

Minutes of Regular Meeting, August 23, 2021

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, August 9 July 26, 2021 in a Regular Meeting 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, Carrie Miller, Steve Buzzard, and Tavis Surfus by pho: Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison, Employees, Dennis Spitler, Brian Sills: others.

President Stivers opened the meeting at 6:00 PM and announced the opening of a scheduled public hearing on Ordinance 2021-17, An Ordinance to approve a budget for 2022. Morrison summarized the current budget, 2021, by reviewing financial data noting that it was well in order for this time of year and then reviewed the 2022 budget as proposed. Requesting public comment and hearing none, the Public Hearing was closed.

- Buzzard moved, seconded by Miller, to adopt Ordinance 2021-17, 2022 Municipal Budget. With no further Council comment, the ordinance was adopted by a vote of 3-0.
- Ordinances 2021-18 through 26 were submitted in introduction by Kim Hostetler of the Huntington Council Department of Community Development related to various wording amendments within the Town of Warren Zoning Ordinance as detailed in attachment. As no discussion, Miller moved, seconded by Buzzard, to approve consideration of adoption of an ordinance at time of introduction. The motion was approved 3-0. Buzzard moved, seconded by Miller, adoption of Ordinances 2021 – 18 through 26. The motion was carried 3-0.
- Members of Board of the Warren Conservation Club and members of the Salamonie Summer Festival were present for discussion with Council. Following discussion, it was consensus of Council and those present that the Conservation Club Lease Agreement with the Town be rewritten and brought up to current standards of terms and that the new lease would set forth that when a Town Wide event is scheduled for Tower Park, such as the Festival, no activities would be scheduled at the Club which would interfere with such an event except that which would be determined between the groups. Other items discussed.
- Daryl Lahr, 826 Nancy Street, was present as a result of being cited under the Town's nuisance violation code under Town Ordinance. After discussion, it was determined, by consensus of Council, that Lahr report back to Council on September 13th to discuss progress on clean up with further considerations at that time.
- No update requiring Council action on Scout Cabin situation.
- Morrison submitted a payment voucher in the amount of \$36,575 for work completed on the well portion of the Water Project. The monies have been approved for distribution from the State Revolving Loan Fund. Manager Sills reported that work on the well portion of the Water Project had begun but that more planning was needed with the subcontractor.
- Data continues to be gathered for implementation of a Stormwater Utility.
- As to contracting for a study of the Electric Distribution System, no Council decision was held.
- As Salamonie Township has not yet made a payment to the Town for 2020 Fire Protection shared costs under contract terms, Council, by consensus, directed that the Township Trustee be contacted about the overdue status.
- Council has been contacted by AT&T for placement of a generator at the Eleventh Street Tower Site as noted at a previous meeting. Council deferred making a decision noting that discussions should be opened regarding the lease payment agreement.
- The Accounts Payable Register in the amount of \$99518.57 was approved by consensus.
- Operations Manager Sills submitted a listing of proposed projects, noted that quotes were being collected for tree trimming, and reported that a State required ADA project was underway being supervised by Commonwealth Engineering.
- The next regular meetings of Town Council are scheduled for September 13 and 17. Utilities and Town Hall will be closed Monday, September 6 for Labor Day.
- 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
Ethan Stivers

As _____ Member
Steve Buzzard

As _____ Member
Carrie Miller

As _____ Member
Tavis Surfus