

April 12, 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
	Larry DeLong	----	Councilman
	Harold Ridgeway	----	Councilman
Not Present:	Dave Miller	----	Councilman
	Jeff Wilcox	----	Councilman

Others Present: Agnes Terrell, Marilyn Dufresne, Rita Tetenes, Leo Tetenes, Herb Fiederer and Shirley Wright

Minutes: Councilman Ridgeway moved, second by Councilman DeLong to accept the March 22, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented . VOTE: Ayes: 3 (Lindberg, 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 again advised Mrs. Dufresne that she should contact the DOT since she lives on a State Route 7 or contact Senator Oberacker.

Mrs. Dufresne asked if there is any plan to replace the tree in the park at the west end of the Worcester hamlet. The board said that they do not want to spend another \$1000 to replace the tree again. A smaller and cheaper tree was discussed.

Rita Tetenes asked if there is any update on a new highway department building. Supervisor Lindberg reported that we are still waiting on the surveyor to do the flood plain elevation survey. It is anticipated to be complete by the end of this month. After that survey comes back, plans can start to be made.

Rita Tetenes asked if the highway department picks up trash along side the roadways. Councilman Ridgeway reported that they generally don't do this since they do not have enough manpower to do this.

Marilyn Dufresne suggested that the Town of Worcester start saving money to replace the street lights with LED lights.

Marilyn Dufresne asked what the status is on the house at 167 Main Street. Councilman DeLong reported that county codes is aware of the situation and will be doing an inspection soon.

Shirley Wright spoke briefly about the building at 145 Main Street. Mrs. Wright expressed frustration that she is not able to access the rear entrance to the building due to a fence. Mrs. Wright suggested that property lines and easements be added to the Town Board agendas.

The Town Clerk received an email from Sally Jones of Chase Street regarding the condition of the sidewalks on Chase Street. Supervisor Lindberg said that he will go around town and locate areas where the sidewalks should be repaired or replaced and get some quotes to get them fixed.

Highway:

Bid Opening: The Town Clerk read the legal notice for the crushing of cobbles to make 6,500 yards of 5/8” winter sand. 2 bids were received:

- Seward Sand and Gravel: \$7.00 per yard
- Northern Crushing, LLC: \$3.90 per yard.

Resolution #62: Awarding Crushing bid to Northern Crushing, LLC of Rensselaer, NY

Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman DeLong: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board accepts and awards the crushing bid to Northern Crushing at \$3.90 per yard to make 6500 yards of 5/8” winter sand. The bid includes equipment, labor, fuel, transportation, and water system for dust control. All employees are MSHA trained.

VOTE: Ayes: 3 (Lindberg, DeLong, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Resolution #63: Approval of CHIPS projects for 2021

Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman DeLong: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board accepts the Highway Superintendent's recommendation to pave the following roads with a budget not to exceed the 2021 CHIP's allotment of \$211,561.21.

- Brookside Ave 750” approximate cost: \$4,236.00
- South Hill Road in East Worcester 1800 ft: Approximate cost: \$12,202.00
- Charlotteville Rd: from Lutheranville To Hollenbeck Cross Rd: 8,900 ft \$67,038.00

VOTE: Ayes: 3 (Lindberg, DeLong, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

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 #64: 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 4.

General Fund:	claims: 56-65	\$33,066.01
Highway Fund:	claims: 64-79	\$15,050.67
East Worcester Water #1	claim: 11-13	\$560.00
Worcester Water #2	claims: 21-26	\$2,248.74
Street Lights	claims: 4	\$1,780.22

VOTE: Ayes: 3 (Lindberg, Ridgeway, DeLong) Noes: 0

Planning Board: Councilman DeLong reported that the Planning Board will be meeting this Wednesday and will be focusing their efforts on economic development. Councilman DeLong said that he is very happy with the enthusiasm and experience the new members will bring to the board.

Old Business: Supervisor Lindberg reported that he is working on the paperwork to open the pool.

A copy of Oneonta's public health emergency plan is being reviewed by Supervisor Lindberg to see if it can be adapted to the Town of Worcester.

The Town Clerk reported that there are only 3 members left on the zoning board of appeals and that all 3 will have to be present to have a quorum at this weeks meeting. The board is supposed to have 5 members. Herb Fiederer volunteered to be on the zoning board.

Resolution #65: Appointing Herb Fiederer to the Zoning Board of Appeals

Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman DeLong: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board appoints Herb Fiederer to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire January of 2023. VOTE: Ayes: 3 (Lindberg, Ridgeway, DeLong) Noes: 0

New Business: Councilman DeLong asked if there are any regulations regarding opening a retail marijuana shop in Worcester.

Councilman DeLong asked how much the final payment amount on the Worcester Water #2 debt service was. The final payment on the loans was made at the end of February in the amount of \$72,000.00. The amount of money currently available in the WW#2 accounts was also reviewed. Supervisor Lindberg reported that there is approximately \$141,000 in the Worcester Water #2 accounts.

Adjournment: Councilman DeLong moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ridgeway. VOTE: Ayes: 3 (Lindberg, DeLong, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland
Town Clerk