

**Town of Worcester  
Regular Town Board Meeting  
December 20, 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 13 visitors.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

**Roll call** – All present.

**Approve minutes from November 15, 2022, regular town board meeting** – Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2022, regular town board meeting. Motion carried.

**Approve minutes from November 18, 2022, special town board meeting** – Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2022, special town board meeting. Motion carried.

**Approve minutes from November 21, 2022, special town board meeting** – Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2022, special town board meeting. Motion carried.

**Chair report** – Recent winter storm kept roadcrew busy; will have roadcrew meeting after the holidays; federal forest grant submitted – should get some of the available monies; attended meeting with Price County Highway Commissioner and bridge inspector; working on delinquent fire department billings.

**Clerk/treasurer report** – General checking \$109,403.85; CMMA \$37,901.57. Property tax bills have been mailed.

**Road crew report** – Recent winter storm was difficult to plow; concentrating on snow removal and sanding.

**Transfer station report** – Still very busy; shipped more sheet steel.

**Items for discussion and possible action**

**Conditional Use Permit Application by Priscilla Geboy** – Planning Commission reviewed application and voted unanimously in favor of approving. All paperwork is in order. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko to approve Conditional Use Permit for Priscilla Geboy. Motion carried.

**Approve 2023 Budget** – Reviewed the 2023 budget. Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to approve the 2023 Town of Worcester budget as presented. Motion carried.

**Mink Ranch Road Maintenance Agreement with the Town of Elk** – Reviewed the proposal by the Town of Elk for maintenance of Mink Ranch Road. Discussion on the costs of road maintenance. Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to table the joint agreement with the Town of Elk. Motion carried.

**Bridge Fund Checking Account** – We will need to begin paying bills for the upcoming Disappearing Creek Bridge project. Discussion of record keeping and banking requirements

needed for funds distribution as the project progresses. Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to table the bridge fund checking account. Motion carried.

**Price County Zoning assuming zoning for the Town of Worcester** – The town has researched its options regarding future management of zoning including reviewing zoning management practices of similar towns, persons available to assume the role of zoning administrator, and allowing Price County to assume it. No additional costs to the town to have Price County Zoning assume zoning duties for Worcester, and Worcester will be notified by Price County when variances are filed. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko to turn the zoning function of the Town of Worcester over to Price County Zoning. Roll call vote – Paul – yes; Jeremy – yes; Jim – yes. Motion carried.

**Posting of hiring of recycling center attendant** – Recycling center attendant resigned. Recycling Center continues to be busy so will need replacement. Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to post for hiring of recycling center attendant. Motion carried.

**Membership invoice Town Advocacy Council** – Discussion on potential benefits of a membership in the Town Advocacy Council. Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to pay the membership for the Town Advocacy Council. Motion carried.

**Salt shed inspection** – Town does not have a salt shed, but will have an inspection in February or March 2023 on how salt/sand is stored by AECOM for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Bureau of Highway Maintenance.

**Red Apple Center Contract for 2023** – Reviewed annual contract with the Red Apple Center for twice monthly cleaning services for the town hall. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko to approve the Red Apple Center contract for 2023. Motion carried.

**Host WTA meeting** – Town of Worcester is hosting the Wisconsin Towns Association meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2023.

**Winter Road Conditions** – Town works to balance road maintenance with budget constraints. Severe winter storms such as the recent one can be difficult to manage through on a limited budget.

**Approve vouchers** – Motion by Jim Michler, second by Paul Precour to approve vouchers #16744 through #16781 in the amount of \$85,734.01. Motion carried.

**Adjourn** – Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Motion carried.

Roberta Reese, Clerk/Treasurer