

September 11, 2017

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 Earl F. Johnson room, Town Building, 29 Katie Lane, Worcester, NY.

Present:	Don Lindberg	----	Supervisor
	Larry DeLong	----	Councilman
	Don Zaengle	----	Councilman
	Harold Ridgeway	----	Councilman
	Dave Miller	----	Councilman

Town Officials Present: Historian, Marilyn Dufresne; Bookkeeper, Alice Hughes; Highway Superintendent, Roger Butler and Water Superintendent, Aaron House

Citizens Present: Agnes Terrell, Herb Fiederer and Tim Powers

Minutes: Councilman DeLong moved to accept the August 14, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ridgeway. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Zaengle, Ridgeway, Miller) Noes: 0

Public Input: Herb Fiederer stressed that the NYS DOT needs to act on the Town's request for a speed limit reduction in the east end of the Worcester hamlet especially since there was a recent accident in that area. The Town Clerk replied that the NYS DOT has acknowledged receipt of the speed reduction request but no further correspondence has been received. Supervisor Lindberg will follow-up with the NYS DOT.

Highway Superintendent: Roger Butler reported that he attended a meeting at Otsego County regarding how the snow and ice contracts are handled. Currently they pay for the hours, materials and machinery for actual usage for the plowing of County roadways. Otsego County is proposing going to a flat rate, but the original proposal was not accepted by those in attendance. Negotiations of the snow and ice contract will continue until an agreement is reached.

At the same meeting with Otsego County, it was suggested that all municipal bridges be taken over by Otsego County. Roger Butler said that he wasn't sure why the county would want to take over all the bridges.

Roger Butler reported that Otsego County will be paving County Route 40, Brooker Hollow and County Route 39 this month.

A letter, signed by 7 residents on Smith Road, requesting a portion of Smith Road, between Hollenbeck and Charlotteville be paved was received by the Town Supervisor.

A letter was received from Emauel Tarazi who owns property on Hill Road . Mr. Tarazi is asking for the road to be better maintained and paved.

Water Superintendent: Water Superintendent, Aaron House supplied everyone in attendance at this meeting 2 years worth of bacteria testing results which show negative results for total coliform and

e-coli in the water. Mr. House stressed that there has never been a positive report for e-coli in the raw water or the treated water. Current bacteria testing shows no bacteria in the Town drinking water.

Regarding the new wells in Worcester Water #2, the contract has been signed and parts are being ordered which will take a couple of weeks.

Aaron House reported that all hydrants have been flushed in both water districts.

The hydrants in Worcester should probably be painted within the next year.

Aaron House will develop a list of items that need repair, replacement or upgrades at the pool. Once that list is developed, a Robinson-Broadhurst grant request can be written.

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 Zaengle: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves payment of the bills listed on the abstracts for September 11, 2017.

General: Abstract 9 \$63,189.29
claims: 164-170

Highway: Abstract 9 \$17,250.90
claims: 183-191

East Worcester Water #1: Abstract 9 \$518.63
claims: 40-43

Worcester Water #2: Abstract 9 \$37,673.46
claim: 53-58

Street Lights: Abstract 9 \$1,412.15
claim: 17-18

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

Planning Board: The Planning Board meets this Wednesday night. Councilman DeLong will be in attendance.

Old Business: Councilman DeLong was contacted by the paper shredding company to see if another event will be scheduled for next year. After a brief discussion, the board decided to do the event once every couple of years.

Councilman DeLong reported that he received an estimate from the Susquehanna Animal Shelter to have the feral cats behind the Worcester Inn spayed or neutered. The estimate is \$210 per cat and it is estimated that there are 20 cats. The board had a brief discussion if they wanted to use tax payers funds to fix feral cats.

Supervisor Lindberg will follow-up with the dog control officer about starting the dog census.

New Business: The Town building at 19 Katie Lane needs some additional spray foam insulation in certain areas before winter. The cost will be less than \$10,000 so 2 quotes need to be obtained.

Councilman DeLong would like some clarification on how the whole SEQR process works, when it is required and how the lead agency is determined. Supervisor Lindberg will have the Code Enforcement Officer attend a board meeting to explain this further.

Resolution #104: Spray Foam Insulation for 19 Katie Lane

Offered by Councilman DeLong, second by Councilman Miller: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board authorizes Supervisor Lindberg to obtain at least 2 written estimates and award the spray foam insulation project to the lowest quote.

VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0 *Supervisor Lindberg abstained*

Town Clerk: Jo-Ann Beverland read a letter from Lucy Conroe resigning from the Board of Assessment Review. Mrs. Conroe resigned from the Board of Assessment Review after serving on the board for 30 years.

Councilman Miller moved to regretfully accept the resignation of Lucy Conroe from the Board of Assessment Review. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ridgeway and carried unanimously.

The vacancy on the Board of Assessment Review will be advertised in the October edition of the *Hometown Advantage*.

Jo-Ann Beverland reported that a public hearing for an use variance application has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 27th at 7pm. The variance application is for the construction of self-storage units, which are not a permitted use in the hamlet district.

Adjournment: Councilman Ridgeway moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm, the motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Zaengle, Ridgeway, Miller) Noes: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland
Town Clerk