

Town of Worcester
Regular Town Board Meeting
January 22nd, 2025

Call to Order – Chairman Jim Michler called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Worcester Town Hall. Present was Supervisors Russ Long and Jeremy Pesko and Clerk/Treasurer Alli Mathys. There were 6 visitors.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call – Jim – Present, Jeremy – present, Russ – Present

Approve minutes from December 17, 2024, Regular Town Board meeting – Motion by Russ Long, second by Jim Michler to approve minutes from December 17, 2024, Regular Town Board meeting. Motion carried.

Approve minutes from January 6, 2025, Special Town Board meeting – Motion by Russ Long, second by Jeremy Pesko to approve minutes from January 6, 2025, Special Town Board meeting. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Report – General Checking - \$158,960; BCMMA - \$828,641. Majority of the funds in the BCMMA account is the most recent tax funds we've received. Will be making the County and Schools portion payment soon.

Chair Report –

- **Disappearing Creek Bridge update** – We received the final bill from Radtke for \$16,612. Now we can start the process of submitting everything for the LRIP Grant.
- **Hills Road Bridge update** – This bridge project will be 100% paid for by the government, but the town must pay for the right of way acquisition, which is approximately \$13K. Jim has a meeting with the DOT next Monday, so he will learn more at that time. Estimated start time is still 2026.
- **Wake boat update** – The town discussed passing an Ordinance, even though there is no one willing and able to enforce the law. The town will also post signs near boat landings. Jim will look into next steps in order to pass the Ordinance.
- **25-acre update** – Jim has had a couple of meetings with the realtor Adam Speer and surveyor Al Simpson – they worked with an attorney to draft up the restrictions. Once that is complete, that will be presented to the rest of the board. Al Simpson will begin his work and bill the town as work is completed. Looks like it will be 9 lots total, Al will make sure all lots are buildable. Bug Tussel has said they are interested in building a 300 ft tower, said they will send us something in writing and we have yet to receive anything. The subdivision will be named – Red Pine Subdivision.

Road Crew Report and Transfer Station – Neil Foytik discussed the recent ad in the paper with the new road sign for Hills Road. They’ve been working on plowing snow, trimming branches, cutting down the dead trees. Deer Lake Road is cleared, working on Old 13 next. On the cold days they are doing work inside the shop – they’ve built an overhead hoist, which is a lot safer than using the loader. They use a hoist chain for the v box. They fixed the PTO on the tractor, ordered part from Lulich. Lulich quoted them to do the work at \$6,000, so they fixed it on their own for a few hundred dollars. Also replaced all fuel lines. Neil donated a gear wagon – they built a deck on it to help store equipment and keep it off the ground. A few other small repairs: spinner for v box quit working, fixed. They cut the tree that was on Murphy Lake Road bridge. It should be enough to get it unhooked once it thaws. Next projects: ground up brush now that the tractor is fixed.

Items for Discussion and Possible Action –

Ordinance 2024-12-6 To Appoint Town Clerk to the Board of Review – The town needs to pass an Ordinance to allow the town clerk to be on the Board of Review even after the position becomes an appointed position, which will be changing after the April election. After the board reviewed the Ordinance, they decided they wanted to go back to our lawyer and edit some wording before approving. Jeremy Pesko made a motion to table the Ordinance until the updates have been made. Russ Long seconded. Motion carried.

New furnace for Town Hall office – The current furnace at the hall is from 1991. Old and large, runs at full blast, making the hall very warm temporarily and then as soon as it turns off, it cools down very quickly. The cost for this expense was already built into the budget with anticipation that it would need to be replaced soon. We received quotes from Northern Comfort, which the board reviewed. Jeremy Pesko made a motion to approve replacing the furnace at a cost of \$5,856, Russ seconded. Motion carried.

Town Clerk Applications – The position has been posted in the paper and our 3-sites. No applications have been submitted at this time. We had a person of interest, but they decided against moving forward once they learned more about the harassment situation. They were able to read more into what is going on from our blog posts on our website – which reference the 4 previous clerks resignation letters.

Conditional Use Permit for Daniel Trelka at N10498 Sailor Lake Road – No protest or questions denying the Conditional Use Permit.

Approve Vouchers – Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Russ Long to approve vouchers # 17487 through 17519 in the amount of \$104,611.38. Motion carried.

Adjourn – Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Russ Long to adjourn at 8:04 PM. Motion carried.

Alli Mathys – Clerk/Treasurer