

Town of Worcester Public Hearing on Budget – November 15, 2022

Chairman Paul Precour called the public hearing to order at 6 p.m. at the Worcester Town Hall. Present were Supervisors Jeremy Pesko and Jim Michler; Clerk/Treasurer Roberta Reese. There were 23 members of the public present.

The proposed 2023 budget was reviewed in the amount of \$1,087,315.00, which is a 24.5% increase over 2022. This includes a \$100,000 increase in blacktopping costs.

Budget line items discussed with the public included culvert installation costs, purchase of enclosed trailer to haul road signs, bridge fund, clerk/treasurer salary, use of ARPA funds for blacktopping the boat landings, budget for gravel, reclaiming gravel roads, Disappearing Creek Bridge project, and maintenance of gravel roads,

Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to close the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. Motion carried.

Town of Worcester Special Town Elector Meeting – November 15, 2022

Chairman Paul Precour called the Special Town Elector Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

The board discussed and explained 66.0602(5) Wis. Stat. allowing electors in a town to exceed the maximum allowable town tax levy limit for the Town of Worcester. The amount in discussed is a 20% increase or \$45,364 over the allowable 2022 town tax levy (to be collected in 2023) for a town tax levy of \$272,182. Number of town electors voting aye: 18. Number of town electors voting nay: 8. Number of town electors abstaining: 5.

The compensation of town officials and clerk/treasurer was discussed. The clerk/treasurer compensation was increased to \$44,000 from \$38,200 by a majority of the vote (aye - 19; nay – 1; abstain - 3). The chairman compensation was increased to \$8400 from \$7200 by a majority of the vote (aye - 20; nay - 0; abstain – 3). The supervisor compensation was increased to \$4200 from \$3600 by a majority of the vote (aye - 18; nay - 5; abstain - 1).

The Electorate voted to adopt the town tax for 2022 (payable in 2023) of \$272,182. Number of town electors voting aye: 15. Number of town electors voting nay: 5. Number of town electors abstaining: 6.

Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Roberta Reese
Clerk/Treasurer