

July 27, 2020

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
 Jeff Wilcox ---- Councilman
 Dave Miller ---- Councilman

Not Present: Harold Ridgeway ---- Councilman

Others Present: Rita Tetenes, Marilyn Dufresne, Dev Kernan, Agnes Terrell and Water Superintendent Aaron House

Minutes: Councilman DeLong moved, second by Councilman Wilcox to accept the July 13, 2020 minutes as presented. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Wilcox, Miller, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Public Input: Agnes Terrell asked if anyone looked at the final assessment rolls. Agnes Terrell reported on the equalization rate, tax cap increase, exemptions and the one new parcel.

Dev Kernan reported that he and some other property owners in South Worcester have been maintaining the cemetery in South Worcester. This year, they had to hire some of the work to be done at a cost of \$420. Mr. Kernan asked if he could be reimbursed for this expense since abandoned cemeteries are supposed to be maintained by the town. Councilman Wilcox moved to reimburse Mr. Kernan the \$420 he paid to have the cemetery cleaned up. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Lindberg, Miller, Wilcox, DeLong) Noes: 0

Highway: The Robinson-Broadhurst grant money to purchase a snow machine for winter sidewalk maintenance was received in the amount of \$35,000. A snow machine can be purchased on state contract in the amount of \$43,211.95. The remainder can be paid for using the \$8,000 in insurance money received from the accident with the previous tractor.

Resolution #76: Purchase of a snow machine for sidewalk maintenance

Offered by Councilman Miller, second by Councilman Wilcox: Be it resolved, that the Worcester Town Board approves the purchase of a 4500Z Kubota 32hp snow machine with snowblower and broom from MTE Turf Equipment Solutions in Cohoes, NY at a cost of \$43,211.95, with the following specs and equipment:

4500Z Kubota 32 hp Gas 3L
 22x12-8 All Terrain Tires (standard)
 Kit, 12v Power Outlet
 Kit, 12v Switch & Plug Fr
 4500 All Weather Ca
 Windshield Washer
 LED Hazard Flashers
 Exterior Mirrors
 Directional Defrost

Tractor Heater
KW452 Required Install
SA250 Drop Spreader
Spreader Mounting kit
SA250 Extension Hopper kit
Kx523 52 Snowblower

12v Actuator

KJ520 Broom

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

The 2012 John Deere backhoe needs a new transmission. A new transmission is \$18,000 and comes with a warranty. The Highway Superintendent recommended getting a new transmission rather than a rebuilt one. Councilman Miller moved, second by Councilman Wilcox to have a new transmission installed in the backhoe. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Wilcox) Noes: 0

Councilman Wilcox reported that he has been doing some research into the costs and designs of a new highway department building. The Town of Davenport has a steel building that is 70'x100' and the cost was around \$600,000. Discussion followed on getting water to the gravel bank by extending the water main, but it would probably be cheaper to drill a well and have a holding tank for fire suppression.

Water Superintendent: The DOT culvert replacement between Chase Street and Mill Street had plans for moving the water main, as it turned out, the water main isn't being moved. Water Superintendent, Aaron House has been checking on the project each day to make sure that the current water main isn't being compromised.

Aaron House reported the following:

- hydrants in Worcester have been flushed
- hydrants in East Worcester will be flushed next week.
- Work on the kiddie pool repairs will be done this summer or fall
- the field on Park Street needs to be brush-hogged and Aaron doesn't have the equipment to do it, so someone will have to be hired to do it.
- Some hydrants in Worcester still need painting. Supervisor Lindberg will contact Alan Tiffany to see if he will finish up the painting of the hydrants.

Financial:

Resolution #77: Audit of Claims:

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

General Fund:	claims: 122-129	\$2,772.51
Highway Fund:	claims: 121-129	\$64,733.91
East Worcester Water #1	claim: 31	\$977.00
Worcester Water #2	claim: 43	\$1961.00

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

Resolution #78: Budget Modification for Grant money received

Offered by Councilman DeLong, second by Councilman Wilcox: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves a budget modification increasing A541.4 Sidewalks, Contractual in the amount of

\$35,000 from grant money received from the Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation in the amount of \$35,000. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Lindberg, DeLong, Wilcox, Miller) Noes: 0

Supervisor Lindberg reported that health insurance is increasing 5.99% when the plan renews in September.

Old Business: Councilman DeLong thanked Marilyn Dufrense for the work she is doing documenting the COVID-19 pandemic. A recent magazine article recommended that local historians document the pandemic.

The historian's documents that are stored at the Historical Society need to be moved to the municipal building.

Councilman DeLong reported on recent activities at Caryl's Lake that are in violations of the rules. Lengthy discussion was had on Caryl's Lake. Councilman DeLong would like the Town Board to pass a local law making it a nature preserve and to form a working group to research getting a safety officer to monitor activities at the lake. Lengthy discussion followed.

Councilman DeLong formally presented a local law making Caryl's Lake a nature preserve and will call for a public hearing at a future meeting.

Supervisor Lindberg declined to appoint anyone to a working group to look into hiring a safety officer citing budgetary concerns for those in the Worcester Water District #2.

Adjournment: Councilman Miller moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:43pm. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Lindberg. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Lindberg, DeLong, Wilcox, Miller) Noes: 0:

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland
Town Clerk