

June 28, 2021

Supervisor Lindberg 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:

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

Others Present: Agnes Terrell, Marilyn Dufresne, Rita Tetenes, Leo Tetenes, Jim Empie, Don Zaengle, Dev Kernan, Karen Butler, Aaron House (Water Supt.) and Richard Evans (Highway Supt)

Minutes: Councilman DeLong moved, second by Councilman Wilcox to accept the May 24, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented . VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Miller, Ridgeway, Wilcox) Noes: 0

Public Input: Marilyn Dufresne thanked the board and highway department for their assistance with the Seth Flint marker in the cemetery.

Don Zaengle spoke about the pool and addressed the following:

- suggested lifeguard salaries to remain in line with what other places are paying
- pool hours being 1-8pm daily and no swimming lessons due to lack of staffing
- suggested hiring someone to do a daily or twice daily deep cleaning of the bathrooms at at suggested rate of \$25 a day
- general pool maintenance that needs to be done (painting, trimming, pressure washing)
- re-siding the pool house to coordinate with the brickwork on the school building.

Resolution #74: Setting Lifeguard Salaries and pool help salaries

Offered by Councilman Miller, second by Councilman Ridgeway: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board sets the starting salary of lifeguards at \$13.25 an hour with an additional 25 cents per hour for each year of experience at the Worcester pool. Be it also resolved, that the head-lifeguard makes an additional 50 cents per hour on top of the regular hourly rate, but no lifeguard pay shall exceed \$15 per hour. Be it also resolved, that the Worcester town Board approves hiring Morgan Hamwey at a rate of \$25 a day to do daily deep cleaning of the bathrooms at the pool.

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

Jim Empie asked if the rest of the hydrants in Worcester can be painted since they weren't all done a couple years ago. Mr. Empie asked that they be painted with flow colors on them. Mr. Empie will work with the Water Superintendent to determine the flow from the hydrants and what color they could be painted. Supervisor Lindberg will look into hiring someone to paint the

hydrants.

Jim Empie suggested that the alarm system in the municipal building be monitored by a fire alarm company and suggested contacting Fyr-Fyter to see about doing this.

Mr. Empie reminded the board that grant requests to the Robinson-Broadhurst foundation are due by November 30th.

Dev Kernan spoke about cemetery maintenance briefly but will come to a future meeting with more information and cost projections on how much the maintenance would cost. A letter was drafted that is seeking donations to help offset the costs associated with maintaining a cemetery. Jim Empie suggested applying to the Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation for financial assistance with cemetery maintenance.

Water Superintendent: Aaron House reported that the kiddie pool filter may need to be replaced in the next couple of years, the current one had a crack that was repaired by Mr. House.

Aaron House reported on the new PFOA water sampling results. There was no detection of PFOA in the Worcester Water district and only a slight detection in the East Worcester Water District but it is still well below the acceptable limits.

Highway Superintendent: Richard Evans reported that a new full time employee has been hired for the highway department. Gys Seacord will be starting on July 12th and has highway department experience from the Town of Decatur.

Richard Evans received a quote to trade in the loader. The cost to trade would be \$34,548 and include a new bucket. Mr. Evans will check to see if this can be paid for with CHIPS money.

Richard Evans is also looking into a smaller excavator that could be paid for with CHIPS money, but he has to go and see them in person to see which option may be the best.

Richard Evans expressed concern that the mowing of the town parks is coming out of his highway budget and should be a general fund item. Also, \$750 for cemetery maintenance came out of the highway bridges account, this is a general fund item and never appeared on a highway voucher or abstract. Supervisor Lindberg agreed to look into these issues.

Bid Opened for Surplus items:

Bids were opened for the surplus equipment that was advertised for sale;

Kubota BX2660 with plow, mower, broom and snowblower:

- Tricia Bennett \$6,057.00
- Mark Papinl \$4,275.00
- David Keefe \$1,500.00
- William Fisher \$7,301.00

1958 Osh Kosh cab and chassis

- Mark Papinl \$1,225.00

2020 5'x10' utility trailer

- Walter Heinrich \$1,001.00
- William Fisher \$1,001.00

Since there was a tie for the sale of the utility trailer, it went to a coin flip and Walter Heinrich won the coin flip.

Resolution #75: Selling Kubota to William Fisher

Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman Miller: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board accepts and awards the bid for the 2012 Kubota BX2660 with plow, mower, broom and snowblower to William Fisher at a price of \$7,301.00.

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

Resolution #76: Selling of 1958 Osh Kosh to Marc Papinl

Offered by Councilman Wilcox, second by Councilman Miller: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board accepts and awards the bid for the 1958 Osh Kosh cab and chassis to Mark Papinl for \$1,225.00. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Miller, Ridgeway, Wilcox) Noes: 0.

Resolution #77: Selling of 2021 Utility trailer to Walter Heinrich

Offered by councilman Miller, second by Councilman Ridgeway: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board accepts and awards the bid for the sale of the 2020 5'x10' utility trailer to Walter Heinrich for \$1,001.00. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Miller, Ridgeway, Wilcox)

Noes: 0

Financial:

Resolution #78: Audit of Claims:

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

General Fund:	claims: 90-104	\$6,432.44
Highway Fund:	claims: 107-117	\$5,076.50
East Worcester Water #1	claims: 18-19	\$464.89
Worcester Water #2	claims: 35-37	\$1,503.47
Street Lights	claims: 6	\$1,463.22
General Fund:	claims: 105-112	\$2,283.50
Highway Fund:	claims: 118-126	\$5,380.77
East Worcester Water #1	claims: 20-21	\$1,188.95
Worcester Water #2	claims: 38-41	\$4,019.55

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

Old Business: Councilman Wilcox reported that in order to build a new highway department on the Katie Lane property, it would require the building to be raised 4 ½ feet, so it is not a good

option to build at that location. The best option for a new highway department building would be at the route 7 gravel bank. Discussion followed on getting water to the gravel bank and if extending the water district or drilling new wells would be the best option.

Councilman Wilcox spoke to National Grid to see about having the street lights converted to LED. In order to consider doing so, National Grid will need a letter from the Town Supervisor requesting that it be done. There will be a cost to do so, but it may be offset by a grant program through National Grid.

New Business: A letter was received from Mario Correale regarding the assessor removing exemptions from one of his parcels. The board all received copies of the letter for their review.

There is a lengthy application process in order to apply for the Covid relief money. A company (Federal Award Management Registration) was hired to complete the paperwork on the Town of Worcester's behalf. The cost was \$1,575.00 which was paid on Supervisor Lindberg's personal credit card. Councilman Wilcox moved, second by Councilman DeLong to reimburse Supervisor Lindberg for the \$1,575.

The electric at 19 Katie Lane was never transferred to the Town of Worcester's name and the previous owner of the building has been paying the bill since the town purchased the building in 2016. The Worcester Creamery Corp has asked to be reimbursed \$5,564.29 which they paid while the building was owned by the Town of Worcester.

Resolution #79: Authorizing payment to Worcester Creamery Corp

Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman Miller: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board reimburse the Worcester Creamery Corp \$5,564.29 as payment in full for the amount of the National Grid electric bills that were paid while the building was owned by the Town of Worcester. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Miller, Ridgeway, Wilcox) Noes: 0

Adjournment: Councilman DeLong moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:04pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ridgeway. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Miller, Ridgeway, Wilcox) Noes: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland
Town Clerk