

Town of Worcester
Regular Town Board Meeting
July 16, 2024

Call to Order – Chairman Jim Michler called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. at the Worcester Town Hall. Present was Supervisor Russ Long. Absent were Supervisor Jeremy Pesko and Clerk/Treasurer Alli Mathys. There were 17 visitors.

Pledge of Allegiance – was recited

Roll call – Jim - present; Jeremy - absent; Russ - present

Approve minutes from June 18, 2024, Regular Town Board Meeting - Motion by Russ Long, second by Jim Michler to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2024, regular town board meeting. Motion carried.

Approve minutes from July 3, 2024, Special Town Board Meeting – Motion by Russ Long, second by Jim Michler to approve the minutes from the July 3, 2024, special town board meeting. Motion carried.

Chair report – We will be getting our final payment for the forest roads project; Work has begun on the Disappearing Creek Bridge; culverts for new driveways need to be installed by the town. In an instance where the property owner did their own installation, it will have to be corrected to meet the specifications of the town at the owner's expense.

Clerk/Treasurer report – General checking \$265,629.47; BCMMA \$227,585.10; outstanding road construction loan of \$300,000. Working on annual audit and upcoming election.

Road crew report – Working on cleaning up from storm at end of June with lots of trees down and road washouts.

Transfer station report – Looking at what to do with brush pile at transfer station besides burning it.

Zoning – Discussed below with Price County Zoning notification.

Items for discussion and possible action

Assessor's contract for 2025 – Motion by Russ Long, second by Jim Michler to approve the assessor's contract for 2025 in the amount of \$24,200. Motion carried.

Sheep Ranch Road culvert – Chris Ester to get us pricing – Jim has a meeting with Roger Petrick from Price County this week to discuss Price County doing this project for us.

Roadcrew call in system – Still working on this project. Report back at next meeting.

Brush pile at transfer station – Still working on a solution to this issue.

Set date and time for budget meeting – Meeting set for July 29, 2024, at 12 p.m.

Resolution for borrowing for Disappearing Creek Bridge – Town must borrow to pay bridge costs up front and upon completion will be reimbursed for 50% of the costs from the state and 25% of the costs from the county. Motion by Russ Long, second by Jim Michler to approve borrowing up to \$500,000 for the Disappearing Creek Bridge project. Motion carried.

Transfer funds/loan to pay for Disappearing Creek Bridge – No action taken.

Joe France present petition on wake boats – Joe France presented petition and proposed resolution to restrict the use of wake boats in the Town of Worcester. Discussion regarding use of wake boats. Joe France and Anthony Sleck were gavelled down. Will look further into this topic and potentially schedule a longer meeting in the future to discuss.

Price County Zoning notification of application for conditional use permit by Lawrence and Melody Mahieu for renting a home on a short-term basis at N10502 Tioga Pass Road – No concerns.

Reevaluate time of regular town board meetings – Motion by Russ Long, second by Jim Michler to table until next meeting. Motion carried.

Approve vouchers – Motion by Russ Long, second by Jim Michler to approve vouchers #17316 through #17344 in the amount of \$38,623.43. Motion carried.

Adjourn – Motion by Russ Long, second by Jim Michler to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Roberta Reese, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer