

September 14, 2020

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

Present:

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

Others Present: Rita Tetenes, Agnes Terrell and Acting Highway Superintendent Rick Evans

Minutes: Councilman Wilcox moved, second by Councilman DeLong to accept the August 24, 2020 minutes as presented. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Wilcox, Miller, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Public Input: No comments were received from the public.

Highway: Rick Evans reported that the highway department is down 2 full time workers right now. Additional personnel will need to be hired for winter, but to find someone with a CDL at a pay rate of \$14/hr isn't going to be possible. Mr. Evans asked if the rate could be increased. Also there is one part-time employee that doesn't have a CDL but is very reliable and is filling in doing some mechanic work that should be compensated more than \$14 an hour.

Resolution #83: Changing pay rates for part-time and seasonal workers

Offered by Councilman Miller, second by Councilman Ridgeway: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board authorizes the highway superintendent to pay up to \$17.00 for part time and seasonal workers. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Wilcox, Miller, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

The new snow machine for the sidewalks is in, but it is too wide for the sidewalks in many sections of town. Richard Evans will contact the sales rep and see if there is a smaller version available.

Water Superintendent: There was a water main break in East Worcester which required a boil water order. Supervisor Lindberg reported that the Water Superintendent did a good job dealing with the break and getting boil water notices out to residents.

Supervisor Lindberg reported that the Water Superintendent is interested in being a Town of Worcester employee rather than as an independent contractor. Supervisor Lindberg will look into how much this would cost the town in having to contribute to the retirement system.

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 Wilcox, second by Councilman Miller: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board approves payment of the bills listed on abstract 9 except general fund claim number 144 in the amount of \$43,211.95 for the purchase of the snow machine.

General Fund:	claims: 145-152	\$994.82 (claim 144 pulled)
Highway Fund:	claims: 145-157	\$3,103.67
East Worcester Water #1	claims: 34-36	\$616.60
Worcester Water #2	claims: 46-48	\$1,111.15
Street Lights	claims: 17-18	\$1,404.96

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

Old Business: Supervisor Lindberg reported that he is working on the 2021 budget. The tentative budget should be ready by the next meeting.

Planning Board: A virtual training on the SEQR process will be held on September 24th from 5:30-7:30pm. The training is limited to 90 participants and you must per-register.

Councilman DeLong reported that the Planning Board will be working on a simple site plan law that is business friendly.

Councilman Wilcox is gathering prices and specs from steel building companies. One quote was received from a company in Pennsylvania, but the specs aren't quite what we would need for a highway building. Councilman Wilcox will follow-up with the company to see what else is available.

Councilman Miller reported that Dave Parker who owned the welding show at the east end of the East Worcester Hamlet has a buyer interested in the property that would like to open a meat processing plant at that location but wanted to make sure that it would be permitted in that areas. The Town Board all agreed that a meat processing plant would be an allowable use at that location.

Adjournment: Councilman Ridgeway moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Wilcox, Miller, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland
Town Clerk