

**June 26, 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 East Worcester Fire Station.

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| <b>Present:</b> | Don Lindberg    | ---- | Supervisor |
|                 | Larry DeLong    | ---- | Councilman |
|                 | Don Zaengle     | ---- | Councilman |
|                 | Dave Miller     | ---- | Councilman |
|                 | Harold Ridgeway | ---- | Councilman |

**Town Officials Present:** Historian, Marilyn Dufresne; Summer Youth Director, Joanne Spina; Water Superintendent, Aaron House and Town Justice, Brian Keenan

**Citizens Present:** Agnes Terrell, Tim Powers, Diane Addesso, Tom VanWormer and Harry Bristol

**Minutes:** Councilman Ridgeway moved to accept the June 12, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zaengle. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Zaengle, Ridgeway, Miller) Noes: 0

**Bid Opening:** The Town Clerk read the legal notice soliciting bids for snowplow equipment. One bid was received from T and T Sales in Latham NY in the amount of \$47,500.00

**Resolution #90: Purchase of Snow Plow Equipment**

Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman Zaengle: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board accepts and awards the snow plow equipment bid to T and T Sales in Latham NY in the amount of \$47,500.00 with the follow specifications:

- Viking light duty power tilt hitch
- FAH 18 Light duty front post
- rear patrol mount
- full trip wing hinge
- full trip stand off arms
- 120 WLDP Right hand wing
- Fisher 9'6" xV2 Stainless Steel Plow
- Plow lights with directionals
- Galion 9' 133 USD Stainless steel dump body
- 18" sides x 24" tailgate
- Half cab shield
- CS 615T double acting scissor hoist
- Hi-Way 9' Stainless Steel Super P
- Material screens
- inverted V
- dual hydraulic motors
- 6 spool hydraulic valve with cable controls
- 2FFL Sander Valve
- Hot shift PTO and Pump transmission mounted
- All to be furnished and installed.

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

**Public Input:** Marilyn Dufresne stated that she does not like having the Town Board meetings in East Worcester due to noise and inconvenience.

Marilyn Dufresne asked who gave Bobby Kersman permission to plow the field owned by Worcester Water 2. The board responded by saying that no one gave him permission to plow the field and it was stopped as soon as the board was aware of it happening. Lengthy discussion was had on how to maintain the field since the new wells will be dug on that property. There are regulations about how close to the wells items can be planted. The board discussed letting Bobby Kersman reseed the field for hay or alfalfa, which will have no impact on the wells as long as fertilizer is not used. The board also discussed having an annual agreement for the field maintenance, fencing the area around the wells, and installing no trespassing signs. Further discussion was tabled until the health department is consulted.

Diane Adesso thanked the Town Board on behalf of the Worcester Free Library for waiving the building permit fees for the library renovation.

Harry Bristol asked on behalf of the Schenevus-Worcester Rotary if the Worcester Town Board would be a sponsor of the block party scheduled for August 26<sup>th</sup> from 3-8pm and if the Town of Worcester would supply a portable toilet.

**Resolution # 91: Supporting Schenevus-Worcester Rotary Block Party**

Offered by Councilman Miller, second by Councilman Zaengle: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board agrees to co-sponsor the Schenevus-Worcester Rotary Block Party on August 26, 2017 and will sign the paperwork necessary for the NYS DOT to have a portion of State Route 7 closed and have traffic detoured during the event. Be it also resolved that the Worcester Town Board agrees to supply 1 portable toilet for the event. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Zaengle, Ridgeway, Miller) Noes: 0

**Water Superintendent:** Joanne Spina reported that the pool vacuum needs to be replaced. The current one is 20 years old and no longer works. Some quotes were supplied to the board and they are around \$5,000.

**Resolution #92: Buying a new pool vacuum**

Offered by Councilman Zaengle, second by Councilman Miller: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board authorizes the purchase of a new pool vacuum at a price not to exceed \$5,000.00. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Zaengle, Ridgeway, Miller) Noes: 0

Joanne Spina reported that the one staircase into the pool is cracked. It has been removed from the pool and replaced with a pool ladder. Councilman Zaengle will look at the staircase and see if it can be repaired.

Joanne Spina also reported that the backboard at the pool will need to be replaced soon, but it is not an immediate concern.

The pool furniture that was discussed at the last meeting will not be ordered since there are more important things that need to be fixed at the pool.

Aaron House reported that the issue with the railroad closing the crossings to the Worcester Water District # 2 property has been resolved. Both crossings, the one at Park Street and the one by the Little

League Field will remain open, although the railroad is offering an incentive to close any crossings.

**Financial:**

**Resolution #93: 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 June 26, 2017.

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| <u>General:</u><br>claims: 111-124 | Abstract 6P | \$9,422.98 |
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| <u>Highway:</u><br>claims: 148-152 | Abstract 6P | \$10,219.91 |
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| <u>East Worcester Water #1:</u><br>claims: 28-30 | Abstract 6P | \$3,413.21 |
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| <u>Worcester Water #2:</u><br>claims: 42-43 | Abstract 6P | \$1,387.92 |
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VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Zaengle, Ridgeway, Miller) Noes: 0

**Old Business:** Otsego County has requested that the following resolution be adopted by the board so the Town consolidation study can continue to move forward.

**Resolution #94: Resolution of Support from Local Governing Body For Otsego County Municipal Consolidation Efficiency Plan**

Offered by Councilman DeLong, second by Councilman Zaengle.

WHEREAS, the Town of Worcester has identified the need to research efficiencies to reduce costs to its residents and

WHEREAS, the Town of Worcester has proceeded to identify efficiencies with the Towns of Decatur, Maryland and Westford comprising all towns within District 6 of Otsego County, State of New York and

WHEREAS, the governing Town Board members agree that these efficiencies will be a benefit to its residents and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Worcester of the County of Otsego, State of New York, authorizes the submission of a Municipal Consolidation Efficiency Plan by Otsego County.

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

County Representative Pete Oberaker would like to speak at the next "Town Hall" meeting, when the board schedules it.

There are some additional electrical items at 19 Katie Lane that need to be addressed, which will exceed

the \$500 the board authorized at the last meeting.

**Resolution #95: Electrical Items to be addressed at 19 Katie Lane Building**

Offered by Councilman Zaengle, second by Councilman Miller: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board authorizes an electrician to do work in 19 Katie Lane at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00 without prior board approval.

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

Discussion was had regarding the items that the insurance company would like addressed:

- 1) Councilman DeLong will review a model harassment policy that will need to be adopted and distributed to all employees. Councilman DeLong will report on the model at the next meeting.
- 2) Councilman Ridgeway will speak to the Highway Superintendent to make sure that master battery disconnects are installed on all vehicles.
- 3) Councilman Zaengle moved, second by Councilman Miller to have an electrician fix the emergency lighting and smoke alarms.

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

**New Business:** Judge Keenan said that he will be having a trial at the Town Building in July and would like to see the place cleaned up, especially the bathrooms since there will be jurors in the building for 1 or 2 days. Discussion was had about the condition of the building and how little to no maintenance has been done on the building recently.

Supervisor Lindberg would like to see the land use laws updated to allow outside display of merchandise at retail establishments and to add restaurants as a permitted uses in the hamlet districts. These suggestions will be taken to the Planning Board.

The board briefly discussed the access to the Legion Field from behind the Historical Society. The Worcester Historical Society reports that no public access has been granted and if there is to be public access, it will be on a case-by-case basis.

**Town Clerk:** Jo-Ann Beverland asked if the board would reschedule the August 28<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting since she will not be able to attend that meeting. After some discussion, Councilman Ridgeway moved, second by Councilman Miller to cancel the second meeting in August. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Zaengle, Ridgeway, Miller) Noes: 0

Jo-Ann Beverland read a letter from the NYS DOT regarding a speed limit reduction on Brooker Hollow Road while the bridge is being repaired on State Route 7. The NYS DOT will not reduce the speed limit, but made law enforcement aware that there is a speeding issue on that roadway.

**Adjournment:** Councilman Zaengle moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:06pm, the motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Zaengle, Ridgeway, Miller) Noes: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland  
Town Clerk