

Minutes of Regular Meeting, December 18, 2017

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, December 18, 2017 at Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne Street, in accordance with rules of Council and applicable law.

Those present were: Town Council, Ethan Stivers, Julia Glessner, Steve Buzzard, Tracey Brown; Clerk-Treasurer Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Lee Poulson, Dennis Spitler and others.

President Glessner called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Jay Poe, Huntington County Surveyor speaking as Drainage Board Representative, withdrew a request that the TIF District Pay for repair of a drain in the TIF area. Noting that he understood the reservations about the project and how it was handled, Poe stated that the project would be paid through the Huntington County CEDIT fund and asked Council for support of that option. Brown moved, seconded by Buzzard, approval of the CEDIT plan.

Poulson reported that demolition of the condemned house at 103 W. Fourth Street has been scheduled for the next day. Zahm's Excavating is anticipating one day to remove the home with restoration work on the ground the next.

The Huntington County United Economic Development contract was submitted for approval and remains the same at \$3000 annually with one half paid in June and the other half in December. Buzzard moved, seconded by Glessner, to approve the contract. The motion was carried unanimously.

Jeff Souder of Historic Warren and Warren Area Chamber of Commerce requested Council consider placement of a permanent tree to be used as the Christmas tree in the new park being constructed. Following discussion and indicating that placement of the tree at Town Hall would continue as long as the tree is donated, Brown moved, seconded by Buzzard, that the Town pay one half the cost of a tree for the park but would not exceed \$500. The motion was approved unanimously.

A letter from the Salamonie Summer Festival Committee was submitted and reviewed by committee members present. The action was to bring clarification of procedures for financing and sponsorship during the 2017 festival, including donations and the fact that others were operating out from under the Festival Committee umbrella. By consensus, Council identified the committee present as the identified Festival Committee citing that the Council had no jurisdiction over the Festival other than Town related issues. Members present thanked the Council for the support given to the event.

Morrison reported that the 2018 Municipal Budgets for units in Huntington County have not yet been received.

Poulson, as Fire Chief, submitted the November activity report and stated that Wendell Brown has been elected as President of the Firemen's Association with Rick Scheiman as Vice President.

Poulson, as Utility Manager, reported that a resident on Wayne Street had a tree he wanted removed due to potential damage which could result from a wind storm including possibly interfering with electric lines. The resident submitted a quote for \$1100 and requested the Council pay one half the cost. By consensus, the request was denied. Also reported was that problems continue with the actuator valve at the Tower Park tower. Parts ordered have not arrived. Poulson submitted quotes for replacement of a mower w/trade in as follows: John Deere at \$8425 and Gravely at \$6999 with recommendation that the Gravely be purchased. Brown moved, seconded by Buzzard that the Gravely (Beckler) be purchased. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for January 8.

The Accounts Payable Register was approved as submitted.

General discussion was held.

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned.

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Submitted _____ Clerk-Treasurer
Marilyn Morrison

Town Council:

As _____ President
Julia Glessner

As _____ Member
Steve Buzzard

As _____ Member
Tracey Brown

As _____ Member
Ethan Stivers