

**May 22, 2017**

Supervisor Lindberg called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led in the flag salute at the advertised second monthly meeting of the Worcester Town Board, held in the Earl F. Johnson room, Town Building, 29 Katie Lane, Worcester, NY.

**Present:**

Don Lindberg	----	Supervisor
Larry DeLong	----	Councilman
Don Zaengle	----	Councilman
Dave Miller	----	Councilman

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

**Town Officials Present:** Historian, Marilyn Dufresne; Water Superintendent, Aaron House; Bookkeeper, Alice Hughes and Planning Board Vice-Chairman Matt Stevens; Highway Superintendent, Roger Butler and County Representative, Pete Oberaker

**Citizens Present:** Agnes Terrell, Dan Stannard, Jeff Teller and Diane Addesso

**Minutes:** Councilman DeLong moved to accept the May 8, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Lindberg, DeLong, Zaengle, Miller) Noes: 0

**Public Input:** Marilyn Dufresne asked if anyone contacted the NYS DOT regarding the drainage issue in front of her house. Supervisor Lindberg reported it 2 weeks ago and again this week.

Dan Stannard asked about the proposed sign law. Councilman DeLong explained that there is nothing official regarding an updated sign law but the Planning Board is researching sign laws.

**Highway Superintendent:** Roger Butler reported that dust control has been applied on the dirt roads.

Roger Butler explained the CHIP's, Pave NY, and Extreme Winter Recovery projects that will be completed with the \$231,624.40 in State funding.

**Resolution #84: Approval of CHIP's, Pave Ny and Extreme Winter Recovery Projects**

Offered by Councilman Zaengle, second by councilman DeLong: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board accepts the Highway Superintendent's recommendations on the following work not to exceed the Chips, Pave NY and Extreme Winter Recovery allocation of \$231,624.40:

- On the road commencing at Mooney Road, starting at Center Valley heading northwest a distance of approximately .8 miles (Pug mix pave)
- On the road commencing at Center Valley from Charlotteville Road leading to Hollenbeck Road a distance of 2.1 miles (pug mix pave)
- Chase Street and Mill Street from State Route 7 to the RR tracks, a total distance of .35

miles (pug mix pave)

- Double surface .1 of a mile on Brookside Ave from State Route 7 leading to the dead end
- Katie Lane. a distance of .1 mile (pug mix pave)

VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Lindberg, DeLong, Zaengle, Miller) Noes: 0

**Water Superintendent:** Aaron House and Supervisor Lindberg received correspondence from the Department of Health on the additional requests before the grant money for the new water wells is given to the Worcester Water District. The majority of the request is for reorganization of where the various documentation is located within the grant documents. Jeremy Silverman, grant-writer will be working on getting all the requested documentation submitted in the requested format. The board discussed how much long to wait for the grant funding since this has been a very long process. The board discussed paying for the wells out of the Water District's funds just to have the project completed, but doing so will result in a loss of the entire grant of \$147,000. The board decided to wait until the next meeting to make a decision on if they want to wait for the grant funding or just complete the project using money in the Worcester Water District.

Aaron House reported that K&K pools will be doing the repairs to the kiddie pool next week.

The hydrants in the water district's need to be sandblasted and painted, especially the ones in East Worcester. There are approximately 26 hydrants in East Worcester and 63 in Worcester.

Councilman Miller moved, second by Councilman DeLong to request bids for the sandblasting and painting of the 26 hydrants in the East Worcester Water District.

VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Lindberg, DeLong, Zaengle, Miller) Noes: 0

**Financial:**

**Resolution #85: Audit of Claims**

Offered by Councilman Zaengle, second by Councilman Miller: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves payment of the bills listed on the abstracts for May 22, 2017.

<u>General:</u> claims: 83-95	Abstract 5P	\$6,748.76
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<u>Highway:</u> claims: 116-133	Abstract 5P	\$22,058.25
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<u>East Worcester Water #1:</u> claims: 23-25	Abstract 5P	\$1,157.54
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<u>Worcester Water #2:</u> claims: 32-36	Abstract 5P	\$2,533.43
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VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Lindberg, DeLong, Zaengle, Miller) Noes: 0

**County Representative:** Pete Oberaker reported that the proposed distribution center location just off the Schenevus exit of I-88 is moving forward. In June, the environmental assessment will start. Mr. Oberaker reported that there has been considerable interest in the site, but the interested parties want the site to be “shovel-ready”.

Lengthy discussion was had on potential consolidation of Worcester, Decatur, Maryland and Westford. Mr. Oberaker feels that a consolidation between Worcester/Decatur and Maryland/Westford be more realistic right now and that further consolidation can happen in the future. The 4 Town Supervisors have met with the consultants. Mr. Oberaker recommended that the Worcester Town Board form a consolidation steering committee, since the other 3 towns have formed committees.

Councilman DeLong moved to authorize Supervisor Lindberg to head the Town of Worcester consolidation steering committee and appoint 2 other officials of his choosing to the committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zaengle. VOTE: Ayes: 3 ( DeLong, Zaengle, Miller) Noes: 0 *Supervisor Lindberg abstained*

After a brief discussion on who should serve on the consolidation steering committee, Supervisor Lindberg appointed Roger Butler, Highway Superintendent and Councilman Larry DeLong to serve on the committee.

**Planning Board:** Matt Stevens reported that the Planning Board is gathering sample sign regulations from surrounding communities to use when working on the proposal for the Town of Worcester. A proposed solar law is also being researched by the Planning Board.

Councilman DeLong reported that there is a vacancy on the Planning Board since Barb Hamil resigned from the Planning Board.

**Old Business:** Councilman Zaengle is working with Joanne Spina to make sure that all the information is submitted for the pool permit.

Supervisor Lindberg reported that the document shredding event was successful.

The board discussed putting in an offer to purchase the building at 5 Railroad Ave, as a site for a new highway department. The offer, will be contingent upon voter approval and would require any buried oil tanks or other items of environmental concern be removed prior to purchase.

**Resolution #86: Offer on 5 Railroad Ave**

Offered by Councilman Miller, second by Councilman Zaengle: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board authorizes Supervisor Lindberg to offer the Worcester Creamery \$175,000 for the purchase of the building located at 5 Railroad Ave contingent upon voter approval by the Worcester tax payers and contingent upon removal of any buried tanks on the property. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Lindberg, DeLong, Zaengle, Miller) Noes: 0

**New Business:** Councilman DeLong asked if the board would be willing to do something to provide the public with more information about what is happening in the town government. Discussion was had on placing ads in the Hometown Advantage, holding “Town Hall” type meetings, adding information to the website, starting a Facebook page or hiring a public relations professional. After some discussion, the board decided to initially start with an informal “Town Hall” meeting. The board scheduled a “Town Hall” meeting for June 12<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. This will be an informal gathering, with no agenda, so residents can ask questions or express their concerns.

**Adjournment:** Councilman Miller moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm, the motion was seconded by Councilman DeLong. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Lindberg, DeLong, Zaengle, Miller) Noes: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland  
Town Clerk