

April 12, 2022

Supervisor Wilcox called the meeting to order at 6:01pm and led in the flag salute at the advertised meeting of Worcester Town Board, held in the Town of Worcester Municipal Building.

Present: Jeff Wilcox — Supervisor

Tim Lehenbauer — Councilman

Brendon Ralph — Councilman

Harold Ridgeway — Councilman

Not Present: Dave Miller — Councilman

Others Present: Marilyn Dufrense, Rita Tetenes, Leo Tetenes, Rick Evans (Highway Supt.), Adam Baker, Agnes Terrell

Minutes: Councilman Ridgeway moved, second by Councilman Ralph to accept the March 28, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Vote: Ayes:4 (Wilcox, Lehenbauer, Ralph, Ridgeway) Noes: 0.

Public Input: Marilyn Dufrense said that there is a pigeon problem on Main st. Twenty five or more birds landing on roofs, eating all the bird food. Supervisor Wilcox and Councilmen suggested contacting pest control and to stop feeding the birds.

Adam Baker spoke about equipment that needs replacing at the Town pool. The backboard is very old, and does not have the proper head restraints. Councilman Ridgeway was unsure the last time a new backboard was purchased. The 2 buoys are very faded and deteriorating. He is expecting to need some whistles and new t-shirts for the lifeguarding staff. Supervisor Wilcox suggested that Adam find a website and products he feels meet the needs and email it to him.

Adam Baker also spoke about returning swimming lessons to the pool. He would like to hold sign ups to determine how many kids would be signed up and then decide if 2 or 3 - 2 week sessions are necessary. Discussion was had regarding out of town residents signing up. Councilman Ralph and Councilman Lehenbauer suggested increasing the cost (now is \$5 per kids/session) for out of town residents. It is felt that a cap needs to be set in place for each age group per session as the younger groups tend to get large, needing more lifeguarding staff.

It was suggested by Councilman Ralph to advertise in the Hometown Advantage for swim lessons.

Adam then suggested adding the need for lifeguards in that ad as well. Adam Baker will work on the advertisement aspect of swimming lessons.

Highway: Rick Evans reported that the South end of Mooney road is closed due to a culvert pipe that needs to be fixed. That area is not passable at this time. The highway department put material in front to stop traffic. Rick also mentioned that the County plans on replacing two culvert pipes on County Hwy 39.

Cobble crusher bid meeting to be held Monday, April 18th @ 6pm.

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 4.

General Fund:	Claims: 67-79	\$38,316.67
Highway Fund:	Claims: 66-80	\$10,010.13
Worcester Water #2:	Claims: 16-20	\$2,782.61
East Worcester Water #1:	Claims: 14-16	\$683.21
Worcester Street Lights:	Claims: 5	\$2,291.80

Vote: Ayes: 4 (Wilcox, Lehenbauer, Ralph, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Old Business: Supervisor Wilcox spoke to Joe Pallone regarding the street light upgrade. Joe stated that everyone is having difficulty getting the materials but assured that it is in the works.

Supervisor Wilcox gave an update pertaining to the mine. The State has granted the town the right of way work permit expiring May 31st. Seward sand and gravel to do that work. Scott Barton will have a proposal to the town of what services they can and will provide. The berm borders the mine and the Scott property, DEC highly recommends that the berm be put in place being that was never done.

A brief discussion was initiated about re-working the land use laws due to the camper trailer and the other items of past discussion (burnt out building by Mill St. and the 40 foot box trailer parked on Main St.).

New Business: Councilman Ridgeway asked if there have been any findings with the town fire. Supervisor Wilcox stated that the investigation is wrapping up. Rick Evans would like to take the

Highway Dept. equipment back that is being used to close off the sidewalk. Supervisor Wilcox said he can and that it is the Insurance company's responsibility to secure the area, not the town's.

Supervisor Wilcox contacted Attorney Marv Parshall in regards to the clean up of the fire. Attorney Parshall says that cannot happen until they get the final approval that would come from Fire Chief Jim Empie. If the town needs to step in to get the area cleaned up after that it can be charged back to the insurance company. JoAnn with Otsego County Patrons will keep Supervisor Wilcox updated.

Supervisor Wilcox initiated conversation regarding the spending of the ARPA funds. The money needs to be spent by December 31, 2024. Suggestions were as follows:

- Sidewalk repairs (pg. 36 Strong Healty communities; safety)
 - Supervisor Wilcox mentioned a meeting that he and Rick Evans had with Lloyd Garlick from state D.O.T in regards to replacing the sidewalks. Lloyd said the wait time could be years as there are many Towns and Villages that need repairs as well.
- Marilyn Dufrense: Upgrades to park at end of town: Trees, new picnic tables, bench, etc (pg. 36)
- Councilman Ridgeway: Replace water line on Dante St, East Worcester. (pg.37)
- Aide to non-profit organizations (Cemeteries, library, WFD) Marilyn Dufrense expressed that Maple Grove cemetery could use money.
- Refund of any PPE that was purchased for Covid
- Councilman Ridgeway mentioned that Highway Supt. Rick Evans would be interested to see that Stormwater (pg. 42) was in the manual.

Supervisor Wilcox suggested discussing ARPA on a monthly basis after the Town Board meeting.

Adjournment: Councilman Lehenbauer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:21pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ralph. Vote: Ayes: 4 (Wilcox, Lehenbauer, Ralph, Ridgeway) Noes: 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Kenyon