

September 9, 2019

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 Town of Worcester Municipal Building.

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

Other Officials Present: Historian, Marilyn Dufresne and Bookkeeper, Alice Hughes

Others present: Agnes Terrell, Diane Adesso, Glenna Jeschke, Kathryn Demby and Wenda Habenicht

Minutes: Councilman DeLong moved to accept the August 12, 2019 meeting minutes presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

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

Executive Session: Councilman Miller moved to enter executives session at 7:03pm to interview for the assessor position. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ridgeway.

VOTE: Ayes 4 (Lindberg, Miller, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0 (Councilman DeLong abstained) *Councilman DeLong abstained from voting and participating in executive session due to family familiarity with the candidate being interviewed.*

The board concluded executive session at 7:35pm and resumed regular session.

Resolution #91: Appointing Glenna Jeschke Assessor

Offered by Councilman Miller, second by Councilman Ridgeway: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board appoints Glenna Jeschke as sole assessor effective 10/1/2019 through 9/30/2025. VOTE: Ayes 4 (Lindberg, Miller, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0 (Councilman DeLong abstained)

Public Input: Marilyn Dufresne quizzed the board about a drowning that happened at Caryl's Lake in 1992. Mrs. Dufresne said that is the reason that the regulations need to be enforced.

Marilyn Dufresne presented the board with a framed historic document that can be displayed in the Town Municipal Building.

Highway Superintendent: Jo-Ann Beverland read a letter from Joan Potter regarding a tree that needs to be taken down near her house. The board asked if the Highway Superintendent would contact National Grid to have the tree removed since it involves wires. If National Grid won't remove the tree, the board asked if a contractor can be hired to remove it.

Water Superintendent: Jo-Ann Beverland reported that the Water Superintendent is currently reading water meters for the upcoming water billing.

The culvert replacement between Chase and Mill Streets that was originally scheduled for 2020 has now been pushed to 2021. A NYS DOT representative will be willing to meet with the Town Board regarding this change and concerns over the traffic pattern during construction.

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 #92: 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 abstract 8P and 9:

Abstract 8P:

General Fund:	claims: 185-190	\$694.53
Highway Fund:	claims: 162-168	\$24,105.22
East Worcester Water #1	claims: 37	\$373.26
Worcester Water #2	claims: 49	\$576.62

Abstract 9:

General Fund:	claims: 191-194	\$2,507.40
Highway Fund:	claims: 169-173	\$30,011.32
East Worcester Water #1	claims: 38	\$35.87
Worcester Water #2	claims: 50-51	\$1,771.87
Street Lights	claims: 17-18	\$1,461.37

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

Planning Board Report: The Town Clerk read a letter from Kevin Norton resigning from the Planning Board. Councilman Ridgeway moved to accept Kevin Norton's resignation, the motion was seconded by Councilman DeLong. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Miller, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

Councilman DeLong reported that the Planning Board is scheduled to meet this Wednesday and will be reorganizing due to 2 recent resignations.

Supervisor Report: Supervisor Lindberg will be starting to prepare the preliminary 2020 budget this week.

Supervisor Lindberg reported that a letter was received from Roy Althiser regarding the curb on Main Street in front of the bank. The board was in agreement to leave this to NYS DOT to address as they said that they would be doing this work.

Old Business: Councilman DeLong suggested a subcommittee be formed to research hiring a constable and developing a procedure. The board decided to table this until after the budget

process to see if there is money available for a constable.

Councilman DeLong asked about a new highway garage and if there are any updates to the plans. Supervisor Lindberg reported that the original plan is what the committee would like to pursue, and the engineer will be contacted regarding this decision.

New Business: Councilman DeLong introduced a site plan review local law and a historic district local law for the board to consider and copies were distributed to all board members.

Councilman Miller said that he is totally against the historic district, and feels that Councilman DeLong should not put so much time and effort into this proposal without board support.

Lengthy discussion was had on historic districts and the potential economic hardships on residents of the district if they have to maintain their homes to comply with the regulations. Councilman DeLong said that he has approximately 15 signatures of residents in South Worcester that are in favor of the proposed regulation in South Worcester. Councilman DeLong went on to say that the trustees of the Worcester Historical Society are in unanimous support of this proposed law.

Town Clerk: The Town Clerk reported that at the next Town Board meeting, a representative from Otsego County Soil and Water will be attending to talk about the NYS ban on single use plastic bags that will take effect next year.

The dog control officer submitted his quarterly report and it was distributed to the board.

Adjournment: Councilman Ridgeway moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:51pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zaengle. VOTE: Ayes: 5 (Lindberg, DeLong, Miller, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland
Town Clerk