

June 24, 2019

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 East Worcester Fire Station.

Present:

Donald Lindberg	----	Supervisor
Larry DeLong	----	Councilman
Dave Miller	----	Councilman
Harold Ridgeway	----	Councilman
Don Zaengle	----	Councilman

Other Officials Present: Historian, Marilyn Dufresne; County Representative Pete Oberacker and Bookkeeper, Alice Hughes

Others present: Agnes Terrell, Jeremy Southworth and Harold Southworth

Minutes: Councilman Zaengle moved to accept the June 10, 2019 public hearing and regular meeting minutes presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman DeLong.

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

Public Input: Marilyn Dufresne asked if anything can be done about the house on the corner of Main Street and Cook Street since repairs aren't being made to the property.

Jeremy Southworth thanked the board for their assistance in submitting a Robinson-Broadhurst grant request for his Eagle Scout project. Mr. Southworth was awarded \$10,000 for his project and explained that he is currently collecting pictures of local Veterans to have displayed on banners throughout town. It is anticipated that the project will be completed by Veteran's Day. The Robinson-Broadhurst grant money which was sent to the Town of Worcester will be turned over to Mr. Southworth, but the receipts for expenses will need to be given to the Town of Worcester, which will be supplied to the Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation.

County Representative: Mr. Oberacker reported that members of the Otsego County Board of Representatives were all given a raise but Mr. Oberacker is distributing his raise to the 4 towns he represents to be used toward local youth. Mr. Oberacker suggested that this Eagle Scout project would be a good project to donate the money toward. Councilman Miller moved, second by Councilman DeLong to authorize County Representative Pete Oberacker to issue the \$800 check directly to Jeremy Southworth to be used for his Eagle Scout project. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, Ridgeway, DeLong, Miller, Zaengle) Noes: 0

County Representative Oberacker spoke about consolidation of Maryland/Westford and Worcester/Decatur and eventually all four towns combining into one. Mr. Oberacker spoke of the financial incentives that may be available if the towns would like to pursue this. Lengthy discussion followed. Mr. Oberacker asked if the Town of Worcester would be willing to support a discussion with the other towns to see if this would be feasible. The board reported that a

committee was set up for this purpose over a year ago and would be willing to meet once a meeting date is established.

County Representative Oberacker reported that NYS did restore funding for the Extreme Winter Recovery program, so the Town of Worcester should be receiving approximately \$32,000 for work on roadways.

Financial:

Resolution #79: 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 abstract 6P:

General Fund:	claims: 137-145	\$3,517.94
Highway Fund:	claims: 127-135	\$6,313.62
East Worcester Water #1	claim: 26	\$958.00
Worcester Water #2	claims: 38-39	\$2,116.34

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

Planning Board Report: Councilman DeLong reported that the site plan law suggestion was given to the Planning Board to consider, this would include parking requirements for multi-family residences. Supervisor DeLong emailed the Code Enforcement Officer to see if there are any county or state regulations requiring a set number of parking spaces per dwelling unit.

Councilman DeLong also emailed the Code Enforcement Officer regarding two buildings on Main Street that don't have fire escapes and the fire department does not have a ladder truck tall enough to reach the upper floors.

Supervisor Report: On Wednesday morning at 8:30am, a meeting has been scheduled to talk with the engineer about possibilities for a location of a highway department building.

Supervisor Lindberg reported that sidewalks around the Municipal Building can be paid for out of the current sidewalk budget with the highway workers providing the labor.

Old Business: The maps that were framed and currently hanging in the former meeting room at 29 Katie Lane, will be moved to the new location.

Councilman Zaengle reported that staff is in place for the pool this summer, and the pool is ready to open on July 1st.

New Business: Some fill should be added to the small park on Route 7 on the west end of the Worcester Hamlet. Supervisor Lindberg will ask if the Highway Department can fill in the holes.

Two applicants applied for the advertised position of Dog Control Officer. The board reviewed the letters of interest.

Councilman Ridgeway moved, second by Councilman Zaengle to release Greg Eager from his duties as Dog Control Officer effective immediately. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, Zaengle, Ridgeway, DeLong, Miller) Noes: 0

Resolution #80: Appointing Rick Cain as Dog Control Officer

Offered by Councilman Zaengle, second by Councilman Ridgeway: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board appoints Rick Cain as Dog Control Officer for the remainder of 2019. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, Zaengle, Ridgeway, DeLong, Miller) Noes: 0

Resolution #81: Hiring a Cleaner for 19 Katie Lane

Offered by Councilman Zaengle, second by Councilman DeLong: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board gives authorization to Supervisor Lindberg to hire someone to clean the 19 Katie Lane building for a few hours each week. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Zaengle, Ridgeway, DeLong, Miller) Noes: 0 *Supervisor Lindberg abstained*

Adjournment: Councilman Ridgeway moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zaengle. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, Ridgeway, DeLong, Miller, Zaengle) Noes: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland
Town Clerk