

Town of Worcester
Regular Town Board Meeting
May 21st, 2024

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. Also present was Clerk/Treasurer Alli Mathys. There were 7 visitors.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call – Paul – Present, Jim – Present, Jeremy – Present

Approve minutes from April 15th, 2024, Special Town Board meeting – Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to approve minutes from April 15th, 2024, Special Town Board meeting. Motion carried.

Approve minutes from April 16th, 2024, Regular Town Board meeting – Motion by Jim Michler, second by Jeremy Pesko to approve minutes from April 16th, 2024, Special Town Board meeting. Motion carried.

Approve minutes from May 8th, 2024, Special Town Board meeting – Motion by Jim Michler, second by Paul Precour to approve minutes from May 8th, 2024, Special Town Board meeting. Motion carried.

Chair Report – Discussed the Solberg Bridge reconstruction meeting that is set for 5/23/24 at 11 AM. Mentioned the land that we own and how we want to proceed with the selling process. Plan to set up a Special Meeting with Zoom access for those that can't make the meeting in person. Possibility the county might be interested in the property for another tower, but they have not taken a vote on it yet. We received the 2024 Recycling Grant funds for \$6,087. Discussed solid wood burning issue, we are in the process of finding out if we need a license and what the proper next steps are.

Clerk/Treasurer Report – General Checking - \$242,799.44; BCMMA - \$226,451.43. Received Annual Recycling Grant Award for \$6,087.00. Purchased new printer/copier with ink with costs \$525.00 total.

Road Crew Report – Roadman Neil Foytik talked about completing the gravel on Holy Cross to HWY 13, patched a lot of potholes, taking advantage of the rain and have been out grading. Gravel on Cedar and Hillcrest. Brian just started mowing this week. Discussed conversation with Roger about the culvert on Substation, he gave a price on it, and we would also be applying for culvert aid where they would pay 50% of the cost. The Forest Roads culverts – currently don't have the staff to do work, so will be contacting Ester at

Price County for paid help. Pulled out trees by Bass Lake Rd boat landing, ready to be blacktopped. Surveying was completed, marked boundary lines. Trees will need to be cut down, road needs to be widened, set up meeting for 5/23/2024 at 9:30 AM to go out to property and discuss next steps.

Transfer Station Report – Sheriff’s Dept called due to brush pile being on fire, roadcrew went out and fixed issue, all contained and dug around. Looked like someone may have thrown cigarette onto pile.

Items for Discussion and Possible Action –

Discussion of action being taken on Snowdrift Rd and Pine Lane – Run through scarifier, lay of gravel, compact and chipseal. Chipseal to be done in September.

Federal Forest Road second payment and update on grant application – We should have our 2nd payment soon. Issue with grant application, we were denied grand funds so Paul called and found out that because Price County did not participate in Title 2, we would not receive any grant funds. Paul then reached out to Price County to make them aware of this process and they agreed to make sure that moving forward, they will do their part so we will receive future grants. For now, we will fill in the worst spots with the grant funds we do have.

Open blacktopping bids – Board members opened the American Asphalt bid for Bass Lake project for \$86,563.35. Work would begin early July. Jeremy made a motion to accept the bid costs, second by Jim Michler. Motion carried.

Reevaluate cell phone purchase and plan for Roadcrew and Clerk – Rediscussed cell phone plans for clerk and roadcrew. The problem is on the weekends when something happens and figuring out the best way to reach someone. Roadcrew could have one phone and whoever is on call would be able to take it home over the weekend. Clerk should have access to voicemails and be able to check those on days not in the office. Possible phone or just a way to dial into the office phone. Going to reach out to Norvado for options.

Bass Lake Rd deed, resolution, map, and possible attorney involvement – Property was surveyed and marked. Working with attorney to have all documents updated and filed correctly.

Approve Vouchers – Motion by Jim Michler, second by Paul Precour to approve vouchers #17261 through 17290 in the amount of \$21,980.27. Motion carried.

Adjourn – Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Jim Michler to adjourn at 8:10 PM. Motion carried.

Alli Mathys – Clerk/Treasurer