

September 12, 2022

Supervisor Wilcox 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: Jeff Wilcox ---- Supervisor
 Brendon Ralph ---- Councilman
 Dave Miller ---- Councilman
 Harold Ridgeway ---- Councilman

Not Present: Tim Lehenbauer ---- Councilman

Others Present: Richard Evans (Highway Superintendent), Rita Tetenes, Agnes Terrell and Ellie Hill (bookkeeper)

Minutes: Councilman Miller moved to accept the August 22, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ridgeway. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Wilcox, Miller, Ridgeway, Ralph) Noes: 0

Public Input: No comments were received from the public.

Highway Superintendent: The sand stockpile was measured by a geologist. The geologist determined that there are 5,300 yards of sand at the pile, not the 7,809 that Northern Crushing billed us for. The board agreed to pay for only the 5,300 yards and to send a letter to Northern Crushing along with the letter from the geologist explaining why they aren't getting paid for the amount they billed.

The reclamation of the mine was briefly discussed. A vinyl fence will need to be installed between the Town of Worcester's mine and the Golja mine as agreed upon with Mr. Golja.

The Worcester Fire District has requested 300 yards of fill for grading around their building project. Discussion followed. Councilman Ridgeway moved to give the fire district a maximum of 300 yards of fill. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Wilcox, Miller, Ridgeway, Ralph) Noes: 0

The highway department is still seeking applicants for the full time position that is available and for the part-time sidewalk plowing position.

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 #84: Audit of Claims:

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

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| General Fund: | claims: 182-192 | \$1,544.86 |
| Highway Fund: | claims: 163-173 | \$215,609.26 |
| Worcester Water #2 | claims: 44 | \$50.00 |
| East Worcester Water #1 | claims: 31-32 | \$299.15 |
| Escrow Account | claim: 6 | \$77.50 |
| Street Lights | claim: 12-13 | \$1,952.48 |

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

Supervisor Report: Supervisor Wilcox is going to speak to the Town of Maryland Supervisor to see if they would be willing to contribute financially to the pool each summer in exchange for offering swimming lessons

to Schenevus and Maryland residents.

Supervisor Wilcox reported that all the street lights have been converted to LED.

Old Business: Otsego County has \$50,000 of ARPA money (COVID funding) available to non-profits in Worcester if they have projects in mind. Supervisor Wilcox will follow up with Andy Odell to see if the Wieting Theater has decided to proceed with their lighting project.

Discussion was had on cleaning the municipal building. Michelle Lare is willing to clean and can start this weekend. The board was in agreement that she can clean and bill the Town of Worcester for her services.

Discussion was had on Judge Fisher's offer to sell some filing cabinets and a podium to the Town of Worcester. The board discussed this and feels it would conflict with the towns ethics policy to purchase directly from an employee. Councilman Miller moved to decline Judge Fisher's offer to sell filing cabinets and podium to the Town of Worcester. VOTE: Ayes: 4 (Wilcox, Miller, Ridgeway, Ralph) Noes: 0

Town Clerk: Jo-Ann Beverland requested to purchase a tax collection software program for next year. It is the same program that she has been using for years, but Otsego County will no longer pay for this program.

Resolution #85: Approving Purchase of Tax Collection Software

Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman Ralph: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves the purchase of the 2023 tax collection software from ATC Taxes in the amount of \$1,200.

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

Adjournment: Councilman Miller moved, second by Councilman Ralph to adjourn the meeting at 7:49pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland
Worcester Town Clerk