

Minutes of Regular Meeting, November 13, 2017

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, November 13, 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; Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Marcy Lows; Employees, Lee Poulson, Dennis Spittler, and others.

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

Marla Stambazze, DCD, submitted three bids for demolition of the house at 103 W. Fourth Street as follows: Zahm at \$8940, Dirt at \$18716, and AMOR at \$11,240. Following discussion including the home owners request for additional time after two years with him to clean up the property, Stivers moved, seconded by Buzzard to accept the quote of Zahm and move ahead with demolition. The motion was approved unanimously. Also discussed was lack of movement on the rehabilitation of a property at 315 Main Street. Stivers reported that the Church of Christ was moving ahead on purchase of the property and would demolish as soon as possible.

A written request from officials of Heritage Pointe for an agreement with the Town to supply water in case of loss of its' supply either by metered water or by Fire Department was submitted. As the new agreement would continue one already in place, Buzzard moved, seconded by Glessner to sign the agreement. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jay Poe, Huntington County Surveyor and Drainage Board Member, filed a request for \$9300 for payment of the cost of repairing a drain within the TIF District. Usually borne by the developer, the work had been completed as the area was sold. Brown responded that as the TIF monies were tied to a bond, no action could be taken without input from the Clerk-Treasurer, absent from the meeting, and FSG Financial Consultants. In addition, it would be a Redevelopment Commission action. After further discussion which centered on the project timing, allotment of cost to property owners, as well as lack of any notice that the project was even underway, Council, by consensus, took the request under advisement. Poe requested an answer by December 19th.

In a request from Jay Knefelkamp of Indiana Softball Association for use of Tower Park diamonds four times over the summer were discussed. Knefelkamp detailed the operation of the group and what it would provide as far as organization of the events. Following more detailed discussion, it was determined that use would be granted on a per event schedule to determine if it is workable in Tower Park. More information will be forthcoming from the group.

Jeff Souder, Historic Warren and Chamber of Commerce, noted that consideration was being given to plant a permanent tree in the new park for use by the Town at Christmas. Projected to cost \$925, Souder requested Council consider some of the cost. Noting that the Town has donated lights for existing trees and the green space itself, no action was taken pending further discussion.

Poulson, as Fire Chief, submitted the monthly activity report and requested that the annual compensation be submitted to the Firemens' Association by December 3rd. Agreed by consensus. Two trucks being repaired at the time with the most serious being power steering in 802.

As payment for the ordered Tanker may be delayed until 2017, Lows submitted a quote from the Clerk-Treasurer requesting that Council approve encumbrance of funds if necessary. Buzzard moved, Brown seconded to approve encumbrance. The motion was approved unanimously.

Poulson, as Utility Manager, reported that the Tower Park Tower had been hit by lightning and that a quote was being prepared for repair. No estimate at this time. The Christmas Tree will be installed this week. A resident on Wayne Street requested that a tree be removed which could cause damage to a garage if it would fall. Estimated cost from Tucker Tree Service is \$2500 due

to the size of the tree and the fact that it hangs over a building. No decision made. A citizen at 327 Jefferson has requested that the Town pay to top a tree for an estimated \$1200 and the citizen would remove the rest. No decision. Poulson requested permission to replace the large park mover. Quotes to be supplied at the next meeting. Only one quote had been received for work on the pavilions at Tower Park. Council members asked for at least one more before considering.

Next meeting of County scheduled for December 18th.

The Accounts Payable Register was approved as submitted.

General Discussion was held.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted _____ Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
Marcy Lows

Town Council:

As _____ President
Julia Glessner

As _____ Member
Steve Buzzard

As _____ Member
Tracey Brown

As _____ Member
Ethan Stivers