

**Town of Worcester**  
**Special Town Board Meeting**  
**October 19, 2023**

**Call to Order** – Chairman Paul Precour called the meeting to order at 6 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.

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

**Items for discussion and possible action:**

**2024 budget**

**a. Discussion possible large item purchases** – Continuation from last meeting of review of age and condition of large equipment that the town currently owns and maintenance issues and costs for each item.

**b. Review and decide on road work for 2024** – Discussion on potential road work for 2024. Bass Lake Lane and Bass Lake boat landing were discussed for blacktopping. ARPA funds would be used for boat landing blacktopping. Reviewed roads with potential need for chip sealing and crack sealing and associated costs. Cost of blacktopping may rise significantly in the next year.

**c. Review all line items, make adjustments as needed** – Line item adjustments made as necessary.

**d. Review final budget for 2024** – Final budget was reviewed. Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to forward the 2024 budget to the electors for approval. Motion carried.

**Review bank loan interest offers and make decision on loan amounts (vote to proceed with loan as decided)** – Reviewed bank offers for \$300,000 loan for the purpose of paying American Asphalt. For a 5-year loan, Prevail offered 5.65%; Forward offered 5.59%. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko to get the loan from Forward Bank provided that Forward Bank allows town to make one payment per year, allow prepayment and charge interest for only the time money is outstanding. If those terms are not met, town would go to Prevail Bank. Motion carried.

**TRI, TRI-D and TRI-S grant applications**

**a. Decision on TRI grant road for grant** - Need to have the application in by November 1, 2023. The funds must be used for new construction. Discussion on roads that would most closely match the size of the grant. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Paul Precour that Paul apply for TRI grant to blacktop Swiss Point Road. Motion carried.

**b. Decision on road/roads for potential TRI-D and TRI-S grant** – Grant money is available to partially pay for blacktopping under both the TRI-D and TRI-S programs. Current Paser report ranked Little Elk Road as having the lowest Paser rating in the town. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko for Paul to apply for a TRI-D and/or TRI-S grant for Little Elk Road. Motion carried.

**Screening sand/or purchase of sand** – Not able to find anybody to screen our sand for us so town will have to purchase sand.

**Discuss meeting dates for interviews for clerk/treasurer position** – Interviews will be set up for Wednesday afternoon, October 25, 2023.

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

Roberta Reese, Clerk/Treasurer