

Minutes of Regular Meeting, September 14, 2026

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, September 14, 2026 at 5:00 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, Megan Thompson ; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Dustin Fortney, Dennis Spitler; Others.

President Canady opened a scheduled Public Hearing at 5:00 pm to consider Ordinance 2026-13, 2027 Municipal Budget. Morrison reviewed the Ordinance and Budget Presentation noting that Adoption would be considered at the October 12 Meeting.

Jan Williams, representing HOPE (Huntington-Outreach-Prevention-Empowerment) reviewed the program noting that in conjunction with the Huntington County Health Department a series of programs would be held on issues such as Suicide Prevention.

Minutes of the August 10 meeting were approved by consensus.

Marshal Spitler submitted the August Activity Report.

Utility Manager Fortney submitted and reviewed that report.

A planned Household Income Survey necessary to determine eligibility for application to the Office of Community and Rural Development for funds for a planned Wastewater Plant Improvement Project is awaiting approval of the process from OCRA.

As discussed previously, a reimbursement allocation from the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) for use of funds still available within the loan after completion of the Wayne Street Project have not been received. All projects completed were approved by SRF.

To update discussion as to a request for closure of an unimproved alley, review found that fiber optic cables were located within the area so the request could not be approved.

Introduced was Ordinance 2026-14, Wastewater Rates, noting that the ordinance differed from the Rate Studies as increases would be over two years instead of the original proposed three years. Public Hearing will be scheduled for the October 12. First phase will see an increase of \$8.19 per customer within the Town and second year phase will see increase of \$10.23 in fees and charges. The ordinance will also establish an Out of Town service rate. Rates are scheduled to be implemented the first monthly billing period in 2027.

No report from Attorney Neizer regarding considerations related to Housing Development.

Reviewed was a quote from Stylus Communications for completion of Security Camera upgrades with replacement of the system in the Police Station interrogation room at the cost of \$2754.98. Council approved by consensus.

Morrison submitted the Wages and Benefit Report to Council for in preparation for the 2027 Ordinances. Discussion held with decision delayed until October meeting.

AT&T has submitted a third amendment to the Eleventh Street Tower Lease of Space which has been in place for over twenty years. Morrison noted that two specific issues to be considered as provided in the document was a quote for the monthly lease in an amount less than what is being received currently and automatic increases which would not begin until 2033. Following discussion, Council determined that the document be submitted to attorney for review and comparison to previous agreements. The agreement effective date is in 2028.

Announced was the resignation of Deputy Marshal Michael Marshall. Application period will be opened for the position.

Morrison submitted and reviewed Claims Register in the amount of \$449,195.58. Approved by consensus. Submitted were August Financial Reports. Submitted was the Payroll Allowance Voucher Report for August in the amount of \$41,685.50. Approved by consensus.

As part of the Warren Health and Fitness Tower Park Patronicity Grant, 'Make a Difference' days have been scheduled for October 10th and 17th, each to begin at 10:00 am but volunteers can participate as their schedules allow.

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General Discussion held.

Announcements:

Council Meeting	October 12, 5:00 pm
Park Board Meeting	September 30, 5:00 pm
Townwide Clean up	October 5-10

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

Submitted _____
Marilyn Morrison Clerk-Treasurer

Warren Town Council:

Scott Canady
President

Ron Boxell
Vice President

Michelle Schewikhardt
Member

Megan Thompson
Member