

August 9, 2021

Supervisor Lindberg 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:	Donald Lindberg	----	Supervisor
	Larry DeLong	----	Councilman
	Jeff Wilcox	----	Councilman
	Harold Ridgeway	----	Councilman
	Dave Miller	----	Councilman

Others Present: Agnes Terrell, Marilyn Dufresne, Rita Tetenes, Liz McGuckin, Aaron House (Water Supt.), Chuck Thompson (Planning Board Chairman) and Rick Evans (Highway Supt)

Minutes: Councilman DeLong moved, second by Councilman Miller to accept the July 26, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented . VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Ridgeway, Wilcox, Miller) Noes: 0

Public Input: Marilyn Dufresne expressed concern about people going to Caryl's Lake, especially people from out of town.

Chuck Thompson reported that he hiked up to Caryl's Lake last week and there were only a couple of people up there and very little trash was found.

Councilman DeLong provided the board members a copy of a book about the history of South Worcester. The book is available to purchase at the Worcester Historical Society.

Highway Superintendent: Rick Evans reported on the followings:

- paving projects are complete
- some roads will be sealed later this summer
- the new excavator will be here this week
- the crushing of cobbles at the mine is behind schedule due to all the rain, but the company hired agreed to crush some extra at no cost to make up for the delay

Water Superintendent: Aaron House suggested that the tapping fee be increased to \$500 instead of the \$125 that was set 20 years ago. The increase would cover the cost to do the tap, but the homeowners would still be responsible for all materials.

Resolution #88: Increasing tapping fee for WW#2 and EWW#1

Offered by Councilman Wilcox, second by Councilman Miller: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board increases the tapping fee in Worcester Water #2 and East Worcester Water #1 to \$500 effective immediately. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Ridgeway, Wilcox, 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 #89: Audit of Claims:

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

General Fund:	claims: 140-144	\$1,781.81
Highway Fund:	claims: 146-152	\$54,030.05
East Worcester Water #1	claims: 25-26	\$1,970.88
Worcester Water #2	claims: 46-50	\$3,925.84
Street Lights	claims: 8	\$1,581.17

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

The Worcester branch of Citizen's Bank is closing as of November 2nd. Councilman DeLong suggested that some other banks be contacted to see if they would be willing to have a small branch in Worcester or contact the owner of the bank building to see what the plans are for the building.

Planning Board: Chuck Thompson spoke regarding the draft local law addressing “unsafe buildings”, and stated that he feels that a different approach would be better rather than making a local law that effects the whole town when the law is written to address just a couple of current problems.

Old Business: Councilman Wilcox reported that an aerial survey of the mine on route 7 needs to be completed before the mining permit can be renewed. Griggs-Lane, the company that does our mining permit renewals offers that service. The board was in agreement that this should be done.

Councilman Wilcox provided the board with information on street light upgrades to LED lights. The cost to the Town of Worcester to upgrade all 165 street lights would be about \$25000 after the National Grid incentives. National Grid estimates that the annual savings after the upgrade would be about \$3700.00. Discussion was had on if there are any other incentives to upgrading that would help keep the costs down. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

New Business: Supervisor Lindberg said that he went out and located areas of sidewalk that should be replaced. Councilman Wilcox moved second by Councilman Miller to put the work out to bid. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Ridgeway, Wilcox, Miller) Noes: 0

Councilman Miller moved, second by Councilman Ridgeway to install a sidewalk around the municipal building using the Robinson-Broadhurst grant funding that was received. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Ridgeway, Wilcox, Miller) Noes: 0

Supervisor Lindberg asked the Town Clerk to contact Jeremy at GEMS Grant writing to see about grants for building a highway department or any other grant opportunities available.

Adjournment: Councilman Miller moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilcox. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Ridgeway, Wilcox, Miller) Noes: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland
Town Clerk