

Town of Worcester
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2022

Call to Order - Chairman Paul Precour called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. at the Worcester Town Hall. Present were Supervisors Jeremy Pesko and Jim Michler. Also present were clerk/treasurer Roberta Reese and 9 visitors.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call – All present.

Approve Minutes from September 20, 2022, Regular Town Board Meeting – Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to approve minutes from September 20, 2022, regular town board meeting. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes from September 27, 2022, Special Town Board Meeting – Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to approve minutes from September 27, 2022, special town board meeting. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes from September 28, 2022, Special Town Board Meeting – Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to approve minutes from September 28, 2022, special town board meeting. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes from October 6, 2022, Special Town Board Meeting – Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to approve minutes from October 6, 2022, special town board meeting. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes from October 17, 2022, Special Town Board Meeting – Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to approve minutes from October 17, 2022, special town board meeting. Motion carried.

Chair report - Working on improving signage, new hires, electrical work is done for what was contracted, new outside sign is done, people need to trim trees around driveways to allow emergency vehicle access.

Clerk/treasurer report – General checking – \$193,818.97; CMMA - \$ 37,884.19; \$154,838.74 - Bridge Fund. Will be transferring \$37,500 into bridge fund. Will have to cash out existing CD to be able to add to it.

Road crew report - Shouldering done on blacktopping projects, pulverizing to start on Old 13 Road, mowing brush.

Transfer station report - Continues to be busy, taking tires to Reubens, fiberoptic cable being run to recycling center building

Items for discussion and possible action:

Memorandum of understanding between Price County, City of Phillips, and Town of Worcester regarding fairgrounds bridge – County has determined the old bridge on Forest Lane and Highway H by the Fairgrounds to be a hazard. It is undetermined who owns the bridge. The county is willing to take the bridge down and scrap it. Motion by Jim Michler,

second by Jeremy Pesko to sign memorandum of understanding between Price County, City of Phillips and Town of Worcester with regards to the bridge known as the fairgrounds bridge. Motion carried.

Joint Powers Agreement between 9-1-1 dispatch center and Town of Worcester – Under Wisconsin Statutes, a joint powers agreement must be in place between a 911 dispatch center and the township in which services are rendered. Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to accept the joint powers agreement between Price County 911 and the Town of Worcester. Motion carried.

Price County Zoning Department notification of Steven Foth Special Exemption permit – Issue for the town would be setback enough to allow for road maintenance. Paul will look into this further.

Recycling Center Manager retirement - Terry Michek will be retiring from his position as the recycling center manager effective November 30, 2022. **a. Job posting for recycling center manager.** Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to do a job posting for recycling center manager. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator retirement. Terry Michek will retire on December 31, 2022. **a. Replace zoning administrator or turn over to county.** County will take it back if that is what town decides. Discussion on the costs and issues involved if town continues to do its own zoning versus giving it back to the county. Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to run an ad in the paper for a zoning administrator. Motion carried.

Eagle Accounting contract – Eagle Accounting will maintain their price for the year end audit for either a one-year or three-year contract. Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to sign a 3-year contract with Eagle Accounting for \$5200/year. Motion carried.

Copy policy – Discussion on recent court ruling regarding allowable price per copy of 3 cents. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko to change fee for copies to zero per copy. Motion carried.

Wisconsin Towns Association Price County Unit Meeting Wednesday, October 19 at 7 p.m.

Set date for public budget hearing and Special Town Meeting of Electors – Set for November 15, 2022, at 6 p.m.

Approve resolution to increase town levy – Paul read the resolution of town board proposing to exceed levy limit. Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to present the resolution of the town board proposing to exceed levy limit to the electorate at the special town meeting on November 15, 2022. Motion carried.

2023 budget discussion – Discussion on 2023 budget line items and reasoning for changes. Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to present this budget to the electorate on November 15, 2022, meeting. Motion carried.

Increase debt levy – The town is looking at a debt levy with a \$300,000 loan. With the approval of the \$45,364 levy limit increase, the total tax levy for 2023 would be \$572,182.

Approve vouchers – Motion by Jim Michler, second by Paul Precour to approve vouchers 16683 – 16707 in the amount of \$197,257.27 which includes \$175,000 paid to American Asphalt of Wisconsin. Motion carried.

Adjourn – Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to adjourn at 9:06 p.m. Motion carried.

Roberta Reese, Clerk/Treasurer