

August 12, 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
	Harold Ridgeway	----	Councilman
	Don Zaengle	----	Councilman

Other Officials Present: Water Superintendent, Aaron House and Bookkeeper, Alice Hughes

Others present: Agnes Terrell, Diane Adesso and Rita Tetenes

Minutes: Councilman DeLong moved to accept the July 22, 2019 meeting minutes presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

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

Public Input: Sean Ralph spoke about the best procedures if the Town of Worcester wants to hire a constable. Mr. Ralph said that in some nearby counties, the school resource officer has worked as a constable as well, but Worcester Central School Board isn't interested in having a school resource officer.

Mr. Ralph recommended the following:

- The right candidate needs to be hired to enforce local laws only, not as a replacement for the State Police and Sheriff's Department. The best candidate should probably have at least 10 years of law enforcement experience.
- The Constable wouldn't necessarily have to be armed if only handling Town of Worcester business.
- All police matters, other than Worcester local laws and ordinances should still be handled by the State Police and Sheriff's Department
- The ideal candidate needs to have law enforcement experience to follow all the criminal justices processes to get the matter through the court process if necessary.
- A clear policy has to be developed by the Town Board on the duties of the Constable

Discussion followed on if the constable should be hired on an hourly basis or as a salary.

Water Superintendent: Aaron House reported that the water district's field at the end of Park Street has been brush-hogged, but it is very rough. Mr. House recommends that in the spring the field be plowed and leveled to make it easier to maintain.

The kiddie-pool repair is going to have to wait until the construction at the school is complete and the pool is closed for the season. The damage to the piping is more severe than originally thought to be due to it being broken and repaired numerous times in the past.

Financial:

Resolution #89: Audit of Claims:

Offered by Councilman Miller, second by Councilman Zaengle: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves payment of the bills listed on abstract 8:

General Fund:	claims: 168-184	\$12,152.74
Highway Fund:	claims: 154-161	\$8,812.71
East Worcester Water #1	claims: 32-36	\$1,393.70
Worcester Water #2	claims: 44-48	\$2,943.78
Street Lights	claims: 15-16	\$1,417.46

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

Planning Board Report: The Town Clerk read a letter from Tim Powers resigning from the Town of Worcester Planning Board. Councilman Ridgeway moved to accept Tim Powers' resignation, the motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Miller, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

Councilman DeLong is working on a draft of a site plan law, that is based off the Town of Hartwick's law. It is still in the drafting phase, and will be presented to the board when complete.

Prior to his resignation, Tim Powers spoke to the Otsego County Planning Department regarding updating the land use regulations. The county doesn't want to be involved in the process because of the town merger discussion that is supposed to be happening.

Councilman DeLong reported that he has the support of 5 South Worcester residents who favor historic district protections in South Worcester, but the proposal is being reviewed by some other residents in South Worcester.

Old Business: 2 candidates expressed interest in the upcoming assessor appointment. Supervisor Lindberg will invite one candidate to the September 9th Town Board meeting to be interviewed. The board was not interested in the other applicant.

The board discussed the DOT culvert replacement that is scheduled for next summer between Chase and Mill Street. The Town Board would like to meet with a DOT representative to discuss how the traffic around Chase and Mill Street can be best handled while Route 7 is closed.

New Business: Supervisor Lindberg reported that we received an \$8,000 lump sum payment for a HUD Loan that was outstanding. Another resident has expressed interest in a \$15,000 loan to replace the roof on their house.

Resolution #90: HUD Loan

Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman Miller: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board authorizes a HUD Loan in the amount of \$15,000 to replace the roof on

a residence of a Town of Worcester resident, with the loan to be paid back with a monthly payment of \$200 at a 4% interest rate. Be it further resolved that the Worcester Town Board authorizes the Town Attorney to draft the necessary paperwork and put a lien on the residence until the loan is paid in full. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Miller, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

Councilman Miller moved to hold all Town Board meetings at the Town Building at 19 Katie Lane and to no longer hold meetings at the East Worcester Fire Station once a quarter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zaengle. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Miller, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

Town Clerk: The Town Clerk reminded the board that the August 26, 2019 meeting was canceled.

Adjournment: Councilman DeLong moved to adjourn the meeting at 840pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ridgeway. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Miller, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland
Town Clerk