

Minutes of Regular Meeting, May 27, 2025

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Tuesday, May 27, 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; Marshal Spitler, Others.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

Special Order of Business: Jeff Thomas of Oakmont Development, developer of recently purchase acreage for Housing Development, shared the tentative time line for the development, steps to be taken after purchase by Oakmont is finalized, and answered general questions regarding the development.

In a report from Fortney, Utility Manager, the water data collection device has been installed on the Tower Park Water Tower with installation of the electronic system to be done within the week by Neptune Metering. In addition, Fortney has installed a You Tube account and a Restream Connection Set in preparation for the live streaming of Council Meetings to start at the July 14th meeting.

A Public Hearing has been set for the June 9th meeting for Ordinance 2025-4, Truck Ordinance.

A Special Meeting has been set for July 1 for meeting with IMMDA members regarding final decision on actions in preparation for development of a contract with Wolverine Power, wholesale power provider.

A representative of AWWA, Apprentice Program, will be present at the scheduled June 9th meeting to discuss the program. A grant thought Hawkins in the amount of \$3000 has been filed to defray the cost for consideration if formal approval is given by Council to the program.

A report was given by Buzzard and Morrison of a meeting held on May 20th with Oakmont and their engineer, the Town's Engineer and Utility Manager, Morrison and Buzzard, and Laymon and Shideler from Citizens Telephone for discussion of utility matters, zoning and planning matters, and other matters related to the housing development.

A meeting is set for June 3rd at 4:30 with Greg Guerrettaz of Financial Solutions Group for review and decisions related to the Wolverine Power Supply Contract and rates in preparation for the 2030 Contract.

Ordinance 2025-8, a Utility Wage Ordinance for newly hired employee and promotion of Fortney to Utility Manager was introduced. Boxell moved, seconded by Sweikhardt to consider an Ordinance at the same meeting as introduction due to timing of employment. Motion approved unanimously. Schweikhardt moved, seconded by Buzzard to adopt Ordinance 2025-8. Motion approved unanimously.

As the ordinance form of the proposed Solar Ordinance had not been received, it was not introduced. However, the Council Members had received the information which is included. Department of Community Development will hold a public hearing on the matter on July 14th.

Schweikhardt submitted a rendering of the sign designed for the Veterans Memorial Park. Council, by consensus, approved the committee moving forward with the install.

Next meeting is June 9th at 5:00 PM.

Submitted _____

Steve Buzzard
President

Michelle Schweikhardt
Vice President

Jeremy Rufener
Member

Ron Boxell
Member