

August 24, 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
Harold Ridgeway	----	Councilman

Others Present: Rita Tetenes, Marilyn Dufresne, Agnes Terrell, Chuck Thompson, Rick Evans and Highway Superintendent Roger Butler

Minutes: Councilman DeLong moved, second by Councilman Miller to accept the August 10, 2020 minutes as presented. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Wilcox, Miller, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Executive Session: Councilman Ridgeway moved, second by Councilman DeLong to enter executive session at 7pm to discuss the appointment of a highway superintendent and salary. Roger Butler and Rick Evans were invited into executive session with the board. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Wilcox, Miller, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Councilman Miller moved to leave executive session at 7:15pm and resume regular session. The motion was seconded by Councilman DeLong. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Wilcox, Miller, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Resolution #80: Appointing Richard Evans as acting Highway Superintendent

Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman Wilcox: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board appoints Richard (Rick) Evans as Acting Highway Superintendent effective September 5, 2020. Be it also resolved that the Worcester Town Board sets the salary at the same rate of pay he is currently receiving with an additional \$3 an hour stipend. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Wilcox, Miller, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Public Input: Chuck Thompson spoke on behalf the the Worcester Planning Board. Mr. Thompson presented some ideas of projects that the Planning Board could be working on if the Town Board approves. Some discussion followed on the solar and wind power regulations and how the applications should go in front of the Planning Board but no procedure is in place to deal with such an application. Ultimately the Town Board recommended that the Planning Board work on a site plan law that is favorable to businesses.

Roger Butler reported that his rental apartment located at 160 Main Street is still at a commercial rate with National Grid due to it previously being a commercial property. National Grid will not change the rate without notification from the Town of Worcester that the property is residential now. Councilman Ridgeway moved, second by Councilman Miller to make 160 Main Street in Worcester, Tax Map 199.18-3-9.00 a residential property. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Wilcox, Miller, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Marilyn Dufresne expressed concern about what could be put on the vacant lot on the corner of Main and Elm Street since is it currently for sale. Supervisor Lindberg reported that he has personally purchased the property and it is no longer available for sale.

Rita Tetenes asked if there are any updates on a highway department building. Councilman Wilcox said that he hasn't had time to follow up with builders, but will be working on it.

Financial:

Resolution #81: Audit of Claims:

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

General Fund:	claims: 138-143	\$1,389.52
Highway Fund:	claims: 136-144	\$88,603.67
East Worcester Water #1	claims: 32-33	\$1,236.87
Worcester Water #2	claims: 44-45	\$2,496.47

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

Resolution #82: Payment of Utility Bills outside of meetings to prevent late charges

Offered by Councilman Miller, second by Councilman DeLong: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board authorizes any utility bills to be paid if a late charge will be incurred due to having to wait for a board meeting for approval. In this situation, the bill will still be approved at the next meeting even though it has already been paid. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Wilcox, Miller, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Old Business: Councilman DeLong moved, second by Councilman Miller to submit a grant request to the Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation in the amount of \$20,000 to offset some of the Town Court's loss of revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic and shutdown. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Wilcox, Miller, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Adjournment: Councilman Ridgeway moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:54pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilcox. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Wilcox, Miller, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland
Town Clerk