

July 8, 2019

Supervisor Lindberg called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led in the flag salute at the advertised first 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

Not Present: Harold Ridgeway ---- Councilman
 Don Zaengle ---- Councilman

Other Officials Present: Historian, Marilyn Dufresne; Water Superintendent, Aaron House and Court Clerk, Cheri Powers

Others present: Agnes Terrell, Peggy Nelson, Mary Holloway, Harry Holloway and Rita Tetenes

Minutes: Councilman Miller moved to accept the June 24, 2019 meeting minutes presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman DeLong.

VOTE: Ayes: 3 (Lindberg, DeLong, Miller) Noes: 0

Public Input: Rita Tetenes asked about the town consolidation discussion that happened at the last meeting. Mrs. Tetenes asked who is on the consolidation committee here in Worcester and the effect that consolidation would have on the voting districts.

Peggy Nelson asked what consolidation would mean, and what is being discussed at this point. The board explained that it is in the very early stages of getting a discussion going to see if it is something that various Towns would be willing to consider. However, this will be a long process if it goes forward and ultimately the decision will be left to the voters.

Ted Handy spoke about the East Worcester Cemetery's financial problems. A loan was taken from the permanent maintenance account and combined with the \$2,500 given by the Town of Worcester, the cemetery should be able to operate for a few more years. A fundraising campaign is being started to try to get some more funding. The cemetery association hired Aaron Temple to maintain the cemetery at \$5,500 a year which will save \$2000 annually over what they had been paying. The permanent maintenance account was invested in a CD with an interest rate of 3.2% which will provide a little bit of interest income annually.

Harry Holloway reported that Smith Road needs the winter dirt removed from the roadway especially the area between Lutheranville and Charlotteville Roads. Mr. Holloway said that it is really dusty when dry and really muddy when wet.

Mary Holloway said that the paving job on Charlotteville Road is terrible, there are tire treads in

the pavements, it is crumbling in spots and there is a pile of asphalt 1 foot from the road that needs to be cleaned up.

Cheri Powers asked to attend the required court clerk training.

Resolution #82: Approving Court Clerk Training

Offered by Councilman Miller, second by Councilman DeLong: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves the request from Cheri Powers to attend Court Clerk training from 9/29/19-10/2/19 at a cost of approximately \$800.00.

VOTE: Ayes: 3 (Lindberg, DeLong, Miller) Noes: 0

Marilyn Dufresne asked if the Town of Worcester would clean out the culvert in front of her house. Supervisor Lindberg explained since she lives on a NYS roadway, it has to be maintained by NYS and not the Town of Worcester.

Water Superintendent: Aaron House reported that the kiddie pool is closed due to a pipe breaking. Mr. House will work to try to get it repaired before the end of summer.

Aaron House reported that the new wells continue to have great water quality. Discussion followed on maintaining the field around the well since it was plowed up last year and has large ruts. Councilman DeLong moved to authorize the Water Superintendent to try to brush-hog the field in the area around the well heads to the extent possible considering the field conditions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. VOTE: Ayes: 3 (Lindberg, DeLong, Miller) Noes: 0

Aaron House will be flushing hydrants in the next few weeks.

Correspondence was received from NYS DOT regarding moving water lines when they replace the culvert on Route 7 between Mill and Chase Street next year. The moving of the water lines will be handled entirely by the NYS DOT and will be at no expense to the Water District. This will not cause any service disruptions when it takes place.

Resolution #83:

Granting the State of New York Authority to Perform the Adjustment for the Owner and Agreeing to Maintain Facilities Adjusted Via State-let Contract

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation proposes the construction, reconstruction, or improvement of **“Otsego County Large Culvert Project; Site B Route 7 Culvert C950023”** in the Town of Worcester located in Otsego County, PIN 9806.81, and

WHEREAS, the State will include as part of the construction, reconstruction, or improvement of the above mentioned project the relocation and adjustment to water mains and appurtenances, pursuant to Section 10, Subdivision 24, of the State Highway Law, as shown on the contract plans relating to the project and meeting the requirements of the owner, and

WHEREAS, the service life of the relocated and or replace utilities has not been extended, and

WHEREAS, the State will provide for the reconstruction of the above-mentioned work, as shown on the contract plan sheets **UTO-01-B & Special Note for Owner Water Requirements & Special Note for Utility Coordination** relating to the above-mentioned project.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town of Worcester approves of the relocation and adjustment to their **water main and appurtenances** and the above-mentioned work performed on the project as shown on the contract plans relating to the project and that the Town of Worcester will maintain or cause to be maintained the adjusted facilities performed as above stated and as shown on the contract plans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Worcester, Supervisor, has the authority to sign, with concurrence of the board, any and all documentation that may become necessary as a result of this project as it relates to the Town of Worcester, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the clerk of the Town of Worcester is hereby directed to transmit five (5) certified copies of the foregoing resolution to the New York State Department of Transportation.

Moved by: Councilman Miller

Seconded by: Councilman DeLong

VOTE: Ayes: 3 (Lindberg, DeLong, Miller) Noes: 0

Financial: The Supervisor's monthly statement, Town Clerk's report and the Town and HUD's financial statements are on file at the Town Clerk's office.

Resolution #84: Audit of Claims:

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

General Fund:	claims: 146-150	\$4,041.56
Highway Fund:	claims: 136-144	\$38,038.40
East Worcester Water #1	claims: 27-28	\$235.87
Worcester Water #2	claim: 40	\$35.88
Street Lights	claims: 13-14	\$1,339.40

VOTE: Ayes: 3 (Lindberg, DeLong, Miller) Noes: 0

Planning Board Report: Councilman DeLong stated that the Planning Board is scheduled to meet this Wednesday.

Supervisor Report: Two new AED's need to be purchased to replace an out of date one and to

have one for the 19 Katie Lane Municipal Building. Councilman Miller moved, second by Councilman DeLong to purchase 2 new AED's through the same supplier as the Worcester Fire Department and to have them serviced annually by the same contractor as the Worcester Fire Department. VOTE: Ayes: 3 (Lindberg, DeLong, Miller) Noes: 0

Supervisor Lindberg reported that Kiara Fisher will be willing to clean at the Town of Worcester Municipal Building at a rate of \$13 an hour. A vacuum will have to be purchased.

The dog control equipment has been picked up from previous Dog Control Officer and will be given to the new Dog Control Officer.

Councilman Zaengle ordered some tarps for around the pool to limit the amount of construction debris and dust from getting into the pool.

Mountaintop Spray Works provided a quote to insulate the attic area of 19 Katie Lane at a cost of \$16,900. The Robinson-Broadhurst grant will pay for \$14,000 of it and the remainder will be the responsibility of the Town of Worcester.

Resolution #85: 19 Katie Lane Attic Insulation

Offered by Councilman Miller, second by Councilman DeLong: Be it resolved, that the Worcester Town Board accepts the quote from Mountaintop Spray Works in the amount of \$16,900 and authorizes the Town of Worcester Bookkeeper to cut a check for ½ of that amount as a down-payment. \$14,000 of the cost will be paid for out of grant monies received from the Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation and the remaining \$2,900 will be paid for from the Town of Worcester General Fund. VOTE: Ayes: 3 (Lindberg, DeLong, Miller) Noes: 0

Old Business: Plans for a proposed highway department building are being reviewed by the building committee and will be presented to the whole board at a future meeting.

So far no candidates have applied for the assessor position. A list of current assessors in Otsego County was supplied to the board.

County Representative Pete Oberacker provided Supervisor Lindberg with a resolution that should be passed if the Town of Worcester is interested in exploring consolidation with neighboring towns.

**Resolution #86:
Support for Otsego County Municipal Consolidation Efficiency Plan**

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, Westford, Maryland 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 Town Board to explore the Consolidation Efficiency Plan by Otsego County.

Moved: Councilman DeLong

Seconded: Councilman Miller

VOTE: Ayes: 3 (Lindberg, DeLong, Miller) Noes: 0

New Business: nothing at this time

Adjournment: Councilman Miller moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman DeLong. VOTE: Ayes: 3 (Lindberg, DeLong, Miller) Noes: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland
Town Clerk