

**June 10, 2019**

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  
 Dave Miller ---- Councilman  
 Harold Ridgeway ---- Councilman

**Not Present:** Don Zaengle ---- Councilman

**Other Officials Present:** Historian, Marilyn Dufresne and Bookkeeper, Alice Hughes

**Others present:** Agnes Terrell, Rita Tetenes, Gynger O'Conner, Nancy Milavec, Shirley Wright, Rhonda Ferris, Gail Von Hahmann, Ted Handy, Andrew Hickey (Senior Accountant, NYS Division of Cemeteries), and Brendon Stanton (Investigator, NYS Division of Cemeteries)

**Minutes:** Councilman DeLong moved to accept the May 13, 2019 meeting minutes presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ridgeway.

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

**Public Input:** Ted Handy spoke as President of the Maple View Cemetery in East Worcester. Mr. Handy explained that an audit was recently done by NYS and all the operating funds were taken by NYS and put into an untouchable account for permanent maintenance, due to prior accounting errors. The cemetery does not have money to maintain the cemetery and would like the Town of Worcester to provide funding to keep the cemetery maintained. Andrew Hickey and Brendon Stanton explained that if a cemetery does not have the funds to continue operating, the cemetery will become the responsibility of the Town and all record keeping, maintenance and future burials will be the responsibility of the Town.

Mr. Handy said that it costs about \$7000 a year to maintain the grass at the cemetery. The grass has not been mowed this year due to not having the funds. In the past a landscaping service has been hired for about \$7,000 annually since it requires push mowing due to it being on a knoll.

Currently, the only money that is available to Maple View Cemetery is the interest that is earned on the permanent maintenance account, which isn't earning much interest at all at this time. A higher interest rate should be sought out for the permanent maintenance account.

After some discussion the Town Board would like the cemetery board to look for a better interest rate, increase the prices for plots and burials, explore grants, and look into getting a loan from the permanent maintenance account.

**Resolution #76: Giving Maple View Cemetery \$2500 for operational expenses**

Offered by Councilman Miller, second by Councilman DeLong: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board agrees to give the Maple View Cemetery \$2,500.00 for operational expenses with the following stipulations:

- put the permanent maintenance account into a CD with a higher interest rate
- increase prices on plots and burials
- explore grant opportunities
- look into getting a loan from the permanent maintenance account
- report back to the Town Board in one month
- try to obtain some additional quotes for lawn maintenance

Be it further resolved that the Worcester Town Board authorizes the Bookkeeper to cut the check made payable to the Maple View Cemetery.

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

**Financial:** The Supervisor's monthly statement, Town Clerk's report and the Town and HUD's financial statements are on file at the Town Clerk's office.

**Resolution #77: Audit of Claims**

Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman Miller: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves payment of the bills listed on abstract 5P and 6:

**Abstract 5P:**

|                         |                 |             |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| General Fund:           | claims: 114-125 | \$16,322.93 |
| Highway Fund:           | claims: 104-110 | \$25,424.51 |
| East Worcester Water #1 | claims: 23-24   | \$1,008.00  |
| Worcester Water #2      | claims: 34-36   | \$18,193.00 |

**Abstract 6:**

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| General Fund:           | claims: 126-136 | \$2,289.43  |
| Highway Fund:           | claims: 111-126 | \$35,799.09 |
| East Worcester Water #1 | claims: 25      | \$251.20    |
| Worcester Water #2      | claims: 37      | \$598.41    |
| Street Lights           | claims: 11-12   | \$1,418.22  |

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

**Planning Board:** Councilman DeLong reported that the Planning Board meets this week. Councilman DeLong will be in attendance and will suggest that the Planning Board work on a site plan law that includes parking requirements for multiple family dwelling units.

Councilman DeLong reported that the Planning Board has been working on the following:

- A working group met to discuss the windows that were installed in the historic district at 156 Main Street and what, if anything, can be done to make them fit in the historic district better.
- The Planning Board is trying to get some community involvement to update the land use regulations.

- Councilman DeLong has proposed a new local law which adds South Worcester as a historic district in the land use regulations and adds more requirements on exterior modifications in the current and proposed historic districts. This law is being reviewed by the Planning Board.

Councilman DeLong reported that he is giving a presentation to the local Friendship Group about the history of South Worcester and would like the board to reconsider adding South Worcester as a historic district.

**Supervisor Report:** Supervisor Lindberg reported that Jon McManus met with the DEC who advised against building in a flood plain even if built compliant with the regulations. A new meeting will be set up with Jon McManus to review other options.

Spectrum will be installing phone service for the Town Court this Wednesday in the new Town Hall at 19 Katie Lane.

Robinson-Broadhurst awarded the Town of Worcester \$14,000 toward attic insulation and sidewalks at 19 Katie Lane. After some discussion on which project to do, Councilman Miller moved to apply the grant toward finishing the attic insulation in 19 Katie Lane. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ridgeway. VOTE: Ayes: 4(Lindberg, DeLong, Miller, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

The new deadline to apply for Robinson-Broadhurst grants is now November 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

Councilman DeLong will draft the letter to Robinson-Broadhurst asking for all the grant money awarded to be disbursed.

**Old Business:**

**Resolution #78: Adoption of Local Law #1-2019 Discontinuation of Non-conforming Use**

Offered by Councilman DeLong, second by Councilman Miller:

WHEREAS, the Town board is considering the adoption of Local Law #1 of 2019 entitled “Discontinuation of Non-conforming Use”

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed local law was duly advertised in the Daily Star as required by law; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on June 10, 2019 and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf or in opposition to said proposed local law, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Worcester Town Board hereby adopts Local Law #1 of 2019 entitled “Discontinuation of Non-conforming Use”: to take effect upon filing with the Secretary of the State of New York.

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

**New Business:** Mike Sabansky's term as Town of Worcester Sole Assessor expires on September 30, 2019. The board would like to seek out new candidates and asked the Town Clerk to run a help wanted ad in the *Daily Star*.

**Town Clerk:** The Town Clerk reminded the board that the next Town Board meeting is scheduled to be held at the East Worcester Fire Department.

**Adjournment:** Councilman DeLong moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ridgeway. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Lindberg, Ridgeway, DeLong, Miller)  
Noes: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland  
Town Clerk