

Minutes of Regular Meeting, October 13, 2025

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, October 10, 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, Ron Boxell, Michelle Schweikhardt, Jeremy Rufener Steve Buzzard; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Dennis Spitler, Dustin Fortney; others.

President Buzzard President, called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Under Special Order of Business, Jack Barlow of Habitat for Humanity spoke on goals and plans of the Not for Profit to expand more into Huntington County and in the smaller communities.

Representative of Historic Warren requested to use the Town Annex beginning on November 19th through the Walk of Trees as in previous years. Approved by consensus.

Marshal Spitler submitted September Activity Report and requested permission to update computer equipment in the amount of approximately \$2200. Following discussion, Rufener moved to approve the request in an amount not to exceed \$2300. Seconded by Buzzard. Approved unanimously.

Fire Chief Poulson submitted September Activity Report and submitted an emergency equipment upgrade quote in the amount of \$34,800. The request to Council was for \$7000 as Salamonie Township would pay \$7000 with the Warren Firemen's Association paying the remainder from fund raisers. Buzzard moved, seconded by Boxell, to approve payment of \$7,000 as stated. Approved unanimously.

Utility Manager Fortney submitted the September Activity Report. Submitted were quotes in the amount of \$15,167.16 from Hoosier Equipment and \$5995.30 from Brown Equipment for annual preventative maintenance for the Street Sweeper. Buzzard moved, Schweikhardt seconded, to accept quote from Brown Equipment. Approved unanimously. Fortney outlined a Peerless Midwest report on Well#1 with quote of \$19,860 for upgrades and service of High Service Pump #3 with a quote of \$37,045. Upgrade to Well #1 would be delayed for 6 months due to PFAs testing but Service Pump work could be scheduled now. Buzzard moved, seconded by Boxell, approval of the report and quotes. Motion approved unanimously.

Resolution 3-2025 was submitted which would move funds from 2025 budget to the 2026 budget. Schweikhardt moved, seconded by Boxell, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2025-13, 2026 Municipal Budget, was presented for consideration of adoption. Schweikhardt moved, seconded by Buzzard to adopt as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Demolition bid in the amount of \$9430 from Columbia City Iron & Metal for demolition of house located at 324 N. Hendricks was submitted for consideration. Buzzard moved, seconded by Boxell, to accept the quote. Voting in the affirmative: Boxell, Buzzard, Schweikhardt. Voting against: Rufener. Motion carried.

Submitted to Council for review was a Stormwater Rate Study from Financial Solutions Group. The Study will be discussed at the November 10th meeting.

The Real Estate Attorney is scheduled to attend meeting of November 10th for housing update.

Bids for purchase of trailer by Town as advertised has been amended to receive bids until November 10th.

Warren Redevelopment has scheduled Annual meeting for 4:45 pm on November 10th.

A curb side method of handling clean-up days was presented with Council directing that the current hauler, GFL, be contacted in that regard. Would require Contract change.

Claims Register in the amount of \$712,674.91 was submitted with Clerk-Treasurer noting that the higher amount was due to two Wolverine payments within the month and final payments to Brooks Construction for the Wayne Street Project. Approved by consensus.

Payroll Accounts Register in the amount of \$36,602.24 was approved by consensus.

Financial Reports submitted.

The second demonstration of software for Office is scheduled for October 20th. Office will be closed on that date.

The next Regular Meeting of Town Council is scheduled for November 10th at 5:00.

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General Discussion was held. Council Member Buzzard announced his retirement from Town Council effective December 31, 2025.

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

Submitted

Marilyn Morrison

Clerk-Treasurer

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Steve Buzzard

President

Michelle Schweikhardt

Vice President

Jeremy Rufener

Member

Ron Boxell

Member