

July 22, 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 Town of Worcester Municipal Building.

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

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

Others present: Agnes Terrell, Diane Adesso, Rita Tetenes and Leo Tetenes

Minutes: Councilman DeLong moved to accept the July 8, 2019 meeting minutes presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

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

Public Input: Marilyn Dufresne said that she feels the dog law should have stiffer penalties. The Town Board explained that the local law sets minimum fines for offenses, but the actual penalty is decided by the Judge. Discussion ensued on dangerous dogs and potentially doing a census.

Diane Adesso asked if the library parking lot can be a municipal lot. Discussion followed on if it should be a municipal lot since then anyone can park there and there might not be enough room for library patrons. The Highway Superintendent has agreed to plow the lot in the winter, as long as there is no overnight parking and the lot is paved.

Highway Superintendent: Truck #10, which was declared surplus was sold at auction and brought \$4,500.00.

Resolution #87: Accepting auction selling price for truck #10

Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman Miller: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board accepts the online auction selling price of \$4,500.00 for surplussed truck #10, a 2000 International Dump VIN: 1HTSEAAR8YH280540.

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

Councilman DeLong asked if the plans for the proposed highway department have been reviewed by committee yet. Supervisor Lindberg said that everyone hasn't been able to meet, but it will be arranged. Those that have reviewed the plans say that they are not what they expected based upon the original discussion with the engineer. The board is considering scheduling a special meeting to review the plans with the engineer.

Financial:

Resolution #88: Audit of Claims:

Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman Zaengle: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves payment of the bills listed on abstract 7P:

General Fund:	claims: 151-167	\$14,068.81
Highway Fund:	claims: 145-153	\$98,332.07
East Worcester Water #1	claims: 29-31	\$1,255.64
Worcester Water #2	claims: 41-43	\$2,611.41

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

Code Enforcement: Councilman DeLong has been in contact with Barbara Monroe to see about parking regulations for multi-family dwelling units, and lack of fire escapes on some buildings on Main Street.

Discussion was had on some code violations that aren't being fixed at one local establishment. The Town Board is willing to pursue this if the violations aren't fixed since it is a dangerous public safety issue.

Planning Board Report: There was not a quorum for the Planning Board to meet this month. Councilman DeLong reported that the Otsego County Planning Department is hesitant to provide assistance in updating the land use regulations since there is discussion of merging towns and if that happens, it would be a waste of county resources.

The Town Board discussed what to do about the Planning Board members who aren't showing up to meetings. Councilman DeLong proposed that the Town Board suspend the Planning Board for 4 months until a committee can decide how to get the Planning Board functional again. Councilman DeLong would like to discuss this proposal with the Planning Board Chairman and will report back at the next meeting.

Old Business: Councilman DeLong asked if there are any meetings scheduled regarding consolidation with surrounding Towns. Supervisor Lindberg said that he hasn't heard anything from County Representative Pete Oberacker regarding setting up a meeting.

Two applications were received for the advertised assessor position. Review of the applications was tabled until another meeting.

Councilman DeLong asked about hiring a local constable to enforce local laws. Supervisor Lindberg met with Sean Ralph to get some guidance on how to best handle this if the Town Board wanted to hire a constable.

Councilman DeLong said that the historical society can provide the Town of Worcester with 13 framed photographs of the Worcester area to have on display at the Town Office Building.

New Business: nothing at this time

Adjournment: Councilman Ridgeway moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Miller, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland
Town Clerk