

TOWN OF WORCESTER
Regular Town Board Meeting
January 20th, 2026

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

Present: Chairman Jim Michler
Supervisor Russ Long
Clerk/Treasurer Regina Damjanovic
9 Visitors

Approve the Minutes

Motion is made and seconded to approve December 9th, 2025, Budget Hearing meeting minutes, motion carried.

Motion is made and seconded to approve December 9th, 2025, Tax Levy meeting minutes, motion carried.

Motion is made and seconded to approve December 9th, 2025, regular town board meeting minutes, motion carried.

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

Clerk/Treasurer Report

- Financial report - Started the month of December with \$559,629.94. We deposited \$15,952.42 in non-tax income and \$154,584.20 in tax income. Transferred \$77,000 from the BCMMA to the checking account to cover checks written, payroll taxes, and IRA. The ending balance totaled \$559,629.94.

Chair Report

- Hills Road Bridge – Engineer put the project out for bids, opened bids on January 13th, sending to the State for review. Project will start after June 15th and will be finished by end of 2026.
- ARIP Cranberry Lake Ln./Little Chicago Rd. – Engineering plans are about 70% complete. They will be taking care of bid advertising.

Road Crew Report and Transfer Station Report

Took advantage of the warmer weather and scraped off several roads. Two sensors went out on the CAT loader; CAT came in to replace it. Minimal damage to the plow truck that tipped over, should be back by the end of this week. Mirrors and windows will be replaced by road crew. All expenses will be covered by insurance. Cleaning up trees hanging from heavy snow/ice, mostly on the forest roads.

Transfer station- Load of tires was taken to Reubens. Will look into getting another trash dumpster before Spring.

Items for Discussion and possible action:

Red Pines Subdivision (25 acres)

Plat map was approved by the County and sent to the State for approval. Have not heard back from the State yet, about 3 months is average to get the approval through the State. After approval it will go to the Town's Attorney and then to the Board for approval.

Review 2026 Agreement for Fire Fighting Services

There was some discussion between the Towns and the City with regards to fire charges. After review, the fire committee decided that everything does balance out in the end.

Schedule Board of Review date/time

The board discusses dates that do not work and times they prefer. The Clerk will contact Jeremy to pick the final date/time and then let the other Board members know.

Worcester hiring procedure

The Board discusses the hiring procedure and how it limits the process. The Board reads Jeremy's comments about the hiring procedure that he had emailed to the Clerk ahead of time. The Board agrees that we need to update the current hiring procedure to reflect more current practices. A draft update will be proposed at next month's meeting.

Equipment capital budget discussion

The Board discusses the new equipment list that has been compiled with hours/miles. The Board goes through the list discussing plan of action. Looking at putting money into the 2027 budget towards a new grader.

Voucher list

Motion is made and seconded to approve the January voucher list totaling \$1,182,186.96. Motion carried.

Public comment

A suggestion was made that the Town should install dash cams and GPS trackers on the work trucks. A comment was made about the City of Phillips not wanting to work with the Town on fire calls.

Adjourn

Motion is made and seconded to adjourn at 7:50 pm, motion carried.

Regina Damjanovic, Clerk/Treasurer