

May 24, 2021

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 Town of Worcester Municipal Building.

Present:

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

Others Present: Agnes Terrell, Marilyn Dufresne, Rita Tetenes and Highway Superintendent, Richard Evans

Minutes: Councilman DeLong moved, second by Councilman Wilcox to accept the May 10, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented . VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Miller, Ridgeway, Wilcox) Noes: 0

Public Input: Marilyn Dufresne thanked the board for removing the dead tree in the park at the west end of the Worcester hamlet.

Highway Superintendent: Richard Evans reported that in the next *Hometown Advantage* there will be an ad seeking bidders for some of our surplus equipment (1958 OshKosh, lawn tractor and trailer). There will also be an ad placed looking for a full-time employee with a CDL for the highway department.

Richard Evans reported that after all the CHIPS projects are done there should be about \$168,000 left that could be used to purchase equipment. Highway Superintendent Evans is meeting with the CAT dealer this week to discuss trading the loader and potentially purchasing a new piece of equipment with CHIPS money if possible.

Financial:

Resolution #72: Audit of Claims:

Offered by Councilman Miller, second by Councilman Ridgeway Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves payment of the bills listed on abstract 5P.

General Fund:	claims: 79-89	\$4,768.68
Highway Fund:	claims: 94-106	\$8,505.44
East Worcester Water #1	claims: 17	\$977.00
Worcester Water #2	claims: 33-34	\$2,163.62

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

Planning Board: Councilman DeLong reported that the Planning Board met and have given the proposed site plan law to the Town Attorney to review. The Planning Board would like to review all the local laws to see which are still applicable. After consulting with the Otsego County

Planning Department, the Planning board members found out the proposed merger of local municipalities isn't going to happen anytime soon, so the land use regulations and comprehensive plan should be reviewed.

Currently the Planning Board is working on developing an economic development strategy, but nothing has been formalized at this point.

Code Enforcement: The Otsego County Code Enforcement department should be contacted to see what can be done about the house and trash that remain after a fire at 252 Main Street. The Town Board would also like an update on the inspection of the house at 167 Main Street from County Codes.

Discussion was had about the box trailer that has been sitting on the front lawn of a house on Main Street. Several complaints have been received about it.

Old Business: Councilman DeLong spoke about the status of the local abandoned cemeteries in Worcester. After a recent review, most are being cared for by neighbors, but there are a couple that need attention. Councilman DeLong spoke to Dev Kernan about the maintenance issues and Mr. Kernan will attend the next meeting to discuss this further.

Discussion was had on a new highway department building. The survey was done, but a baseline flood elevation cannot be established. The information needed is not readily available and needs to be obtained from NYS, which is proving difficult. Councilman Wilcox is staying on top of this and will provide the board with any further updates on the baseline flood elevation.

Discussion followed on what would need to be done to build at the gravel bank and how long that process would take.

New Business: Otsego County needs an updated resolution regarding the Otsego County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Resolution #73: Local Adoption of Hazard Mitigation Plan

Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman Miller:

WHEREAS, The Town of Worcester, with assistance from Tetra Tech, has gathered information and prepared the Otsego County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Otsego County Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Worcester is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the plan and the action in the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Worcester Town Board has reviewed the plan and affirms that

the plan will be updated no less than every five years;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Worcester Town Board that the Town of Worcester adopts the Otsego County Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the plan.

Adopted this 24th day of May 2021 at the meeting of the Worcester Town Board.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland
Town Clerk