

Town of Worcester
Regular Town Board Meeting
September 17th, 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 8 visitors.

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

Approve minutes from September 4th, 2024 Special Town Board Meeting – Motion by Russ Long to approve minutes from September 4th, 2024 Special Town Board Meeting, second by Jim Michler. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer report – General Checking - \$72,369, BCMMA - \$740,208.15. We have \$800,000 in outstanding loans, bills tonight being approved for \$41,435, so we will have approximately \$30,934 in our checking account after checks are cashed.

Chair report – Bass Lake boat landing and road are almost complete. The latest update on Disappearing Creek Bridge is that the water is too shallow, work is set to be done to fix the issue. Should be 3.4 ft, and is sitting at 2-2.5 ft. Engineering firm is committed to getting the channel to the proper depth. Timeline is 1-2 weeks until completion. There have been a few engineering meetings about Squaw Creek Bridge and plans are coming into place. Public Review will be posted on town and county website once the information is provided. They are redesigning the bridge for 30 MPH speeds and will be smoothing out all bumps at the beginning of bridge. Completion is still planned for 2026. There is a Worcester resident who resides on Elderwood who put in his own culvert, the work was done incorrectly so the roadcrew is taking it out and installing a new one correctly at the cost of the resident. LRIP Update – Previous Chairman had hoped to do some road improvement on Popple Creek Rd and Wilson Lane. but unfortunately, we have already used up all our grant funds. It will be another 2 years before we can apply for more grant money. Supervisor Jeremy Pesko also discussed the ARIP Grant – He has begun the application process. It is very specific to agricultural work. The grant money covers 90% of the project and the town pays for the remaining 10%. The town of Worcester owns a 25-acre parcel of land, discussing what to do with that land. Jim Michler is meeting with Bug Tussel wireless company on October 8th, 2024, who have shown interest in putting up a tower on the property. Interested in potentially leasing or purchasing. The town will not commit to any deals until all information and documentation has been provided. At that point we would give notice to

the residents of the town. We are still working on the 2025 Budget and will be setting up our next meeting. Recently found a culvert on Substation Road that will need to be replaced due to

corrosion, so we will need to set aside money for that project. Also discussed possible new equipment that the roadcrew may need at some point. Plan to set aside \$50k-\$100k each year for any future large capital projects. Will likely have one more meeting to put everything together for the 2025 Budget, and then present to the town residents. Wake boat update – Continue to send the town clerk any information/thoughts on wake boats. It will all be posted on our town website.

Road crew & Transfer Station report – Roadcrew Foreman Neil Foytik discussed working on shouldering for Bass Lake Road, still a bit more to do. Almost complete with storm clean up. Spent time the last few weeks replacing failed road culverts that have rusted out on the bottom. They completed the graveling on Holy Cross and are now prepping to chipseal Snowdrift and Pine Lane. They had spent time cleaning up gravel on Hwy D from Scott's Construction. We will be sending them a letter to either charge them \$100.00 for this work or subtract it from our overall bill. Brian is almost done with mowing the first round and then will begin the second pass through up until the end of September, and then the road crew will take over.

Items for discussion and possible action

Brush pile at Transfer Station – The Town cannot burn without a permit, we are still discussing possible options to get rid of the pile. They have now put up a sign that states 'Only Brush/No Building Materials'. Since it's an ongoing issue and hard to monitor, we need to come up with a better plan. Will order more professional looking signs.

Rename Squaw Creek Road – Discussed next steps to rename Squaw Creek Road to Rollercoaster Road. Most of the town already knows it by that name, so it makes sense to legally have it changed. Chairman Jim Michler said he is looking into that process.

Set Road Review meeting – Set next Road Review meeting for September 25th at 11 AM.

Set next budget meeting – Set next Budget meeting for October 9th at 8 AM.

Approve Vouchers - Motion by Russ Long, second by Jim Michler to approve vouchers 17376-17399 in the amount of \$41,435.78. Motion carried.

Adjourn – Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Russ Long to adjourn meeting at 8:09 P.M. Motion carried.

Alli Mathys, Clerk/Treasurer