid-19 guidelines. Mr. Roof wanted to make sure that the Town Board didn't have any objections with this. The board was in agreement that this is fine with them and that the Town Board really doesn't have anything to do with the decision.

Water Superintendent: Aaron House reported that only minor freeze-ups have happened so far this winter. PFOA sampling has been completed, but the results are not back yet. In the local area there have not been any known issues with PFOA showing up in the test results, so it isn't anticipated to be a problem.

This year, if the pool is able to open, health department guidance will have to be followed on sanitation, and capacity limitations. Aaron House reported that the pool is in good shape and has no concerns about the equipment.

Discussion was had on the water systems and what would happen in a major emergency. Aaron House feels that we are adequately prepared for most emergencies with the exception of a multi-day power outage. Back-up generators could be purchased to cover this situation, but the cost would be approximately \$10,000 for each of the water districts.

Discussion was had on water rates for the Worcester Water #2 district. The debt service was recently paid off, but the district is still operating at a loss each year and is having to take money from the reserves to cover operational expenses. Discussion was had on a rate increase and how much it would have to be raised. Further discussion was tabled until the procedure for increasing rates is researched.

The April bill that will be going out in a couple of weeks, covers the period of October 1, 2020

through March 31, 2021 and during that period the debt service portion of the bill was still owed by the residents, therefore it was decided to send the April bills at the same rates that they have been paying including the debt service.

Financial:

Resolution #56: Audit of Claims:

Offered by Councilman Miller second by Councilman Wilcox: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves payment of the bills listed on abstract 3.

General Fund:	claims: 42-51	\$19,294.99
Highway Fund:	claims: 45-54	\$6,231.58
East Worcester Water #1	claim: 7	\$50
Worcester Water #2	claims: 14-16	\$418.25
Street Light	claim: 3	\$2,039.74

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

Planning Board: There will not be a quorum for this week's Planning Board meeting, but 2 members of the Planning Board will be meeting with the 2 candidates who expressed interest in serving on the Planning Board.

Old Business:

The Town Clerk reported that three people have expressed interest in the Land Use Officer position.

Resolution # 57: Setting salary for Land Use Officer

Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman Miller: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board sets the annual salary for Land Use Officer at \$3,000.

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

Adjournment: Councilman Wilcox moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, Miller, Wilcox, DeLong, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland
Town Clerk