

**Town of Worcester**  
**Regular Town Board Meeting**  
**December 17th, 2024**

**Call to Order** – Chairman Jim Michler called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Worcester Town Hall. Present was Supervisor Russ Long and Clerk/Treasurer Alli Mathys. There were 13 visitors.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

**Roll Call** – Jim – Present, Jeremy – not present, Russ – Present

**Approve minutes from November 19, 2024, Special Town Board meeting** – Motion by Russ Long, second by Jim Michler to approve minutes from November 19, 2024, Special Town Board meeting. Motion carried.

**Approve minutes from November 19, 2024, Regular Town Board meeting** – Motion by Russ Long, second by Jim Michler to approve minutes from November 19, 2024, Regular Town Board meeting. Motion carried.

**Approve minutes from November 21, 2024, Special Town Board meeting** – Motion by Russ Long, second by Jim Michler to approve minutes from November 21, 2024, Special Town Board meeting. Motion carried.

**Approve minutes from December 4, 2024, Special Town Board meeting** – Motion by Russ Long, second by Jim Michler to approve minutes from December 4, 2024, Special Town Board meeting. Motion carried.

**Approve minutes from December 5, 2024, Special Town Board meeting** – Motion by Russ Long, second by Jim Michler to approve minutes from December 5, 2024, Special Town Board meeting. Motion carried.

**Clerk/Treasurer Report** – General Checking - \$155,957; BCMMA - \$41,547. Just paid \$71,000 payment towards our \$300K Blacktopping loan, and \$350,000 towards our \$500K Bridge loan. Tax bills went out last week, you can pay them online or at the County office. Started to receive tax payments being deposited into our BCMMA account.

**Chair Report** –

- **Disappearing Creek Bridge update** – Submitted bridge change order, will be chipping down the boulder in the next few weeks. Once that is complete and engineer has authorized satisfaction, we can submit the paperwork to be

reimbursed for our portion of the funds. May take a few months to see that money. Town made large payment towards the loan today.

**Wake boat update** – Chairman Jim Michler did more research on enforcing the wake boat laws and talked to Recreation Deputy Sheriff Joel Eder he will only enforce state laws, not local ordinances. Unfortunately, the DNR is also spending a lot of money on other projects and not researching wake boat damage. At this point it is very hard to find anyone to enforce the rules/ordinances to cause any real change.

**Road Crew Report and Transfer Station** – Chuck Sutton discussed adding a camera to the plugged culvert on Murphy Lake Road. They will wait until Spring to try and dig it out and fix issue. Installed everything for winter, plows are ready to go, hazard lights ready, low tires are fixed. Ordered parts to fix the tractor. They are working on slippery parts of roads 4 days a week. Will be closed Christmas Eve and Day.

#### **Items for Discussion and Possible Action –**

**Simple IRA for part-time employees** – Jim Michler pitched extending the Simple IRA to part time employees (employees who make more than \$5k/year), after probation period. Russ Long made a motion to approve extending the Simple IRA to part-time employees, Jim Michler second, motion carried.

**25-acre land sale** – Jim Michler talked with Adam Speer with Birchland Realty. He is interested in working with the town to sell the property, did a title search and no issues there. He believes logging the property could potentially hurt the sale. Next steps are discussing it further with Supervisor Jeremy Pesko, since he was unable to attend the meeting and table it until then.

**2025 cleaning contract with Red Apple Center** – Russ Long made a motion to approve the 2025 cleaning contract with Red Apple Center, Jim Michler seconded, motion carried.

**2025 Town Advocacy Council Membership** – Russ Long made a motion to approve the 2025 Town Advocacy Council Membership, Jim Michler seconded, motion carried.

**Blog on town website** – The town would like to create a blog that will be on our website to help with better communication with the towns people. Examples: Plowing routes, election information, construction projects, etc. Russ Long approved the town starting a blog on our website for better communication, Jim Michler seconded, motion carried.

**Approve Vouchers** – Motion by Russ Long, second by Jim Michler to approve vouchers #17452 through 17483 in the amount of \$546,561.08. Motion carried.

**Adjourn** – Motion by Russ Long, second by Jim Michler to adjourn at 8:08 PM. Motion carried.

Alli Mathys – Clerk/Treasurer