

September 26, 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
Tim Lehenbauer	----	Councilman

**Others Present:** Richard Evans (Highway Superintendent), Rita Tetenes, Leo Tetenes, Agnes Terrell, Scott Barton (Architect), Issac Peachin, Diane Adesso, Marilyn Dufresne and Ellie Hill (bookkeeper)

**Minutes:** Councilman Lehenbauer moved to accept the September 12, 2022 meeting minutes as presented and the September 19, 2022 public hearing minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ralph .  
VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Wilcox, Lehenbauer, Miller, Ralph, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

**Highway Department Building Project:**

Councilman Ridgeway moved, second by Councilman Lehenbauer: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board declares itself lead agency in the SEQR process for the proposed highway department project. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Wilcox, Lehenbauer, Miller, Ralph, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Scott Barton helped the Town Board with the paperwork necessary for the SEQR environmental assessment forms. Part 1, which includes the project information was completed by Scott Barton, Architect and reviewed by the board. Part 2, the Impact Assessment was completed by the Worcester Town Board and it was determined that the proposed highway department building project would have no significant adverse environmental impacts.

Discussion followed on the timeline for getting the project out to bid.

**Resolution #85: Authorizing McGiver Designs to Prepare Construction Documents:**

Offered by Councilman Miller, second by Councilman Ralph: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board authorizes McGiver Designs to prepare the construction documents (part 2 in McGiver Designs Contract) in anticipation of bidding the project by the end of this year. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Wilcox, Lehenbauer, Miller, Ralph, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

**Public Input:** Marilyn Dufresne spoke about the solar project that has been reviewed by the Planning Board. Mrs. Dufresne read a letter from the Times Journal regarding solar farms and how the town will not be getting adequate tax revenue from these projects.

Marilyn Dufresne asked what will be done to protect the historic district in Worcester.

Diane Adesso suggested that some of the ARPA money be used to offset some of the cost of the highway building project. Brief discussion was had on the ARPA money and what it should be used for.

Rick Evans suggested that some of the ARPA money be used for curbing around the parking lot at the municipal building and for a sign for the building. A community digital sign was also discussed.

**Highway Superintendent:** Nothing new to report.

**Financial:**

**Resolution #86: Audit of Claims:**

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

General Fund:	claims: 193-199	\$3,036.82
Highway Fund:	claims: 174-182	\$6,437.60
Worcester Water #2	claims: 45-48	\$4,615.30
East Worcester Water #1	claims: 33-34	\$1,566.39

VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Wilcox, Miller, Ridgeway, Ralph, Lehenbauer) Noes: 0

For the record, Supervisor Wilcox presented the Town Clerk with the 2023 tentative budget and copies were distributed to the Town Board members. A budget workshop was scheduled for 6pm on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Executive session:** Councilman Ralph moved to enter executive session at 8:02 to discuss and employment issue with a particular employee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Wilcox, Lehenbauer, Miller, Ralph, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

Councilman Ridgeway moved to leave executive session and resume regular session at 8:27pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Wilcox, Lehenbauer, Miller, Ralph, Ridgeway) Noes: 0

**Adjournment:** Councilman Miller moved, second by Councilman Ralph to adjourn the meeting at 8:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland  
Worcester Town Clerk