

Minutes of Regular Meeting, May 12, 2014

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, May 12, at Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne Street, in accordance with rules of Council and applicable law.

Those present were: Town Council, Barb Trosper, Ethan Stivers, Julia Glessner, Tracey Brown; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Dennis Spitzer, Lee Poulson. Others.

President Glessner called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and announced the opening of a Public Hearing as advertised concerning the closing of one half of an unimproved portion of Hendricks Street on the North side of Fifth Street as petitioned by Timothy and Michelle Woody. Asking for public input and receiving none, the Public Hearing was closed.

Ordinance 2014-3 providing for the closing of one half of an unimproved portion of Hendricks Street was submitted for consideration of adoption. Stivers moved, seconded by Trosper, to adopt. The motion was approved unanimously.

Minutes of the April 21st meeting of Council were approved as submitted.

It was determined, by consensus that the Town Council ride with the Chamber of Commerce and Historic Warren on a pedal float during the Salamonie Summer Festival Parade.

Morrison outlined a grant application being prepared by Historic Warren. The matching \$10,000 grant is a partnership grant which requires involvement by at least one other entity. Warren Area Chamber and the Town are being contacted to fulfill that requirement. The monies raised by the grant would be used to begin preliminary work on the Warren Chamber Green Space Park being planned next to the Post Office. Following discussion and by consensus, the Council directed that the Town be added as a partner.

Following discussion of the requirements to be certified as a WasteWater Treatment Plant Operator and noting that Dustin Fortney had completed the testing portion of the requirements, Ordinance 2014-4 was introduced which would increase Fortney's hourly rate by .50. Noted was that an additional .50 would be added when the hours necessary for certification are completed. Glessner moved, seconded by Brown, that rules of Council be suspended to allow for consideration of an ordinance in the same meeting as introduced. The motion was approved unanimously. Brown moved, seconded by Trosper to adopt Ordinance 2014-14. The motion was approved unanimously.

Minutes of the Warren Area Chamber of Commerce April meeting were reviewed.

Morrison reported that the Fixed Asset Study was nearing completion and should be ready for initial review within the week.

Poulson reported that approximately twelve households could be impacted by a smoke study to be conducted on May 13th in the area of Main and Nancy Street Extended. The study is being done to locate an area of infiltration of stormwater into the sanitary sewer system and is being required by IDEM. Residents in the area have been notified. The recently purchased digger (auger) truck has been delivered with final cost being \$76,000. Placement of street lights along Bennett Drive should be completed, weather permitting by Wednesday, May 14th. Remaining Electric Department projects include placement of new lighting at Tower Park and in Salamonie Heights. Morrison submitted a quote in the amount of \$4500 from Keystone Consulting, suppliers of software for the computer billing system, for modules for radio read water and electric metering systems. Following discussion, Stivers moved, seconded by Trosper to approve the purchase. The motion was approved unanimously. A Special Meeting of Council was scheduled for May 20th at 1:00 pm to continue work with Poulson on the update of the ten year comprehensive plan.

Poulson submitted the April activity report for the Warren Fire Department and reported that tires were being replaced on the tanker.

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Marshal Spitler submitted the April activity report and inquired as to whether the purchase of a police vehicle in 2015 was being considered. Council concurred. Glessner inquired as to the legality of parking facing the wrong way. Following discussion and the determination that public safety is at risk and that citation under State Statute would result in a \$100 fine, an ordinance is to be prepared making the action enforceable in Town Code. The fine would be \$25 which would double for each offense within a twelve month period. The ordinance was scheduled to be introduced at the June 9th Council meeting. Warning citations will be issued prior to issuance of fines.

Trosper and Morrison continue to work on policy and Code amendment regarding the use of Tower Park for organized tournaments without notification or scheduling. Council had previously determined the action necessary due to misuse of the diamonds and park facility.

General discussion was held.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted _____ Clerk-
Marilyn Morrison Treasurer

Town Council:

As _____ President
Julia Glessner

As _____ Member
Tracey Brown

As _____ Member
Barb Trosper

As _____ Member
Ethan Stivers