

Town of Worcester
Regular Town Board Meeting
August 20th, 2024

Call to Order – Chairman Jim Michler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Worcester Town Hall. Present were Supervisors Jeremy Pesko and Russ Long, as well as Clerk/Treasurer Alli Mathys. There were 15 visitors.

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

Re-approve minutes from June 18th, 2024 Regular Town Board Meeting – Motion by Jeremy Pesko to approve minutes from June 18th, 2024 Regular Town Board Meeting, second by Jim Michler. Motion carried.

Approve minutes from July 16th, 2024 Regular Town Board Meeting – Motion by Russ Long to approve minutes from July 16th, 2024 Regular Town Board Meeting, second by Jim Michler. Motion carried.

Approve minutes from July 29th, 2024 Special Town Board Meeting – Motion by Jeremy Pesko to approve minutes from July 29th, 2024 Regular Town Board Meeting, second by Russ Long. Motion carried.

Approve minutes from August 7th, 2024 Special Town Board Meeting - Motion by Jeremy Pesko to approve minutes from August 7th, 2024 Regular Town Board Meeting, second by Russ Long. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer report – General Checking - \$317,428.35, BCMMA - \$228,163.39. Received \$75,921 from August Tax Settlement. Talked with Norvado on how to check voicemails when I am not in the office, found out that we already had a set up where all the voicemails are now emailed to my personal email.

Chair report – Discussed Disappearing Creek Bridge, project moving along quickly. Contract completion date is September 27th, but they are expecting an earlier end date. Met with Forward Bank last week to review the loan for the bridge. Chairman Jim Michler rejected the loan documents and asked they revamp the paperwork to reflect a 12-month timeframe to pay off the loan vs 6 months. The paperwork should be updated in the next few weeks and then we will meet with Forward again to proceed with the loan. Jim had an update meeting for Aabajijiesni-Ziibiinsing bridge with DNR, DOT and engineers. Engineering 30% complete, tweaking design to avoid archaeological investigation. 2026 completion timeline. Had the Spring Road Review – noticed the Substation Road failed culvert, too big for the town roadcrew to replace, so the county is doing the work. The town will pay for half of the expenses to complete, estimating \$13K, probably won't happen this year due to being a trout stream and will be done next year. There is a homeowner that put in their own driveway

culvert on Elderwood Road – the job was done incorrectly, causing the road to flood. We sent a letter to the homeowner via certified mail to let them know it needs to be redone by the town roadcrew at his cost. Have not heard back from him, so we plan to send another letter at the end of August if no response. Then if we still do not hear anything back, we will remove the culvert at his cost.

Wake boats – Provided the WTA handout to all attendees for them to review. Discussed the process the town is taking to make any changes, allowing anyone from the community to email the clerk/treasurer their input so that we can consider all sides of the situation. We will be posting all the information and public comments on our website. Mentioned the enforcement issue and left it up to the community to figure out who would enforce the rules moving forward. Showed example of a marketing piece that can be done by the community and go out to all homeowners explaining the wake boat rules and guidelines.

Update on Bass Lake boat landing and road – Blacktop is in and we received the bill for \$84K, which is mostly being paid for by the AARPA funds, which are dedicated forwards recreational use.

Forest Road culvert update – This culvert is too big of a project for our roadcrew, called Chris Estes Forest Service to handle it, on hold until Chris is back from leave. The Forest crew plan to redo all culverts within the next 3 years.

Disappearing Creek Bridge funding update – Everything was already discussed during the Chair Report.

Road crew report – Roadcrew Foreman Neil Foytik discussed how they are making good progress on storm clean up. Finished Raskie Road today, only a few roads left. Blacktop complete on Bass Lake Rd, shouldering will start once it cools down, need to let it settle. The Roadcrew went to a safety training by McCoy – felt it was good information and they learned a lot. Brushing has taken a backseat due to storm clean up and other higher priority projects. Brian is mowing on Forest Roads, it may look like some areas weren't touched, but the grass has been growing very fast this year due to rain.

Transfer station report – Very busy, lots of traffic. Since we cannot get a DNR permit to burn the brush ourselves, they have contacted Makovsky Brush about our brush pile cleanup, only way to do it is with a tub grinder, which is very expensive. Mitch also talked to Trey Tingo and possibly using the forestry head for the skid loader – rough quote is \$2-4K.

Items for discussion and possible action

Change Regular Town Board Meeting time – After discussion, agreed to leave the meeting time at 7 P.M.

Set next budget meeting date – Next budget meeting set for September 4th at 1 P.M.

Approve Vouchers - Motion by Russ Long, second by Jim Michler to approve vouchers 17345-17375 in the amount of \$217,299.55. Motion carried.

Adjourn – Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Russ Long to adjourn meeting at 7:56 P.M.
Motion carried.

Alli Mathys, Clerk/Treasurer