

**Town of Worcester**  
**Regular Town Board Meeting**  
**December 19, 2023**

**Call to Order** – Chairman Paul Precour called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Worcester Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Jim Michler; Supervisor Jeremy Pesko was absent; Clerk/Treasurer Alli Mathys and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Roberta Reese. There were 19 visitors present.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

**Roll Call** – Paul – Present, Jim – Present, Jeremy - Absent

**Approve minutes from November 21, 2023, regular town board meeting** – Motion by Jim Michler, second by Paul Precour to approve minutes from November 21, 2023, regular town board meeting. Motion carried.

**Approve minutes from December 4, 2023, at 1 PM special town board meeting** – Motion to postpone December 4<sup>th</sup> 1 PM meeting minutes until January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting due to Paul being gone. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Paul Precour to postpone December 4<sup>th</sup> 1 PM meeting minutes until January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting due to Paul being gone. Motion carried.

**Approve minutes from December 4, 2023, at 2 PM special town board meeting** – Motion to postpone December 4<sup>th</sup> 2 PM meeting minutes until January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting due to Paul being gone. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Paul Precour to postpone December 4<sup>th</sup> 2 PM meeting minutes until January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting due to Paul being gone. Motion carried.

**Chair Report** – Discussed bids for bridge open in January. The grant meeting with Eric Lynch for the Chequamegon National Forest is taking place Wednesday December 20, 2023 at 10 AM at the Worcester Town Hall. Approved for \$89,000, expecting funds in January 2024. The paperwork for the Aabajjiwani-ziibiinsing bridge has been sent in for bids, 17 architects to reply by January 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Road Crew Report** – Discussed getting equipment ready, signs, tools, etc. for winter. Brackets and blade for front loader installed. Have been sending the tractor out every day to mow brush. Knocking on doors to see if anyone wants their branches cut to the tree stump and out of the way, vs the branches hanging. The tree on the corner of Little Chicago & 13, which was causing issues with visibility, has been removed.

**Transfer Station Report** – New replacement gate at recycling center working great

**Items for Discussion and Possible Action** – Move discussion of Mobile Home monthly municipal permit fees as required by the state up on the agenda. Chairman Paul Precour has talked to the lawyer about what to expect. In 2024 personal property will be done at the state level and will receive a fee. Mobile Homes will have a monthly or annual parking fee. Mobile Homes Parks in Worcester consist of Hilly Haven, Comfort Cove and Wegers Circle. Reviewed Ordinance 23-03 document for approval. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Paul Precour, to approve Ordinance 23-03 with a few grammar corrections. Motion carried.

**Land Use Permit for Transfer Station** – Motion by Jim Michler, second by Paul Precour, to table the Land Use Permit for Transfer Station discussion to the January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

**Price County Zoning** – Notification of conditional use permit application by Becky Charbonneau for renting a home on a short-term basis at W5750 County Road H. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Paul Precour to approve notification of conditional use permit application by Becky Charbonneau for renting a home on a short-term basis at W5750 County Road H. Motion carried.

**2024 Cleaning Contract with Red Apple Center** – Discussed approval of 2024 cleaning contract with Red Apple Center and the office being open while cleaning to allow adequate time for Town Clerk Treasurer and Deputy Clerk Treasurer to get work done. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Paul Precour for approval of 2024 cleaning contract with Red Apple. Motion carried.

**Salt/Sand Inspection at Recycling Center** – Chairman Paul Precour and Road Forman Neil Foytik discussed taking care of inspections.

**Approve Setting Up Referendum for April 2024, for the sale of land on Solberg Lake** – Discussion on whether to sell the property or not. Must get information for the vote submitted the third week of January for the 2024 April Referendum. Talk to lawyer about proper wording of sale. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Paul Precour to set up Referendum for April 2024 election. Motion carried.

**Flagpole Replacement** – Mrs. Michler has done some research on replacement flagpoles, discussed a Boy Scout potentially taking on the project. Will proceed with replacement. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Paul Precour to replace flagpole. Motion carried.

**Approve 2024 Budget** – Discussed the new budget. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Paul Precour to approve 2024 Budget. Motion carried.

**Approve Poll Workers for 2024-2025 Term** – Motion by Jim Michler, second by Paul Precour to approve 2024-2025 Term Poll Workers. Motion carried.

**Hire Peterson Metz Ltd to do 2023 Form CT** – Motion by Jim Michler, second by Paul Precour to hire Peterson Metz Ltd to do 2023 Form CT. Motion carried.

**Funds Transfer to pay vouchers for Bridge Expenditures** – Motion by Jim Michler, second by Paul Precour to move money out of CMMA account to General Checking. Motion carried.

**Approve Vouchers** – Motion by Jim Michler, second by Paul Precour to approve vouchers #17110 through 17141 in the amount of \$68,990.09. Voucher #17112 is void. Motion carried.

**Adjourn** – Motion by Jim Michler, second by Paul Precour to adjourn at 8:07 PM. Motion carried.

Alli Mathys – Clerk/Treasurer