

May 9, 2022

Supervisor Wilcox called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led in the flag salute at the advertised meeting of the Worcester Town Board, held in the Town of Worcester Municipal Building.

**Present:**

Jeff Wilcox	----	Supervisor
Harold Ridgeway	----	Councilman
Brendon Ralph	----	Councilman
Tim Lehenbauer	----	Councilman
Dave Miller	----	Councilman

**Others Present:** Richard Evans (Highway Superintendent), , Rita Tetenes, Marilyn Dufresne, Scott Barton (architect) and Herb Fiederer

**Minutes:** Councilman Ridgeway moved to accept the April 25, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Lehenbauer, Miller, Ralph) Noes: 0

**Public Input:** Herb Fiederer spoke regarding 3 issues:

1. Mr. Fiederer offered to move the trailer that has been parked on the front lawn of 192 Main Street for 3 years if the homeowner is agreeable.
2. The camper that is being lived in at 303 Main Street: Mr. Fiederer said that under residential building code, a camping trailer is not a dwelling. Mr. Fiederer will pursue this with Otsego County Code Enforcement.
3. Mr. Fiederer asked what can be done about the house that burned at 252 Main Street and why isn't it being torn down. Supervisor Wilcox reported that the homeowners had no insurance and it will be going up for tax auction next year.

Scott Barton submitted his proposal for the professional services for a new highway department building. The proposal was reviewed and discussed with the board.

**Resolution #67: Accepting professional services contract for a new highway department facility**

Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman Lehenbauer: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board accepts the proposal from McGiver Design Services, PLLC for the architecture, engineering and construction management of a new highway department building.

VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Lehenbauer, Miller, Ralph) Noes: 0

A building committee workshop was scheduled for Monday, May 16, 2022 at 7:30pm.

**Highway Superintendent:** Rick Evans presented his proposal for the 2022 CHIPS projects

**Resolution #68: 2022 Chips projects**

Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman Ralph: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves the following projects for 2022 at a cost not to exceed the 2022 reimbursement from NYS DOT:

- Pave 1.5 miles on Mooney Road
- Pave 1 mile on Center Valley Road
- Fix the intersection of Brighton Road and State Route 7
- Seal Brighton Road and West Hill Road.

VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Lehenbauer, Miller, Ralph) Noes: 0

Rick Evans reported that dust control is scheduled for next week.

Rick Evans said that he is going to order the new computer system for inspections of heavy equipment. The cost is \$1,400 but it is a one time cost and will continue to allow the inspections to be done “in-house.”

Discussion followed on health insurance and what can be done to attract new employees.

**Resolution #69: Health Insurance Amendment**

Offered by Councilman Miller, second by Councilman Lehenbauer: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board agrees to amend the Union Contract and now offer health insurance after 90 day of employment and the Town of Worcester will cover 100% of the cost of an individual plan once the employee has been employed for 90 days. If the employee needs a couples or family plan, the Town of Worcester will contribute the cost of an individual plan and the remainder will be the responsibility of the employee. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Lehenbauer, Miller, Ralph) Noes: 0

**Financial:**

**Resolution #70: Audit of Claims:**

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

General Fund:	claims: 88-94	\$2,199.64
Highway Fund:	claims: 89-94	\$14,911.09
Worcester Water #2	claims: 24-25	\$347.36
East Worcester Water #1	claims: 18	\$31.57
Street Lights	claims: 6	\$1,916.53

VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Wilcox, Ridgeway, Lehenbauer, Miller, Ralph) Noes: 0

**Supervisor Report:** Supervisor Wilcox reported that he is working on the pool permit application with the Department of Health, but the paperwork that was sent still has the year of 2021 on the forms.

**Old Business:** The money that was received from ARPA (Covid money) will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Town Clerk:** The Town Clerk read a letter from Jacob Ostrander thanking the Town Board for offering swimming lessons this summer.

A public hearing will be held by the Worcester Planning Board on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 7:00pm regarding the proposed solar farms on Tuscan and Up County Road.

**Adjournment:** Councilman Lehenbauer moved, second by Councilman Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland  
Town Clerk