

**September 10, 2018**

Supervisor Lindberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led in the flag salute at the advertised first monthly meeting of the Worcester Town Board, held in the Earl F. Johnson room, Town Building, 29 Katie Lane, Worcester, NY.

<b>Present:</b>	Larry DeLong	----	Councilman
	Dave Miller	----	Councilman
	Don Zaengle	----	Councilman
	Donald Lindberg	----	Supervisor
	Harold Ridgeway	----	Councilman

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

**Citizen Present:** Agnes Terrell

**Minutes:** Councilman DeLong moved to accept the August 27, 2018 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ridgeway.

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

**Public Input:** No questions or comments were received.

**Highway Superintendent:** Nothing at this time.

**Water Superintendent:** Aaron House reported that there were 3 leaks in the East Worcester Water District that have been fixed. In East Worcester, Mr. House recommended replacing the water main on Dante Street. That was the only water line that wasn't replaced 30 years ago and it has been causing some problems. The hydrant at the end of Dante Street doesn't have adequate flow for fire protection. Fixing the issue will involve tearing up Dante Street, but most of the materials needed to do the pipe replacement are already in inventory.

Aaron House is working on doing water meter readings in the Worcester Water District #2 and annual water samples for testing.

Discussion followed on the farmer still using the water district property to access his fields. Fencing will be put in place between the water district property and the farmer's property once the property is surveyed. Additionally, chain-link fencing will be placed around the well heads.

The new back-up well for the Worcester Water District is almost complete, within the next week the screen should be put in place and the flow testing and water testing can begin.

**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 #103: Audit of Claims**

Offered by Councilman Miller, second by Councilman Ridgeway: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves payment of the bills listed on abstract 9:

**Abstract 9**

General Fund:	claims: 232-237	\$4,280.05
Highway Fund:	claims: 159-165	\$23,252.81
East Worcester Water #1	claims: 35-36	\$472.00
Worcester Water #2	claims: 60-61	\$801.98
Street Lights	claims: 17-18	\$1,460.49

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

**Code Enforcement:** Barbara Monroe, the new Code Enforcement Officer will be invited to the second meeting in October for the entire board to meet her.

**Planning Board:** Councilman DeLong reported that Tim Powers held a training session for the new Planning Board members.

Kevin Norton gave a verbal resignation from the Planning Board, but has not followed that up with a formal written resignation. Mr. Norton will not be able to attend future meetings due to work obligations. Brief discussion was had on what to do about his seat on the Planning Board.

A proposed sign law is done, and should be forwarded to the Town Board soon.

**Supervisor Report:** For the building at 19 Katie Lane, Supervisor Lindberg reported that he is still waiting on an updated set of plans from Jim Forbes, PE, in order to get a certificate of occupancy. Also getting phone lines and cable lines into the building is becoming more of an issue than anticipated.

**Old Business:** Councilman DeLong expressed his frustration with the public hearing on the “Omnibus Land Use Amendments.” Councilman DeLong feels strongly that South Worcester should be included in the land use regulations as a “historic district”. At the public hearing, Councilman DeLong felt that not enough information was given about what makes South Worcester historic. Discussion followed on the pros and cons of adding it as a historic district in the land use regulations. The Otsego County Planning Department suggested an architecture review board be developed to review any proposals for renovations or new construction in South Worcester. The Town Board discussed coming up with a simple one page guideline about what architectural standards would be acceptable for new construction in South Worcester.

Councilman DeLong would like the new Code Enforcement Officer and the Town Attorney to review the language that was proposed that would require properties with a non-conforming use to revert to a conforming use if the property has remained vacant for a period of 1 year.

**Resolution #104: Adoption of Local Law #2 of 2018: Hamlet Land Use Amendments**

Offered by Councilman Zaengle, second by Councilman Miller: Whereas, a public hearing on proposed Local Law #2 of 2018 titled, “Omnibus Land Use Amendments” was conducted on August 13, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Town Building located at 29 Katie Lane in Worcester; now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Worcester Town Board hereby adopts a portion of the proposed Local Law #2 of 2018 now titled, “Hamlet Land Use Amendments”, which will now add restaurants, libraries and outdoor storage or display of items to be sold, so long as the seller maintains at least four feet of clear public access, as permitted uses in the hamlet district.

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

Councilman DeLong is working on the Robinson-Broadhurst grant request for Jeremy Southworth's Eagle Scout project. Discussion followed on Jeremy Southworth's proposal to have 200 banners hung on telephone poles. This will take the highway department a good portion of a week to do and they don't have the time to devote to that. Discussion was had on hiring an outside company to install the banners, but that will need a cost estimate to include in with the grant request.

The board discussed asking Robinson-Broadhurst for money to insulate the attic of 19 Katie Lane and to add sidewalks at the building.

**New Business:** The parking area in front of 19 Katie Lane needs to be paved.

**Town Clerk:** Nothing at this time.

**Adjournment:** Councilman DeLong moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, Ridgeway, Miller DeLong, Zaengle) Noes: 0

Sincerely,

Jo-Ann Beverland  
Town Clerk