

Minutes of Regular Meeting, May 12, 2025

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, May 12, 2025 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.

Minutes of the April 14th Regular Meeting, Executive and Special Meetings of April 22nd and the Executive and Special Minutes of the May 6th meetings were approved as submitted.

A Public Hearing was set for the June 9th Regular Meeting for Ordinance 2025-4.

Draft Animal Control Ordinance submitted for Council Review.

Schweikhardt moved, seconded by Buzzard, to adopt Ordinance 2025-7, Wages for Part-time Employee. Motion approved unanimously.

As the fourth Monday of the month falls on Memorial Day, meeting rescheduled for May 27th,

Morrison and Buzzard reported on meeting held on May 6th with Greg Guerrettaz of Financial Solutions Group and Sam Hogg of Wolverine Power to further discuss and review the Electric supply market cost impacts anticipated when the current contract expires in 2030. As a member of the IMMDA Power Association, two options being reviewed for consideration are continuing with Wolverine in 2030 with amendment to current contract to address the 2030 impact or move to Indiana Municipal Power Association. Each community can reach its own conclusion. Both options have been under discussion for the past five months but determination is needed by June 26th if not earlier.

Morrison reported that an IMMDA (Indiana and Michigan Distributors Association) Team Meeting was held on May 8th with the representatives of all members – Auburn, Garrett, Avilla, New Carlisle, Bluffton, Warren – along with Greg Guerrettaz, advisor to the group- discussing options with determination made to stay as a group with Wolverine Power. Morrison presented the matter to Council for consideration. Buzzard, Boxell, Schweikhardt in agreement with Rufener not making an opinion. Guerrettaz will hold a Special Meeting with Council on June 3rd to discuss local rate restructuring and the Wolverine Contract issue.

Water Data Reporter has been installed on Tower Park Water Tower. Next step is to install programs through Town Software. A representative of Neptune Meter will be on site to complete the process.

A representative of Indiana Rural Water Association is scheduled to attend the June 9th meeting of Council to discuss the Apprenticeship Program for recently hired employees prepare for licensing through IDEM.

Everfresh Fruit Company is planning an Open House in early June. In that regard, an invoice in the amount of \$10,000 from CEDIT as approved in 2024 was submitted from Huntington County Economic Development. Rufener moved, seconded by Schweikhardt to approve the payment. Unanimous approval.

Festival Street Closings – Second Street between Matilda and Nancy and Main Street between alleys – were approved by consensus. Morrison will be submitted INDOT permit for closings of SR 5 and SR 218 as needed

A Utility Planning Meeting has been scheduled by Oakmont development for engineers and contractors for the proposed Housing Addition.

Benefit PHP (Health Insurance) increase of 9.3% was discussed. Schweikhardt moved, seconded by Buzzard to approve the renewal of the current plan. Unanimous Approval.

Claims Register in amount of \$293982.34 approved by consensus.

April Payroll Docket in amount of \$43052.50 approved by consensus.

Benches ordered for the Veterans Memorial Park have arrived.

Council, by consensus, amended the meeting schedule by moving to one meeting per month starting with the June 9th meeting with starting time of all meetings amended to 5:00 PM.

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

Submitted

Marilyn Morrison

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Steve Buzzard

President

Michelle Schweikhardt

Vice President

Jeremy Rufener

Member

Ron Boxell

Member