

Town of Worcester
Regular Town Board Meeting
May 16, 2023

Call to order – Chairman Paul Precour called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Worcester Town Hall. Present were Supervisors Jeremy Pesko and Jim Michler. Also present were Clerk/Treasurer Roberta Reese and 11 visitors.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Roll call: Paul - present; Jeremy - present; Jim - present.

Approve minutes from April 18, 2023, Regular Town Board meeting – Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2023, Regular Town Board meeting. Motion carried.

Approve minutes from May 5, 2023, at 12:50 p.m. Special Town Board meeting – Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2023, at 12:50 p.m. Special Town Board meeting. Motion carried.

Approve minutes from May 5, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. Special Town Board meeting – Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. Special Town Board meeting. Motion carried.

Approve minutes from May 5, 2023, at 2 p.m. Special Town Board meeting – Motion by Jim Michler, second by Paul Precour to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2023, at 2 p.m. Special Town Board meeting. Motion carried.

Approve minutes from May 9, 2023, at 8 a.m. Special Town Board meeting – Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2023, at 8 a.m. Special Town Board meeting. Motion carried.

Approve minutes from May 9, 2023, at 12:30 p.m. Special Town Board meeting – Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2023, at 12:30 p.m. Special Town Board meeting. Motion carried.

Chair report – Notified by the Rural School Resource Advisory Committee that town will receive a \$100,000+ grant to work on mainly Sailor Lake Road and Sheep Ranch Road. Also notified by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation that town will receive 100% federal funding for the bridge over Aabajiwani Creek on Squaw Creek Road (Roller Coaster Road) for slightly less than \$1,000,000. Will need to sign state municipal agreement for this. Public involvement meeting for Disappearing Creek Bridge project on May 31, 2023, at 5 p.m. at the town hall. All roads have been graded. Culvert on East Solberg Lake Road by Comfort Cove will be replaced before Memorial Day.

Clerk/treasurer report – General checking \$172,604.30; BCMMA \$37,954.82; Bridge Fund \$195,178.52. Hired a deputy clerk/treasurer.

Road crew report - Sheep Ranch and Old 13 Roads spring road washouts fixed. Purchased a blade for the front end loader. Patch trailer not heating up so we borrowed one from the City of

Phillips. Discussed renting patch trailer in the future. Sink hole on South Worcester Road by bridge repaired.

Transfer station report – Recycling center attendant had minor injury.

Items for discussion and possible action

Open blacktopping bids – Opened and reviewed bids for blacktopping Old 13 Road and approaches to bridge on Murphy Lake Road. There was one bid for Murphy Lake Road bridge job and two bids for Old 13 Road job. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko to give the blacktopping to American Asphalt under renegotiated terms for a total price of \$315,760 for both Old 13 Road job and Murphy Lake bridge job. Motion carried.

Price County Zoning notification of conditional use permit application by Michael Dahlie for purpose of renting a home on a short-term basis at W6647 County Road H – Price County Zoning meeting on May 25, 2023, at 9:05 a.m. to review this application. Town has no concerns regarding this conditional use permit application.

Public access point in Maple Crest Subdivision Realtor Coty Flessert has brought to town's attention subdivision plotted out on Shady Hollow Lane with a section for lake access that is town property. New property owner inquiring about clearing town's property for lake access. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko for Paul to look at what the situation is for the public access point in the Maple Crest subdivision for anything we should do or not do about it and report back at next meeting. Motion carried.

Additional dumpster for recycling center – Primary use for additional dumpster would be bulky items like sofas and mattresses. Will look further into pricing. Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to table to next meeting getting an additional dumpster until we can get additional information. Motion carried.

Discuss summer hours and part-time hours for road crew – Road crew works four 10-hour days per week during summer. Part-time road crew to average less than 30 hours per week.

Hiring for tree trimming – Numerous trees need trimming beyond what road crew can safely handle with town's equipment. Discussion on extent of work town wants to undertake versus costs. Old 13 Road in the area of future blacktopping is discussed. Reviewed proposal by HD Land Management for tree trimming and clean up. Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to hire HD Land Management to trim the "Blue A" section on proposal for Old 13 Road at \$275/hour for cutting and town crew will do the chipping. Motion carried.

Various continuous monthly bills being paid via automatic deduction vs. check – Roberta has contacted vendors with bill due dates near the time of monthly meeting and gotten adjusted due dates. She will continue to work with vendors as necessary.

Nominate Price Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting representative for voting – Received notification of annual meeting for Price Electric Cooperative and ballot for voting for Price Electric Board of Directors. Motion by Paul Precour, second by Jeremy Pesko for Jim Michler to be the representative for voting for Price Electric Cooperative's 2023 director election. Motion carried.

Outside electrical receptacle for hot patch machine – No action taken since hot patch machine is out of service.

Approve vouchers – Motion by Jim Michler, second by Paul Precour to approve vouchers #16903 to #16932 in the amount of \$34,963.07. Motion carried.

Adjourn – Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried.

Roberta Reese, Clerk/Treasurer