

Minutes of Regular Meeting, August 10, 2026

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, August 10, 2026 at 4:00 pm in a Regular Meeting at Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne St, in accordance with rules of Council and applicable law with President Canady presiding.

Those present were: Council Members, Ron Boxell, Michelle Schweikhardt; Scott Canady ; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Dustin Fortney, Dennis Spitler; Others. Council Member Thompson absent.

Due to delay in arrival of Attorney Niezer, President Canady moved to agenda.

Approval of minutes of Regular Meeting July 13 approved by consensus.

Marshal Spitler submitted July Activity report. Also reported that Deputy Marshal Oswalt's Tour of Duty has been extended until December, 2026. Requested was Council permission to begin the process of purchase of a police vehicle in 2027 when the State opens the bid process. Council concurred.

Utility Manager submitted the Utility/Street report noting that a recent power outage was caused by a limb falling on a pole to which a transformer was attached. A previous outage was also related to damage from that tree. Fortney requested Council input as the owner was not receptive to removal. Fortney directed to have tree inspected by outside service and act on that recommendation. Fortney and Wade approved to attend the annual Indiana Municipal Electric Association annual meeting by consensus.

Attorney Nieser entered the meeting and proceeded to outline the current status of development of a housing development, noting that the economic situation had not improved from the time of his last meeting with Council. Several options were discussed recommending steps to move the project forward including working with a Civil Engineer. The Housing Development Project will be on each monthly agenda moving forward for updates.

Kim Hostetler of Huntington Council Department of Community Development submitted Ordinance 2026-12 concerning fees and charges. As matter previously discussed. Canady moved, seconded by Boxell, to adopt Ordinance 2026-12. Sweikhardt, Canady, Boxell affirmative.

Deputy Marshal Marshall and Utility Employee Jaxon Heath have completed their initial hiring period. By consensus, Council moved each to final employment.

Morrison reported that all necessary documentation has been forwarded to Kleinpeter Consultants necessary to proceed with a Household Income Survey of Residential Sewer users necessary to proceed with a grant application.

Morrison submitted an acceptance letter from State Revolving Loan Fund allowing for use of the remainder of the Water Loan by reimbursement for three remaining water projects . The final payment has been made. Morrison submitted the invoices in the total of \$210,981.25 for that reimbursement to the Water Department. Council concurred.

A request to consider closure of an unimproved alley off of Wayne Street was submitted. Morrison summarized the procedure noting that the person(s) making the request would have to formally petition Council for that consideration before any Council action.

Claims register for July in the amount of \$2,933,097.78 submitted for Council review noting that \$2,500,000 of the amount related to Investment transfers. Approved by consensus.

Payroll Resister for July in the amount of \$55,663.04 submitted for Council review. Approved by consensus.

July Financial Reports submitted.

Morrison submitted the schedule for the installation of the new software system noting that on some occasions, the computer system would not be available. Installation to be completed in late November.

Morrison provided Notice to Taxpayers of the 2027 Budget for submission to the Department of Community Development. Public Hearing set for September 14th at 5:00 pm. Review of the actual budget had been held during previous meetings of Council. Resolution 1-2026, Annual Reduction of Appropriations in the 2026 Budget to support the 2027 Budget was reviewed by Morrison noting that most related to capital projects being moved forward. Schweikhardt moved, seconded by Canady, to approve Resolution 1-2026. Schweikhardt, Boxell, Canady affirmative.

Schweikhardt reported that the Park Board had held an organizational meeting. Future meetings are scheduled for the Fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:00 pm in the Town Annex.

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Announcements:

September 14th, 5:00

August 26, 5:00

September 7

Council Meeting, Budget Public Hearing

Park Board Meeting

Utilities, Office Closed

Submitted

Marilyn Morrison

Clerk-Treasurer

Warren Town Council:

Scott Canady

President

Ron Boxell

Vice President

Michelle Schewikhardt

Member

Megan Thompson

Member