

**Town of Worcester  
Regular Town Board Meeting  
September 19, 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 12 visitors.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

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

**Approve minutes from August 15, 2023, regular town board meeting** - Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2023, regular town board meeting. Motion carried.

**Approve minutes from August 29, 2023, special town board meeting** – Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko to approve the minutes from the August 29, 2023, special town board meeting. Motion carried.

**Approve minutes from September 12, 2023, at 12 p.m., special town board meeting** – Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2023, at 12 p.m. special town board meeting. Motion carried.

**Approve minutes from September 12, 2023, at 1 p.m., special town board meeting** – Motion by Jim Michler, second by Paul Precour to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2023, at 1 p.m. special town board meeting. Motion carried.

**Chair report** – Waiting for forest service approval of plan in order to get started on forest road project; SealTech crack sealing is on hold as their work on Cranberry Lane will have to wait until the cranberry harvest is over; Neil and Paul will be meeting with representative from Scott's for chip sealing.

**Clerk/Treasurer report** – General checking \$177,202.13; BCMMA \$37,999.61; Bridge CD \$196,638.35.

**Road crew report** – Patch trailer is fixed; working on replacing culverts on Holy Cross Road and Old 13 Road; cutting dead trees along roadsides; mowing ditches for second time this season and soon will start brushing on forest roads; ordering road signs for forest road project.

**Transfer station report Items for discussion and possible action** – Everything going smoothly. Still very busy.

**Land use permit for transfer station** – Looking into what size the salt/sand shed building needs to be in order to fill out the land use permit. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko to table the land use permit for the transfer station to the next regular board meeting. Motion carried.

**Proposal by Right of Way Professionals, Inc. for Disappearing Creek Bridge Project property rights acquisitions** - Need to acquire property rights from three parcels adjacent to the bridge and also two utility companies. Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to accept

proposal from Right of Way Professionals, Inc. to acquire properties and do necessary work for \$6850. Motion carried.

**Screening sand** – There is a lot of sand on the south side of the transfer station pit. Looking into costs from various providers to screen our sand versus purchasing it for the upcoming winter season. No action taken. Will keep on agenda for next meeting.

**Budget planning update 2024** – Worked through all income and about half of the expenditures for the budget. Next budget planning meeting will be September 27, 2023, at 7 p.m.

**Price County Zoning notification of conditional use permit application by Gary Kleinhans and Judith Atchley for renting a home on a short-term basis at N10942 W. Solberg Lake Road** – No concerns. Will notify of room tax.

**Referendum to convert clerk/treasurer to appointed position** – The clerk/treasurer position is currently an elected position and must be filled by a town resident. To convert the position to being appointed, the town would need to hold a referendum at the next election on April 2, 2024. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko to authorize Roberta to make an ordinance to trigger a referendum to make the combined office of clerk/treasurer to be filled by appointment versus election and to be reviewed by town's attorney and ready for the November meeting. Motion carried.

**Set date for fall road review** – Road review will be October 10, 2023, at 8 a.m.

**Approve vouchers** – Motion by Jim Michler, second by Paul Precour to approve voucher #17006 to #17036 in the amount of \$104,868.73. Motion carried.

**Adjourn** – Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried.

Roberta Reese, Clerk/Treasurer