

Town of Worcester
Regular Town Board Meeting
July 18, 2023

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 8 visitors.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Approve minutes from June 20, 2023, regular town board meeting – Motion by Jim Michler, second by Paul Precour to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2023, regular town board meeting. Motion carried.

Approve minutes from June 26, 2023, special town board meeting – Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2023, special town board meeting. Motion carried.

Chair report – Road crew working hard; Paul and Neil viewed Sheep Ranch Road and Sailor Lake Road with Forest Service representative Eric Lynch; ditching done from Old 13 Road to Maple Grove Road; going to attend webinar for Paser reporting; Old 13 Road blacktopping done, will do shouldering work in September. American Asphalt prepping to do approaches on Murphy Lake Road bridge.

Clerk/Treasurer report – General checking \$183,097.27; BCMMA \$37,977.03; Bridge fund \$195,178.52. Audit by Eagle Accounting completed with no issues.

Road crew report – Ditching and adding breaker run north and south of Holy Cross Road; put in gravel driveway approaches on Old 13 Road; temperature controllers are not working on hot patch trailer and found parts supplier to attempt a fix; road signs and sign stands continue to be stolen, will report this to the sheriff's department.

Transfer station report – Discussed under recycling center fee increase agenda item.

Items for discussion and possible action

Open gravel bids – Opened and reviewed bids for crushing 10,000 yards of ¾-inch gravel at the Worcester Transfer Station. There were two bids. Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to accept gravel crushing bid by Granberg Brothers, Inc. at \$4.45 per yard. Motion carried.

Additional bids for gravel – Discussion on having Granberg Brothers, Inc. crush additional gravel to be used under Rural Forest road grant. Initial amount discussed was \$25,000 or as needed or depending on what is available from federal forest pit as we are working Eric Lynch from the Forest Service.

Recycling center fees increase – Discussion on recycling center fees and need for additional dumpster. Need to discuss fee increase further at budget time. Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to table recycling center fee increase to next meeting. Motion carried.

Picnic license for Price County Fair – Application reviewed and is complete. Fee has been paid. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Paul Precour to approve picnic license for Price County Fair. Motion carried.

Price County collecting property taxes for coming year – Discussion on need for county to collect taxes with resignation of current clerk/treasurer and potential to have either a vacant clerk/treasurer position or new clerk/treasurer. Fee charged by Price County will be \$1.25 per parcel. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko to have Price County collect property taxes for the upcoming property tax year. Motion carried.

Rent hot patch machine from City of Phillips – Neil is working on getting parts to repair our hot patch trailer. Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to table renting hot patch machine from City of Phillips to next meeting. Motion carried.

Approve vouchers – Motion by Jim Michler, second by Paul Precour to approve vouchers #16957 through 16983, with the exception of #16978, which was voided due to a printing error. Motion carried.

Adjourn – Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Motion carried.

Roberta Reese, Clerk/Treasurer