

**TOWN OF WORCESTER**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Worcester Town Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was held to confirm quorum.

Present:       Chairman Jim Michler  
                  Supervisor Russ Long  
                  Supervisor Jeremy Pesko  
                  Clerk/Treasurer Alli Mathys  
                  Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Regina Damjanovic  
                  10 Visitors

**Approve minutes from January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 Regular Town Board Meeting**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 Town Board Meeting. Motion carried.

**Approve minutes from February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Special Town Board Meeting**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Special Town Board Meeting. Motion carried.

**Approve minutes from February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Special Town Board Meeting**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Special Town Board Meeting. Motion carried.

**Clerk/Treasurer Report**

Feb tax payments received, total in the general checking account is \$1,922,583, but there are outstanding checks written for \$1,875,000 of that total for Feb. tax settlements to the County and schools. After those checks and today's vouchers are paid, the balance will be approximately \$26,000 in the general checking account. BCMMA account holds \$196,743.00. The election was yesterday, 126 voters.

**Chair Report**

- Disappearing Creek bridge reimbursement – paperwork has been submitted, in the hands of the facilitator. Expect to be reimbursed so we can pay off the loan that was taken out for this project.
- Wake boats – Atty Schoenborn has drafted up ordinance, submitted to DNR for approval. DNR is required to approve all boating ordinances, they have 60 days to review, once approved, then the Town Board can act.
- Snowplowing – Discussed two workers with OT or four workers at regular pay; job gets done faster and less pay. The Town plow routes have a total of 79 dead

ends and turnarounds which adds in more time. Additionally, the equipment used needs to be factored in to time and cost. The pay week runs from Sun – Sat. If workers put in their normal hours during the week and must plow on sat, there will be overtime. There has been zero OT this year up to a week ago. Discussion between the Board on what's the most efficient way to plow considering the work week, equipment, costs, and workers. Plan to assess the next snowfall and plan accordingly.

### **Road Crew Report and Transfer Station Report**

Keeping an eye on the culvert near Comfort Cove. Cut trough for water to flow through and so far, it's still flowing. Cutting trees and brushing. Caught a small problem on the grader, fuel cap malfunctioned, that has been fixed. Tomorrow is the annual MSHAW training. Spoke with the fire department about burning the brush pile, either tomorrow or next Thursday will burn.

### **Items for discussion and possible action:**

#### **Transmission repair to leased grader**

The Town of Worcester owns the grader that is leased to the City of Phillips, the transmission needs to be rebuilt, and the city is asking for assistance with the cost of the repairs. Jim Heizler explains what broke, what needs to be repaired and the estimated costs of the repair. The Board reviews the lease for the grader. The city is offering to take on half of the cost and has the intention to purchase the grader once the lease is up. The board tables this until after the city receives the bill. The Board is willing to work with the city on paying some of the costs. Motion was made and seconded to table this until after the city receives the final cost of the repairs. Motion carried.

#### **Ordinance 2024-12-6 To Appoint Town Elector to the Board of Review**

The Board explains what the Board of Review is. Per state statutes, if an appointed Clerk is not a town resident, the Board needs to appoint a Town Elector to the BOR. An ordinance needs to be put in place to do that. Atty Schoenborn has drafted the ordinance. Motion was made and seconded to approve Ordinance 2024-12-6. Motion carried.

#### **25-acres land sale**

Updates for land sale. Bug Tussle showed interest in placing a tower on the land, Jim asked them to put in writing, have not heard back. Another person was interested in putting in mini storage units. The surveyor found an old deed from the County to the Town that reserves the County the right to put in roads across the property. Asked the County if they're willing to remove those restrictions. No further action is to be taken today.

#### **\$1.8 Million ARIP Grant**

The term of this grant is for a total project cost up to \$2,087,000. The state pays 87.7%, town pays remaining. The project will be to upgrade most of Little Chicago Rd. and almost all Cranberry Lake Lane to standards where the roads will not need load restrictions in the Spring. Construction will be completed by outside contractor, must be bid. The Town

will choose the engineering firm. Construction to start in 2026, grant open until mid-2028. If the job goes over budget, the extra cost is the Town's responsibility. Discussion from the public. The Board explains the parameters that come with the ARIP grant. The Board will set up an open meeting with the engineering firms.

### **Fire charges from City of Phillips**

The Town received a letter from the city asking for payment of fire calls up front, rather than waiting to pay until after we collect payment from the owner responsible. Deputy clerk to research collection agency options. Table this until after the next fire ad hoc meeting. Motion was made and seconded to table this until after next fire meeting. Motion carried.

### **Approve the vouchers**

Motion was made and seconded to approve vouchers #17521 through 17550 in the amount of \$1,896,229.31. Motion carried.

### **Adjourn**

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:46 PM. Motion carried.

Regina Damjanovic, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer