

August 8, 2022

Deputy Supervisor Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led in the flag salute at the advertised meeting of the Worcester Town Board, held in the Town of Worcester Municipal Building.

Present: Brendon Ralph ---- Councilman
 Tim Lehenbauer ---- Councilman
 Dave Miller ---- Councilman
 Harold Ridgeway ---- Councilman

Not Present: Jeff Wilcox ---- Supervisor

Others Present: Richard Evans (Highway Superintendent), Rita Tetenes, Alice Hughes , Agnes Terrell, Jim Empie, Michelle Empie, Ellie Hill (Bookkeeper), Scott Barton (Architect), Adam Baker (Summer Youth Director) and Marilyn Dufresne

Minutes: Councilman Lehenbauer moved to accept the July 25, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ralph. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Miller, Ridgeway, Ralph, Lehenbauer) Noes: 0

Bid Opening: The Town Clerk read the legal notice seeking bidders for sidewalk replacement. 1 bid was received from Workers LLC from Norwich, CT in the amount of \$129,000.00.

Councilman Lehenbauer moved to reject the bid and advertise next spring to attract more bidders. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ralph. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Miller, Ridgeway, Ralph, Lehenbauer) Noes: 0

Public Input: Rita Tetenes thanked the highway department for the paving job on Mooney Road.

Marilyn Dufresne asked the board to consider planting a tree at the park at the west end of the Worcester hamlet.

Michelle Empie asked if Maple Grove cemetery records could be stored at the municipal building. The board agreed that they could be stored in with the historical records.

Adam Baker reported that swimming lessons were well attended this year and considers it a very successful summer of lessons.

Highway Superintendent: Rick Evans reported that paving for the CHIPS projects should be completed by the end of the week.

Financial:

Resolution #78: Audit of Claims:

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

General Fund:	claims: 159-167	\$2,719.86
Highway Fund:	claims: 148-154	\$53,207.77
Worcester Water #2	claims: 40-41	\$1,548.91
East Worcester Water #1	claims: 28	\$50.00
Street Lights	claims: 11	\$1,813.65

VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Lehenbauer, Miller, Ralph, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Old Business: Scott Barton presented the CAD drawings for the proposed highway department building project. The site plan and cost projection were reviewed. The next steps in this process were reviewed and the board decided to continue to move forward in the process.

Resolution #79: Building Project Public Hearing

Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman Lehenbauer: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board schedules a public hearing on September 19, 2022 at 6:00pm to present the plan to build a new highway department building at the Route 7 gravel bank. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Lehenbauer, Miller, Ralph, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Town Clerk: The Town Clerk said that Don Zaengle has converted his apartment house at 11 Chase Street into a single family home. Mr. Zaengle requested that the water bills be reduced to a single family billing. The Water Superintendent verified that the home is now a single family dwelling.

Resolution #80: Changing 11 Chase Street to Single Family for Water Billing

Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman Ralph: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board agrees to reduce the water billing for 11 Chase Street from a 3 family unit to a single family unit and authorizes the Town Clerk/Water Rent Collector to make that change in the water billing software. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Lehenbauer, Miller, Ralph, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Jo-Ann Beverland reported that she will not be able to attend the next Town Board meeting and that Ellie Hill will be taking the minutes in her absence.

Resolution #81: Authorizing Payment of \$50 for taking minutes in the absence of the Town Clerk

Offered by Councilman Ridgeway moved, second by Councilman Lehenbauer: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves that in the absence of the Town Clerk at a Town Board meeting, the person taking minutes shall be entitled to a stipend of \$50. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Lehenbauer, Miller, Ralph, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Adjournment: Councilman Ridgeway moved, second by Councilman Ralph to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Lehenbauer, Miller, Ralph, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland
Town Clerk