

Minutes of Regular Meeting, June 18, 2024

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Tuesday, June 18, 2024 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, Ron Boxell, Michelle Schweikhardt, Jeremy Rufener; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Dennis Spitler, Lee Poulson and others.

President Buzzard opened a Public Hearing related to Ordinance 2024-1, an ordinance amending rates and charges within the Municipal Water Utility to support a funding request to Indiana Finance Authority for Wayne Street Water Main replacement. Following review of the Rate Study Report by Greg Guerrettaz of Financial Solutions Group and explanation of funding through SRF, public input was requested and public comment was heard. President Buzzard announced the closing of the Public Hearing and moved the meeting to Special Orders of Business on the Regular Agenda.

Ben Adams, Commonwealth Engineering, reviewed the status of all projects underway with particular attention to the Water Main Replacement project. Task Order 2024-1 in the amount of \$5,000 for the required two year Water Audit Report was approved by consensus. Task Order 2024-2 in the amount of \$110,000 for the Water Main Replacement Engineering was approved by consensus.

Greg Guerrettaz gave financial updates to the Town's Financial Ten Year Planning and further reviewed the SRF/Loan process further.

Minutes of the May 13 Regular Meeting were approved by consensus.

Marshal Spitler submitted the Department's May Activity Report.

Fire Chief Poulson submitted the Department's May Activity Report. A request to add Robert Sliger III to the Warren Volunteer Fire Department roster was approved by consensus.

Ordinance 2024-5, Water Rate Amendment, as needed to support the Water Replacement Project funding through Indiana Finance Authority, State Revolving Loan Fund WaterWorks Bond, was submitted for consideration of Adoption. Buzzard, Schweikhardt, Boxell voted in the affirmative. Rufener voted against

Ordinance 2024-2, Waterworks Bond, to support SRF Loan Request in the amount of \$1,040,000 from Indiana Finance Authority, State Revolving Loan Fund, at the rate of 2.17% interest was submitted for consideration of Adoption. Buzzard, Schweikhardt, Boxell, Rufener voted in the affirmative. Unanimous.

Ordinance 2024-5, Amendment to the Town of Warren Investment Policy, was introduced.

Ordinance 2024-6, Ordinance to Correct Error in State Board of Accounts Audit, was introduced.

Morrison requested approval for the hiring Kleinpeter Consulting, the same consultant that had done the same for the just completed Water System upgrade, in the amount of \$1500 to facilitate State Revolving Loan Payments of the Water Bond. Consensus.

By consensus, approved was the closing of Second Street from Matilda to Nancy and Main Street from alley to alley for the Salamonie Summer Festival. Morrison reported the INDOT permit for closing of SR 5 and SR 218 for Festival Events had been approved and was on file.

Accounts Payable Register in the amount of \$543,569.91 was approved by consensus.

Monthly Financial Reports submitted for review.

PR Docket Register for May in the amount of \$36,922.48 was approved by consensus.

State Board of Accounts Audit has been completed and the Financial part of the Audit has been released.

Morrison submitted the Budget Calendar for 2025 Municipal Budget with preparation underway. First meeting with Department of Local Government Finance set for July 30.

Utility Manager Poulson submitted the May Activity Report. Also reported was that the picnic tables for the newly constructed pavilion at Tower Park have been received.

Installation of the Flag Pole portion of the Veterans Memorial is scheduled for this week within the Town Property at the corner of First and Main next to Riverside Park. A committee will be working to complete the design of the area and submit to Council for consideration.

Next Regular Meeting of Town Council is scheduled for July 8.

General Discussion held.

Submitted _____
Marilyn Morrison

Warren Town Council:

Steve Buzzard
President

Michelle Schweikhardt
Vice President

Jeremy Rufener
Member

Ron Boxell
Member