

Minutes of Regular Meeting, August 14, 2023

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, August 14, 2023 in a Regular Meeting at Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne St, in accordance with rules of Council and applicable law.

Those present were: Council Members, Steve Buzzard, Jeremy Rufener, Tavis Surfus, Michelle Schweikhardt; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Lee Poulson, Dennis Spitler; Ben Adams, Engineer and others.

Under Special Order of Business, Curtis Hill of Peerless Midwest, summarized possible solutions to a leaking iron filter at the Water Treatment Plan. After review and discussion of whether to repair, replace or bypass, Surfus moved, seconded by Buzzard, to have Adams contact IDEM to request a six month testing period to see if iron contained in the system remains well below standards and if by-pass could be approved. The motion was approved unanimously.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 10, Special Meeting of August 7 and Executive Meeting of August 7 were approved as submitted.

A resident asked that Council consider construction of a Community Center and another requested that action be taken to contain the feral cat problem in the area of Nancy and Third. As the matter was already on the agenda for discussion, Marshal Spitler was asked to take steps to address the matter as soon and as expeditiously as possible.

Marshal Spitler submitted the June and July activity reports. Through a grant obtained by the Huntington County Sheriff's Department and Huntington County, the local department is being considered to receive three body cameras and storage. More information forthcoming. Consensus of Council was to proceed.

Fire Chief Poulson submitted the July activity report and reported that pumps are to be tested and updated on a series of fund raisers to be held by the department.

Morrison reported that Warren Area Chamber had a committee working with Huntington County Tourism on planning an event to celebrate the total Eclipse of the Sun on Monday, April 8, 2024. The Town is in the direct area where the full eclipse can be viewed.

No report from HCUED.

Morrison reported information had been received from H-GAC, purchase of fire truck, regarding amendment to the Interlocal Agreement and those have been made and resubmitted.

INDOT had notified that the documents for the \$1,000,000 dollar grant awarded for the Wayne Street Reconstruction project have been accepted and a purchase order in that amount has been filed with the State. The project is scheduled to begin in April and last for approximately four months.

Anixer has notified by order that the cost of the replacement of a transformer borrowed from Pendleton Utilities will be billed to the Town at \$87,873.

Council, by consensus, agreed to a request for closure of S. Main Street on Sunday, September 10 at 2:00 for a Community Free Event sponsored by Warren Area Churches.

Accounts Payable Register in the amount of \$555,189 was approved as submitted.

July Fund Reports and Appropriation Report submitted to Council for review.

Consensus given to submission of the 2024 budget to the Department of Local Government for Publication of Notice of Public Hearing on September 11 and Consideration of Adoption on October 9.

Utility Manager Poulson submitted the monthly activity report. Reviewed were three quotes regarding seal coating of the Fire Station parking lot. Surfus moved, seconded by Buzzard to accept the quote from Hasty in the amount of \$2800. Motion approved unanimously. Salamonie Township will reimburse half the amount. Poulson reported three vendors had been contacted regarding replacement of the large pavilion at Tower Park but that not all had responded. Information at the next meeting. By consensus, Council determined to repair the Park mowers instead of replacing.

The next Regular Meeting of Town Council is scheduled for September 11th.

- General Discussion was held.
- There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned.

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Warren Town Council

As _____ President
Steven Buzzard

As _____ Member
Michelle Schweikhardt

As _____ Member
Tavis Surfus

As _____ Member
Jeremy Rufener

ATTEST:

As _____ Clerk-
Marilyn Morrison Treasurer