

Town of Worcester
Regular Town Board Meeting
October 17, 2023

Call to Order – Chairman Paul Precour called the meeting to order at 7:13 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 September 19, 2023, regular town board meeting – Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2023, regular town board meeting. Motion carried.

Approve minutes from September 19, 2023, special town board meeting – Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2023, special town board meeting. Motion carried.

Approve minutes from September 27, 2023, special town board meeting – Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko to approve the minutes from the September 27, 2023, special town board meeting. Motion carried.

Approve minutes from October 10, 2023, special town board meeting – Motion by Jim Michler, second Paul Precour to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2023, special town board meeting. Motion carried.

Chair report – Road crew is busy hauling gravel to Sheep Ranch Road and Sailor Lake Road for forest roads project. Working on paperwork to receive our grant money for this project.

Clerk/Treasurer report – General checking \$189,781.53; BCMMA \$38,010.54; Bridge CD \$196,638.35. Discussion on outstanding blacktopping bill from American Asphalt of Wisconsin of over \$315,000 for paving Old 13 Road and approaches on Murphy Lake Road Bridge.

Road crew report – Forest road project went well; Waiting for correct part to arrive to fix International truck.

Transfer station report – Need new gates for transfer station.

Items for discussion and possible action

Land use permit for transfer station – Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko to table the land use permit for the transfer station to the next regular town board meeting. Motion carried.

Joint powers agreement between 911 dispatch center and Town of Worcester - Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko to approve the joint powers agreement between the 911 dispatch center and the Town of Worcester. Motion carried.

TRI grant – grant amount and select road to work on – TRI grant of approximately \$30,000 for which town will have to match funds. Paperwork will need to be submitted by November 1. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko to table the decision on selecting the road for the TRI grant to the meeting on Thursday, October 19, at 6 p.m. Motion carried.

Report on completion of Secure Rural School grant work on Sailor Lake Road/Sheep Ranch

Road – Sailor Lake Road and Sheep Ranch Road got about 7500 yards of gravel using grant monies. Town must now put bill together and send in for reimbursement.

Health/Dental insurance renewals – Dental insurance premium did not change; Health insurance premium went up slightly. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko to approve the health and dental insurance quotes for 2024. Motion carried.

Solberg Dam Road – township taking private road over or providing gravel – The DNR will not allow to make the road wider and the road needs to be up to specifications for a town road for the town to take it over nor does the town have the resources to start fixing private roads. No action taken.

Screening sand - No communications from individuals who would do the screening. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko to table screening sand line item to the Thursday, October 19 meeting at 6 p.m. Motion carried.

Gravel – report on crushing in Karnosh pit - Granberg will crush under \$25,000 worth of gravel in Karnosh pit and bill us next year.

Prevail CD maturity – CD at Prevail Bank will mature on November 20, 2023. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko that the Prevail CD be cashed in at maturity on November 20, 2023, and money put in CMMA account. Motion carried.

Resolution for borrowing - Resolution 2023-01 for borrowing. Lengthy discussion on financial impact of short-term vs. long-term borrowing and effect on property taxes. Bill from American Asphalt for blacktopping Old 13 Road must be paid. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Paul Precour to approve resolution 2023-01 to borrow \$300,000 to pay for blacktopping for Old 13 Road. Motion carried.

Resolution proposing to exceed levy limit – Discussion regarding future capital expenses including need for future roadwork, upgrading machinery, and expenses of potential bridge replacement on East Solberg Lake Road over Aabajjiwani Creek in approximately year 2029. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko to approve the resolution of the town board to exceed levy limit by 45%. Motion carried.

Proposed 2024 budget to present to town electors at public budget hearing – Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to table the proposed 2024 budget to present to town electors at public budget hearing to October 19 meeting at 6 p.m. Motion carried.

Set date for public budget hearing and special town meeting of electors – Public budget hearing and special town meeting of electors will take place on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, starting at 6 p.m.

Approve vouchers – Motion by Jim Michler, second by Paul Precour to approve vouchers #17038 to #17068 in the amount of \$63,758.91. Motion carried.

Adjourn – Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Roberta Reese, Clerk/Treasurer