

May 11, 2020

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
Jeff Wilcox	----	Councilman
Dave Miller	----	Councilman
Harold Ridgeway	----	Councilman

**NOTE: This was an abbreviated meeting to do the COVID-19 virus and the recommendation to avoid gatherings and maintain a 6 foot distance from others to prevent further spread of the virus.**

**Financial:**

**Resolution #67: Audit of Claims:**

Offered by Councilman DeLong, second by Councilman Wilcox: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves payment of the bills listed on abstract 4P:

General Fund:	claims: 80-82	\$835.25
Highway Fund:	claims: 80-88	\$11,653.55
East Worcester Water #1	claims: 19-21	\$358.37
Worcester Water #2	claims: 28-30	\$541.01
Street Lights	claims: 9-10	\$1,530.54

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

**Old Business:**

Councilman Ridgeway moved to cancel the Town Board meeting that falls on Memorial Day and to authorize Supervisor Lindberg to pay the bills that are scheduled to be approved at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Wilcox, Miller, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

As of right now, it doesn't look as though the town pool will be able to open due to social distancing requirements in the State of New York.

Jon McManus, the engineer who is working on plans for a proposed highway department building provided the board with his cost estimate of what the whole project would cost. The estimated cost for the whole project is \$1,045,000. The board discussed that this is more than anticipated, they can't come up with an alternative that would be any more cost effective. The money that is in the budget in the building fund and the additional cost savings from not having to heat the current highway building should cover the cost of the bond payment of the new highway department building. Supervisor Lindberg will consult with the town attorney to see how to proceed in putting this project up to the voters.

Due to the COVID-19 virus, the Planning Board will not be meeting next week.

**Resolution #68: Community Foundation of Otsego County COVID-19 Relief Fund Support**

Offered by Councilman DeLong , second by Councilman Miller: WHEREAS, a pandemic caused by COVID-19 novel coronavirus has caused serious

illness (including deaths) to spread across the entire globe; and this virus has infected every state in the United States, including New York State; and Otsego County is now experiencing sickness (including death) caused by this virus; and

WHEREAS, to combat this virus, it has been necessary to severely curtail normal, everyday life and work, and to practice social isolation and extreme care to try to control the spread of this virus; and

WHEREAS, such measures to protect the health and safety of the community have resulted in personal hardships to many members of our community including loss of income, shortage of food, and other economic, social, health and psychological impacts; and

WHEREAS, these measures have put severe strains on all our governmental units, our public health facilities, and our nonprofit agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Worcester desires to support efforts by the nonprofit sector to address the pressing needs created by the virus and responses to its impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Community Foundation of Otsego County has created the COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Fund for Otsego County to provide a way for private foundations, individuals, businesses and others to support efforts by the nonprofit sector to respond to these needs,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Worcester endorses and supports the creation of the COVID-19 Relief and endorses and supports the creation of the COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Fund for Otsego County and adds its name to the list of Supporters of the Fund.

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

**Adjournment:** Councilman Miller moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman DeLong. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Wilcox, Miller, Ridgeway) Noes: 0:

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland  
Town Clerk