

September 25, 2017

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 East Worcester Fire Department.

Present:

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

Town Officials Present: Historian, Marilyn Dufresne and Judge William Fisher

Citizens Present: Agnes Terrell, Herb Fiederer, Pat Fiederer, Rita Tetenes, Leo Tetenes and Tim Powers

Minutes: Councilman Miller moved to accept the September 11, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zaengle. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Zaengle, Ridgeway, Miller) Noes: 0

Public Input: Marilyn Dufresne asked if the board was aware that the water district property was reseeded and asked if any fertilizer was used on the property. The board said that they had spoken with Mr. Kersman and stressed that no fertilizer was to be used on the Water District property. Mrs. Dufresne said that she feels that Mr. Kersman is encroaching on the Water District property. Discussion was had on if a simple contract should be drawn up between the Water District and Mr. Kersman outlining what can and cannot be done on the water district property.

Pat Fiederer asked about who reviews building permits other than the Code Enforcement Officer. Discuss was had on the filing of building permits and the lack of paperwork being received from the Code Enforcement Officer. Councilman Ridgeway agreed to speak with the Code Enforcement Officer about better filing of paperwork.

Councilman DeLong urged that the Town Board review the past performances of the Codes Officer, Dog Control Officer, Water Superintendent, Assessor and other appointed officials when reorganizing the Town government in January, 2018. Councilman DeLong stressed that vacancies should be advertised and properly interviewed.. Discussion was had on the process of how the board fills vacancies. Discussion ensued on the pros and cons of using Otsego County Code Enforcement rather than having our own Codes Officer.

Water Superintendent: The USDA did an inspection of the water system. 4 items need to be addressed:

1. Lines need to be painted at the handicapped parking space at the Town Clerk's Office
2. A different handicapped sign needs to be placed alongside the door to the handicapped bathroom at the Town Clerk's office.
3. A Limited English Policy needs to be implemented.
4. A vulnerability assessment/emergency response plan needs to be developed.

The grant funding for the new wells in Worcester Water #2 is scheduled to be disbursed in October, but

documentation of compliance with the Minority and Women Business Enterprises (MWBE) needs to be provided or a waiver has to be obtained. Jeremy Silverman, GEMS Grant writer, will be following up on this issue.

Financial:

Resolution #105: 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.

<u>General:</u> claims: 171-180	Abstract 9P	\$8,155.78
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<u>Highway:</u> claims: 192-203	Abstract 9P	\$107,552.22
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<u>East Worcester Water #1:</u> claim: 44	Abstract 9P	\$668.95
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<u>Worcester Water #2:</u> claim: 59-61	Abstract 9P	\$4,133.06
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VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Zaengle, Ridgeway, Miller) Noes: 0

For the record the Supervisor presented the tentative budget to the Town Clerk and copies were distributed to all board members.

The board scheduled a budget workshop for Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 6:30pm at the Town Building.

Planning Board: Councilman DeLong reported that the County Planning Department has not responded to the request for assistance in the solar regulation draft. Councilman DeLong will follow-up with the Planning Department to see if they will provide assistance and to see if they would be willing to meet with the Planning Board on some other matters.

A working group was appointed to work on a new sign law.

Old Business: Supervisor Lindberg is obtaining quotes to have the new building at 19 Katie Lane insulated using spray foam. At the last meeting, the board authorized Supervisor Lindberg (resolution #104) to award the project to the lowest bidder assuming that the cost will be less than \$10,000.

Councilman Ridgeway moved, second by Councilman Zaengle to authorize Alan Tiffany, a part time Town of Worcester employee to work on removing the old insulation and prepare the building to be spray foam insulated. Mr. Tiffany will be paid by the hour at his regular rate for this work. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Zaengle, Ridgeway, Miller) Noes: 0

Councilman DeLong asked the status on the health insurance renewal. Supervisor Lindberg reported that since the plan isn't changing, nothing has to be done at this time.

Councilman DeLong asked if Supervisor Lindberg has contacted the Dog Control Officer about starting the dog census. Supervisor Lindberg reported that he hasn't been able to reach Ms. Suydam.

New Business: Nothing at this time.

Town Clerk: Nothing to report.

Adjournment: Councilman Zaengle moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm, the motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Zaengle, Ridgeway, Miller)
Noes: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland
Town Clerk