

Town of Worcester
Regular Town Board Meeting
October 15, 2024

Call to Order – Chairman Jim Michler called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. at the Worcester Town Hall. Present were Supervisors Jeremy Pesko and Russ and Clerk/Treasurer Alli Mathys. There were 14 visitors.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Approve minutes from August 20th, 2024, Regular Town Meeting -Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Russ Long to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2024, Regular Town Meeting. Motion carried.

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

Approve minutes from September 17th, 2024, Regular Town Board Meeting – Motion by Russ Long; second by Jeremy Pesko to approve minutes from September 17, 2024, Regular Town Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Approve minutes from September 25th, 2024, Special Town Board Meeting – Motion by Jeremy Pesko; second by Russ Long to approve minutes from September 25, 2024, Special Town Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Approve minutes from October 9th, 2024, Special Town Board Meeting – Motion by Jeremy Pesko; second by Russ Long to approve minutes from October 9, 2024, Special Town Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer report – General checking \$358,441 BCMMA \$539,734. We recently received our 4th Quarter Transportation Aid funds of \$79K and our PILT payment of \$63K. Our current outstanding loans are a \$500,000 loan for Disappearing Creek and \$300,000 loan for blacktopping. Discussed how we are in the works of having all our larger deposits to be direct deposited into the interest earning BCMMA account instead of the General Checking. Read off my early voting dates and times.

Chair report –

- Disappearing Creek Bride update – Almost all done with the bridge besides a few items still left to be completed by the subcontractor, will get the last bill mid-November. Only issue we ran into is that it is not deep enough and a large boulder, so the excavator is coming out next Monday. Chairman is checking on the cost to have boulder removed. Ordering “shallow water” signs right away.
- Squaw Creek Road Bridge update – 30% plans posted online, still set for a 2026 completion date.

- Road Review update – Discussed the 6 miles of roads that are at the end of their life and need for construction. Estimated costs would be \$250,000 per mile = \$1.5 million.
- Roberta resignation – Announced Roberta Reese’s resignation.
- 25 acres / Bug Tussel update – Wireless provider is interested in putting up a tower on the land owned by the town. Someone came out and walked the property and we are waiting to hear back from them. We are looking into having the property assessed and a real estate agent to provide an estimated value with and without the tower. We will not make any firm plans to sell a portion to Bug Tussel without a written offer from them.
- Wake boat update – All info sent to the clerk has been added to the website. Discussed the process for when/if we want to enforce any wake laws. If we don’t receive any further sign of interest in the topic by January, we will be dropping the issue.

Road crew and Transfer Station report –

- Road Crew – Roadman Neil Foytik discussed completion of Bass Lake Road. Worked on graveling/lift of Spruce Lane to help with water flooding (3-inch lift approx.) Graveled Hardwood Ridge – it got really washed out this spring. Cleaned up the Elderwood culvert mess, Rick Kilty had to come and help with digging. There are 6 driveways that the Forestry Department will be working on for the park expansion for walking trails. They worked on sloping E. Solberg Rd, cutting ditch out where it was always washing out. Talked to Roger Petrick about a guardrail on the Musser Lake Bridge, plan to get together with him to see if this is possible or not.
- Brush pile update – We are planning to do one burn a year. Supervisor Jeremy Pesko talked to the fire department, and the fire department will manage the burn and potentially use it for training. Probably wait until there is snow on the ground. Moving forward – only brush in the pile, needs to be regulated. Northern Lakes will take other items/garbage.

Items for discussion and possible action

Rename Squaw Creek Road Ordinance – Everyone is against the government coming in and changing the name to Aabajjiwani-Ziibiinsing, but those that live on the road are also against changing it to Rollercoaster Road, so we discussed other possible names and then had a vote. The new name voted on by the board (3 yes) is Hills Road and will be changed effective 1/1/2025. Tom Lewic had communicated with most of the neighbors, and he spoke about the issues and concerns they’ve had with people driving too fast up and down the road. Their concern is that it will draw an interest to out of towners to come and speed on the road. We discussed different ways to monitor speed – change speed limit, speed camera, etc.

Resolution for Levy Limit Increase to be voted on at the annual town budget meeting –

Discussed the Resolution 2024-01 about the tax levy increase that will be proposed and voted on at our next town board meeting on November 19th, 2024. Jeremy made a motion to approve the Resolution 2024-01, second by Russ Long. Motion carried.

Approve vouchers – Motion by Russ Long, second by Jim Michler to approve vouchers 17400 – 17425 in the amount of \$328,440.81. Motion carried.

Adjourn – Motion by Jeremy Pesko, second by Russ Long to adjourn meeting at 8:18 p.m. Motion carried.

Alli Mathys Clerk/Treasurer