

January 2, 2017 Organizational Meeting

Supervisor Lindberg called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led in the Flag Salute at the advertised organizational meeting of the Worcester Town Board held at 7:00pm, Monday, January 2, 2017 in the Earl F. Johnson Room, Town Building, 29 Katie Lane, Worcester, New York.

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

Others present: Tim Powers, Alice Hughes, Herb Fiederer Jr., Marilyn Dufresne and Agnes Terrell

Jo-Ann Beverland read the legal notice for this meeting.

Jo-Ann Beverland read the letters of interest for appointed positions. The letters were from the following: Freeland VanBuren for Court Attendant and Cherie Powers for Court Clerk. For the record, a letter was distributed to the board from Tim Powers requesting that the Code Enforcement Officer not be reappointed.

RESOLUTION #1 : Offered by Councilman Miller, 2nd by Councilman DeLong: BE IT RESOLVED: that the Worcester Town Board re-appoint Marvin Parshall of Parshall & West the TOWN ATTORNEY for the year 2017. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #2 : Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, 2nd by Councilman DeLong: BE IT RESOLVED: that the Worcester Town Board hold their REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING on the second (2nd) Monday of each month and the SECOND MONTHLY MEETING on the fourth (4th) Monday of each month at 7pm. in the Earl F. Johnson Room, Town Building, 29 Katie Lane, Worcester, New York. The second monthly meeting of March, June, September and December will be held in the East Worcester Fire Department. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #3 : Offered by Councilman Zaengle, 2nd by Councilman Miller: BE IT RESOLVED: to authorize that any Town Employee (elected or appointed) be eligible to subscribe to the Town's Medical/dental/vision Health Plan where the individual pays the total cost. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #4 : Offered by Councilman Miller, 2nd by Councilman Ridgeway: BE IT RESOLVED: that the Worcester Town Board re-affirms Res. #96 (09/9/13) appointing Michael Sabansky as SOLE ASSESSOR to a six (6) year term commencing on October 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2019, with a salary of \$12,000.00 per year, paid bi-weekly. VOTE: Ayes 4 (Lindberg, Miller, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 1 (DeLong)

RESOLUTION #5 : Councilman DeLong moved, second by Councilman Miller: BE IT RESOLVED: that the Worcester Town Board re-appoints Jo-Ann Beverland as assessor clerk at a salary of \$1,500 to be paid quarterly. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #6 : Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman DeLong: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board reaffirms the investment policy adopted in 1996 with the following being the depositories: Bank of Richmondville and Community Bank. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #7: Offered by Councilman Miller, 2nd by Councilman DeLong: BE IT RESOLVED: that the Worcester Town Board re-appoint Marilyn Dufresne as TOWN HISTORIAN for the year 2017. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #8: Offered by Councilman Zaengle, 2nd by Councilman Ridgeway: BE IT RESOLVED: that the Worcester Town Board appoints Don Lindberg as the BUDGET OFFICER for the Town of Worcester for the year 2017. VOTE: Ayes 4 (Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0 *Supervisor Lindberg abstained*

RESOLUTION #9 : Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, 2nd by Councilman Miller: BE IT RESOLVED: that the Worcester Town Board designate the DAILY STAR of ONEONTA as the Town's legal newspaper and the TIMES-JOURNAL of COBLESKILL as a second legal newspaper when wider circulation may be desired. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #10: Offered by Councilman Zaengle, 2nd by Councilman DeLong: BE IT RESOLVED: to re-appoint Kathleen McTaggart as WORCESTER CENTRAL SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD at a rate of \$20 per day. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #11: Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman DeLong : BE IT RESOLVED that the Worcester Town Board re-appoints, Gwendolyn Manson as WORCESTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DEPUTY CROSSING GUARD. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #12: Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, 2nd by Councilman Miller: BE IT RESOLVED: that the Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor pay East Worcester and Worcester Water District employee's and Collector's salaries not to exceed amounts set in the 2017 Budget and the Town's share of Social Security where applicable. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #13: Offered by Councilman Zaengle, 2nd by Councilman DeLong: BE IT RESOLVED: that the Supervisor pay East Worcester and Worcester Fire Districts according to the 2017 budgetary amounts as soon as the tax monies are available. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #14: Offered by Councilman Zaengle, 2nd by Councilman DeLong: BE IT RESOLVED: that authorization be given to the Highway Superintendent to purchase tools not to exceed \$1,500.00 (one- thousand five hundred dollars) and \$1,500.00 (one thousand five hundred dollars) for implements, repair parts and equipment without Board approval but still abiding by the bid process in the Town's Procurement Policy. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #15 : Offered by Councilman DeLong, 2nd by Councilman Zaengle: BE IT RESOLVED: that authorization be given to the Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor to pay all elected and appointed officials and Highway Payroll certified by the Highway Superintendent not to exceed wage amounts approved by the Board or number of hours indicated. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #16: Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, 2nd by Councilman Miller: BE IT RESOLVED: that authorization to be given to the Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor to pay salaries of the Youth Recreation Program employees not to exceed the 2017 Budgeted amounts plus Town's share of social security. Payroll to be submitted by the Program Director and be paid bi-weekly. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #17: Offered by Councilman Zaengle, 2nd by Councilman DeLong: BE IT RESOLVED: that Town Officials may claim 48c (forty-eight cents) a mile traveled by personal vehicle on mandated Official Town business. Further, all officials may charge same for non-mandated schooling, meetings, workshops etc.

with prior authorization from the Town Board. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #18: Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, 2nd by Councilman Miller: BE IT RESOLVED: that Town Officials seek prior authorization from the Town Board before attending any school exceeding \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) in cost. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #19: Offered by Councilman Miller, 2nd by Councilman Ridgeway: BE IT RESOLVED: that the following salaries be paid elected and appointed Officials as adopted in the 2017 Budget as follows:

Supervisor	\$6,900.00
Councilmen (4) @ \$2,233	\$8,932.00
Town Clerk	\$11,725.00
Hwy. Superintendent	\$45,000.00
Justices (2) @ \$7,000	\$14,000.00
Sole Assessor	\$12,000.00
Tax Collector	\$2,538.00
Court Clerk	\$6,729.00
Town Attorney	\$1,200.00
Town Bookkeeper	\$12,682.00
Highway Secretary	\$12,165.00
Assessor Clerk	\$1,500.00

Salaries to be paid quarterly except that of the Highway Superintendent, Bookkeeper, Highway Secretary Assessor and Town Clerk which will be paid bi-weekly. The Board of Assessment Review, Town Attorney and Health Officer be paid annually plus Town’s share of social security where it applies.

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

RESOLUTION #20: Offered by Councilman Zaengle, 2nd by Councilman Miller: BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Assessment Review members be paid prevailing minimum wage or \$10.00 per hour, which ever is greater and the Secretary be paid at the same rate for additional duties. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #21: Offered by Councilman DeLong, 2nd by Councilman Zaengle : BE IT RESOLVED: that the following be adopted as the general procedural Agenda for the regularly scheduled meetings of the Town Board.

- Call to Order/Flag Salute
- Minutes
- Public Input
- Highway Superintendent
- Water Superintendent
- Financial/Audit of Claims
- Code Enforcement Officer
- County Representative
- Planning Board
- Committee Reports
- Old Business
- New Business
- Supervisor Information
- Town Clerk
- Adjournment

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

RESOLUTION #22: Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, 2nd by Councilman Miller: BE IT RESOLVED: that part-time Highway Employees be paid a minimum of \$9.70 or minimum wage, whichever is greater unless they have a Commercial Drivers License in which case pay is not to exceed \$14.00 per hour. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #23: Offered by Councilman Zaengle, 2nd by Councilman Ridgeway: BE IT RESOLVED: that full-time Highway Employee's pay and benefits are to be subject to the Union contract signed with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 97, effective January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2017. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

The Town Clerk chose not to have a Deputy Town Clerk.

RESOLUTION #24: Offered by Councilman Miller, 2nd by Councilman Ridgeway: BE IT RESOLVED: that Community Bank, Schenevus Branch Office and the Bank of Richmondville be the Official Banks for all deposits by all officials under Sec. 69 of Town Law and that the Supervisor has the authority to invest in another bank for the purpose of obtaining the best interest rates possible under Sec. 11 of General Municipal law. This is done with acknowledgment to the State Comptroller's Guidelines. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #25: Offered by Councilman DeLong, 2nd by Councilman Zaengle: BE IT RESOLVED: that authorization be given to the Water Superintendent to purchase emergency equipment for up to \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) without prior Board approval but still abiding by the bid process in the Town's Procurement Policy. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

Supervisor Lindberg appointed Councilman David Miller as Deputy Supervisor for the year 2017.

Supervisor Lindberg appointed Alice Hughes as the Town's Bookkeeper/Secretary for the year 2017.

RESOLUTION #26 : Offered by Councilman DeLong, 2nd by Councilman Zaengle: BE IT RESOLVED: To re-affirm the status of the BOARD OF APPEALS appointments. Terms will expire as follows: Richard Soules 1/17 vacant 1/18; Kathryn Demby 1/19; Jeremiah Butler 1/20; David Parker 1/21 VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #27: Offered by Councilman Miller, 2nd by Councilman DeLong: BE IT RESOLVED: to appoint Jo-Ann Beverland as Registrar of Vital Statistics and Theresa Walsh as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for the year 2017. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

The resolution to re-affirm the Board of Assessment Review members was tabled.

RESOLUTION # 28 : Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, 2nd by Councilman Miller: BE IT RESOLVED: to re-affirm the status of the Planning Board appointments. Current seven year terms will expire as follows: , Kevin Norton 2/17; Donald Kirby 2/18; Pat Fiederer 2/19; Tim Powers 2/20; Matt Stevens 2/21; Bruce Hollenbeck 2/22; Barb Hamil 2/23. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #29: Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, 2nd by Councilman Miller: BE IT RESOLVED: to re-appoint Cheri Kinch-Powers as TOWN JUSTICE COURT CLERK at a salary of \$6,729.00 for the year 2017. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #30: Offered by Councilman Zaengle, 2nd by Councilman DeLong: BE IT RESOLVED: to authorize the payment of \$10.00 (ten dollars) a night to selected TOWN COURT JURORS as compensation for

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

RESOLUTION #31: Offered by Councilman DeLong, 2nd by Councilman Zaengle: BE IT RESOLVED: to appoint Don Lindberg as the FAIR HOUSING OFFICER for the year 2017. VOTE: Ayes 4 (Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0 *Supervisor Lindberg abstained*

RESOLUTION #32: Offered by Councilman Miller, 2nd by Councilman DeLong: BE IT RESOLVED: to appoint Jo-Ann Beverland as the RECORDS ACCESS OFFICER for the year 2017. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #33: Offered by Councilman DeLong, 2nd by Councilman Zaengle: BE IT RESOLVED: to re-appoint Marilyn Dufresne as OFFICER IN CHARGE OF HISTORICAL RECORDS for the year 2017. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #34: Offered by Councilman Zaengle, 2nd by Councilman Miller: BE IT RESOLVED: to re-appoint Peggy Suydam as Dog Control and Dog Damage Officer for 2017. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #35: Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, 2nd by Councilman DeLong: BE IT RESOLVED: to re-appoint Jo-Ann Beverland as HIGHWAY SECRETARY/ BOOKKEEPER for the year 2017. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #36: Offered by Councilman Miller, 2nd by Councilman DeLong: BE IT RESOLVED: to re-appoint Freeland VanBuren as TOWN COURT ATTENDANT for the year 2017. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #37: Offered by Councilman Miller, 2nd by Councilman DeLong: BE IT RESOLVED: to appoint Jo-Ann Beverland as WORCESTER WATER DISTRICT #2 WATER RENT COLLECTOR at a salary of \$4120.00 for the year 2017 and EAST WORCESTER WATER DISTRICT #1 WATER RENT COLLECTOR at a salary of \$1,165.00. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

The appointment of a health officer was tabled.

RESOLUTION #38: Offered by Councilman Zaengle, 2nd by Councilman Miller: BE IT RESOLVED: to re-affirm Res. #69 (5/14/12) the TIME WARNER FRANCHISE AGREEMENT until it expires on August 23, 2027. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

Councilman DeLong asked if other members of the board would consider exploring the possibility of using Otsego County Code Enforcement rather than hiring our own. No other board member wanted to go back to using County Codes.

RESOLUTION #39: Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, 2nd by Councilman Miller: BE IT RESOLVED: that the Worcester Town Board re-appoint Lloyd Stannard LAND USE REGULATIONS OFFICER and CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER for the 2017. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

Roger Butler, Highway Superintendent appoints Ted Handy as Deputy Highway Superintendent.

RESOLUTION #40: Offered by Councilman Miller, second by Councilman DeLong: BE IT RESOLVED

that the Worcester Town Board re-affirms resolution #151 (12/12/16) accepting the Susquehanna Animal Services Contract for the year of 2017.

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

RESOLUTION #41: Offered by Councilman DeLong, 2nd by Councilman Ridgeway: BE IT RESOLVED: that the Worcester Town Board appoint Joanne Spina as Summer Youth Program Director for the year 2017. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #42: Offered by Councilman Miller, second by Councilman Zaengle: Be it resolved that the Worcester Town Board re-appoints Aaron House as Water Superintendent for the year 2017. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #43: Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman Miller: BE IT RESOLVED that the Worcester Town Board appoints Freeland VanBuren as Recycling Attendant at \$12.00 per hour. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #44: Offered by Councilman DeLong, second by Councilman Zaengle: BE IT RESOLVED that the Worcester Town Board appoints Freeland VanBuren as an employee in charge of in the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks and mowing of grass in town parks at a rate of \$12.00 per hour. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #45: Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman Zaengle: BE IT RESOLVED that the Worcester Town Board reaffirms their lease agreement with the Worcester United Methodist Church for the Town Clerk's office location. VOTE: Ayes: 3 (Lindberg, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Nays: 0 (*DeLong and Miller abstained*)

RESOLUTION #46: Offered by Councilman Zaengle, second by Councilman DeLong: BE IT RESOLVED: that the Worcester Town Board appoints David Parker to the Board of Assessment Review to fill an unexpired term ending 9/30/20. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

RESOLUTION #47: Offered by Councilman Ridgeway, second by Councilman DeLong: BE IT RESOLVED that the Worcester Town Board reaffirms the status of the Board of Assessment Review appointments: Lucy Conroe 9/30/19; David Parker 9/30/20 and Richard Soules 9/30/21. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27pm was offered by Councilman DeLong, seconded by Councilman Miller. VOTE: Ayes 5 (Lindberg, Miller, DeLong, Ridgeway, Zaengle) Noes: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Beverland
Town Clerk