

TOWN OF WORCESTER
Regular Town Board Meeting
October 21st, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Worcester Town Hall.

Present: Chairman Jim Michler
 Supervisor Jeremy Pesko
 Clerk/Treasurer Regina Damjanovic
 31 Visitors

Approve the Minutes

Motion is made and seconded to approve September 16th, 2025, special town board meeting minutes, motion carried.

Motion is made and seconded to approve September 16th, 2025, regular town board meeting minutes, motion carried.

Motion is made and seconded to approve the corrected September 23rd, 2025, fall road review meeting minutes, motion carried.

Motion is made and seconded to table the approval of the September 25th, 2025, special town board meeting minutes until next month's meeting, motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Report

- Financial report - Started the month of September with \$536,361.52 and ended with a balance of \$544,604.74. Transferred \$53,000 from the BCMMA to the checking account to cover checks written, payroll taxes, and IRA.

Chair Report

- Hills Road Bridge – Engineering is complete, they plan to post for bids in mid-December and open the bids January 14th. This project is 100% paid by government grant.
- PASER ratings – State requires us to rate all roads annually, that has been completed and sent into the State.

Road Crew Report and Transfer Station Report

Finished replacing driveway culverts on Little Chicago and widening Grassy Lane entry. Ditched and graveled the end of Elderwood Rd. Now that we have gotten some rain, we will be able to continue grading roads. Pulled lots of large rocks out of several forestry roads to prevent from hitting with equipment. Placed more road signage. Repairs on boat dock on Woodland, rotten boards and the dock had shifted onto the boat ramp. New tires installed on the dump truck and we will get credit for the old tires.

Transfer station- Everything is running smoothly; they've been busy. GFL switched out the trash dumpsters with a new style, same size, but harder to fill up. We will be adding one more trash dumpster to be used if needed.

Items for Discussion and possible action:

Resolution- number of election officials' requirement

County Clerk suggested to all town clerks that we make sure we have a resolution for the required number of election officials. State statute states that we are required to have five election officials, but on smaller elections we may not need five. Motion is made and seconded to approve the resolution for number of election officials required allowing a minimum of three, motion carried.

Red Pines Subdivision (25 acres)

Waiting for the State to approve and certify plat maps. Waiting to approve the final covenants until we get the legal lot descriptions. Covenants are placed on the deed and stay on the deed forever. The board will discuss the covenants again next month. The board discusses that they will need to determine how to price the parcels of land and whether they want one board member as the authorized representative to negotiate or have the full board at a scheduled meeting to discuss negotiations every time an offer is received.

Little Chicago/Hwy 13 intersection – rumble strips

Lynne Bohn, who operates the *MyNorthernWI* news website, contacted the board with several questions regarding the Little Chicago/Highway 13 intersection and suggested the installation of rumble strips at that location. WisDOT and the County are currently working on updating signage at the intersection. The board reviewed the WisDOT safety engineers' recommendations concerning rumble strips. It was noted that installation would be at the discretion and expense of the Town. The board discussed sending letters to residents living near the intersection to gather their input. Motion is made and seconded to table the matter until next month when the full board is present, motion carried.

Schedule 2026 budget meeting

Meeting tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 4th, 2025 at 1:00 pm. The clerk will check with Russ to see if he is available for that scheduled date/time.

Approve the vouchers

Motion is made and seconded to approve the amended September voucher list adding check #17722 to the Price County Ambulance that was approved at the September 25th special meeting, motion carried.

Motion is made and seconded to approve the October vouchers in the amount of \$86,475.67, motion carried.

Public comment

Questions were raised regarding the signage at the Little Chicago/Highway 13 intersection, including whether the speed limit could be reduced and how rumble strips

would improve safety at the intersection. The board noted that reducing speed limits from the default limits set by the State is a multi-step process that requires traffic safety studies and further research into the full procedure. A comment was made commending the helpfulness of the employees at the transfer station. Additional comments were shared about personal experiences with rumble strips and reduced speed limits. A question was asked about the potential cost of installing rumble strips. The board stated that if they decide to move forward with the rumble strips, a cost estimate will be obtained at that time. The road crew noted that, based on their experience working on the roads, many drivers fail to stop at stop signs regardless of existing signage or rumble strips.

Adjourn

Motion is made and seconded to adjourn at 7:41 pm, motion carried.

Regina Damjanovic, Clerk/Treasurer