

**Town of Worcester
Regular Town Board Meeting
February 20, 2024**

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 was Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Roberta Reese. Clerk/Treasurer Alli Mathys was absent. There were 8 visitors. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

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

Approve minutes from January 16, 2024, regular town board meeting – Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to approve January 16, 2024, regular town board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Approve minutes from January 25, 2024, special town board meeting – Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko to approve the January 25, 2024, special town board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Approve minutes from February 12, 2024, special town board meeting – Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to approve the February 12, 2024, special town board meeting minutes with noted change. Motion carried.

Chair report – Winter weather has been calm so far. Working with Price County on road restrictions being on and off due to early warm weather. American Asphalt will be putting plant in Worcester this summer in Janak's pit. Road crew has been doing a lot of maintenance work. Grader has new LED lighting.

Clerk/Treasurer report – General checking - \$294,896.67; BCMMA - \$224,789.07.

Road crew report – Road crew is catching up on brushing and chipping. Found a brush saw to attach to loader to reach higher to cut limbs. Looking to purchase a new drill press.

Transfer station report – Sent letter of appreciation to long-time GFL Environmental, Inc. driver, who recently retired.

Items for discussion and possible action

Land use permit for transfer station – Took measurements for future salt shed at transfer station site. Price County Zoning suggested we file a general permit application to start the process. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko to submit proposed Price County land use permit application for transfer station. Motion carried.

Road Crew Pay/Vacation Time – No changes.

Road Crew 10 Hour Days probationary period ended – Review for continuation – Difficult to evaluate due to unusually mild winter. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko to extend 10-hour day winter probationary period to end of winter because of no snow and reevaluate later this year. Motion carried.

Road Maintenance Agreement between Worcester & Town of Elk – Reviewed and no changes. Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to continue the road maintenance agreement with the Town of Elk. Motion carried.

2024 agreement for firefighting services for the Town of Worcester provided by the City of Phillips – Agreement sent by City of Phillips was reviewed. Property owners are reminded to contact their insurance carriers to establish proper amount of coverage for fire protection. The Phillips Fire Department bills the town for fire calls, and the town then bills the receipt of the service. Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to approve 2024 agreement for firefighting services for the Town of Worcester provided by the City of Phillips. Motion carried.

Finalize resolution 24-02-20 for land sale from attorney Schoenborn – Resolution 24-02-20: Resolution to submit to referendum for the April 2, 2024, election a resolution to authorize the sale of real estate was read and discussed. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko to approve Town of Worcester Resolution 24-02-20 to present sale of 25.4 acres parcels on East Solberg Lake Road to referendum. Motion carried.

Starting process with SEH – Scoping meeting and expenditure report – Started process for replacement of Aabajjiwani-Zibiinsing Creek Bridge (on Roller Coaster Road) with virtual meeting with representatives from Town of Worcester, SEH, Inc. and Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Price County Zoning Notification of Conditional Use Permit application by Price County Forestry for expanding Solberg Lake County Park Campground – Reviewed and discussed. No concerns.

Price County Zoning Notification of Conditional Use Permit application by Justin Ashbeck for purpose of building a home décor retail store with living quarters on HWY 13 – Reviewed and discussed. No concerns.

WisDOT Small Bridge/Culvert Program – approving county to handle the inventory and inspection phase – There is no cost to the town to have Price County do this. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko to approve Price County handling town’s culvert inspections and inventory phase under WisDOT program. Motion carried.

Information on quote for replacement of copier/fax/scanner – Reviewed information on potentially replacing copier/fax/scanner. Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko to table purchase to next meeting. Motion carried.

Approve vouchers – Motion by Jim Michler, second by Paul Precour to approve vouchers #17179 through #17210 for a total of \$54,278.21. February tax settlement disbursements were made earlier in February to NTC for \$131,431.00; Phillips School District for \$798,993.58 and Price County for \$675,658.85.

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

Roberta Reese, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer