

TOWN OF WORCESTER
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
April 15th, 2025

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Approve Minutes

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of March 12th, 2025 Special Town Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of March 18th, 2025 Town Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of April 8th, 2025 Special Town Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Report

Alli presented the town's financial report

Chair Report

- 25 acres –the surveyor found an easement giving the County the right to access the County Forest through the town's 25 acres. The County agreed to remove the easement at their board meeting earlier today, now we have a free and clear title. As soon as the survey is completed, the board can begin listing the lots for sale.
- Hills Rd. bridge – signed contract with Right of Way Consulting to deal with the right of way issues on five properties. Paid two of the property owners, \$300, still trying to contact the other three.
- Wake boats – condition report still needed, no progress. Someone was supposed to help with the report, but due to personal issues, is unable to continue. The board is looking for town help on submitting an unbiased report to the State.
- ARIP grant – the board signed a contract with a drilling firm for a total of \$7,750. They will give us \$1,150 off the total if our road crew does the flagging. A second contract is for the engineers to review the core samples and let us know the engineering costs (engineering costs are not to exceed \$5,000). The next step will be to meet with the engineers and plan to move forward. This will be a two-year project; we have until 2028 to complete. A little over 87% can be reimbursed, and we can submit the bill for reimbursement quarterly so we're not waiting until the end of the project to get some money back.

- Spring road review – Jim discussed the road review; they identified almost 10 miles of blacktop roads that need reconstruction now or in the near future. Costs will be about \$200,000/mile. Right now, we only have approximately \$100,000 in the budget for blacktopping. Plans to do some crack sealing, which is 5-10x cheaper. Haven't decided how much they are going to do as of now. Jeremy added information about the LRIP grant that we can apply for every 2 years. We found out we have approximately \$28,000 coming to us from an earlier grant. We can use those funds for a different project if need be. Most likely will be used for Liberty Lane, that road is bad. The LRIP grant has similar parameters to the ARIP grant.

Road Crew Report and Transfer Station Report

The road crew has removed all the plowing equipment from the machines and set up the grader to grade gravel roads. They started grading some roads, but roads are still soft, so they will work on the others once things dry up. They did one round of patching potholes, the frost this year has really beat up the roads. Old 13 pothole has been fixed, had cones around it with a flashing barrel, someone stole the cones. They are still cleaning up from the ice storm, sweeping sand off the roads and intersections. Found a new supplier for lubricants (Kreit Trucking), much cheaper, this will save the town thousands a year. Continuing to do regular maintenance on the machines and shop. Everything is going well with the transfer station.

Items for Discussion and possible action:

Fire charges from City of Phillips

Motion was made and seconded to table the discussion on fire charges to the next meeting. Motion carried.

Repairs to grader – leased to City of Phillips

The city of Phillips had estimated repair costs to be around \$20,000, but actual cost came in at \$16,448.14. Town of Worcester agreed to cover \$6,500 of repair costs. Motion was made and seconded to approve the town's portion of repair costs at \$6,500. Motion carried.

Approve vouchers

Motion was made and seconded to approve the April vouchers in the amount of \$24,399.89. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Motion carried.

Alli Mathys, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer