

Minutes of Regular Meeting, September 9, 2013

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, September 9, 2013 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, Tracey Brown, and Julia Glessner, Stivers (Absent); Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Town Marshal Spitler, Lee Poulson, and others.

President Glessner called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and announced the opening of a scheduled Public Hearing on the 2014 Municipal Budget. Requesting public input and receiving none, the Hearing was closed. Glessner announced the opening of a scheduled public hearing on an Additional Appropriation as advertised. Requesting public input and receiving none, the Hearing was closed.

Glessner announced that the Huntington County CEDIT committee had granted \$10,000 in 2013 and \$27,500 in 2014 to help defray the cost of the Building Inspection Program underway in the downtown area.

Work continues on the building demolition site with brick work to be underway during this week. It is expected that the project will be completed in two weeks. No invoices have been received to date.

In response to a request by Blake and Michelle Woody to close an unimproved portion of Hendricks Street and upon recommendation by Utility Manager Poulson, preliminary approval was given to the closing of the West side of the Street. The other side will remain under ownership of the Town to allow access to utilities.

Ordinance 2013-5, an Ordinance submitted for consideration by the Department of Community Development which would amend the jurisdictional area of the Town for zoning and planning was presented for consideration of adoption. Glessner moved, seconded by Trosper, to adopt. The motion was approved unanimously.

Trosper moved, seconded by Glessner, to accept a quote from Power Line Supply in the amount of \$12,287.25 for replacement of forty five lights on the Tower Park ball diamonds. The motion was approved unanimously.

In continued discussion regarding Well #3, a report from Peerless Midwest was reviewed. A repair to well could be done at the cost of \$7,959 with no guarantee that the leak would be fixed due to the amount of erosion. Option #2, at the cost of \$18,231, is to pull the pump and install a new adapter which comes with a guarantee. Following discussion, Trosper moved, seconded by Brown, to approve Option #2. The motion was approved unanimously. Phase II of the work on Well #2 will begin in the next two weeks.

Reviewed were the situation of the two properties, one at Third and Nancy and one on Grover Street. As the Grover Street property is in litigation, Council, by consensus, determined that a house inspection be requested from the Department of Community Development for the Third/Nancy Street Property.

Fall Clean-Up has been set for the week of October 7-12.

By consensus, Trosper was appointed to serve on the Chamber of Commerce Park Committee.

Discussed was a request from Mike Haggerty to lease the Municipal Parking Lot for one year to set a monument business. Pros and cons were discussed. It was determined, by consensus, that preliminary approval be given with Morrison to meet with Haggerty and work out details of a proposed lease and report back to Council.

Resolution 3-2013, a Resolution to transfer \$1,000,000 from the Electric Utility Cash Operating Fund to the Electric Reserve Fund was submitted. Glessner moved, seconded by Trosper, to approve the Resolution. The motion was approved unanimously.

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Submitted to the Council was certification that the Electric Reserve Fund now has a total of \$1,258,682.82.

Resolution 4-2013, a Resolution Approving of an Additional Appropriation within the General Fund in the amount of \$450,000 was submitted. Glessner moved, Brown seconded approval of the Resolution. The motion was approved unanimously.

Resolution 5-2014, A Resolution of intent to reimburse expenditures of \$450,000 to the Electric Reserve Fund from the General Fund was submitted. Brown moved, Trospser seconded, approval. The motion was approved unanimously.

Upon recommendation, Dave Swanson, 146 Dogwood Drive, was appointed to serve on the Warren Public Library Board of Directors.

Christy McCarver, representing the Warren Scouting Program, updated the program and status of projects at the Scout Cabin. Brian Justice will become Cub Master in September.

Utility Manager Poulson reported that the recent odor problem was due to a pump failure at Hy-Line Hatchery which has been rectified. The Boy Scouts, as part of a Community Service Project, will be asked to place sidewalk bricks on palettes for storage until the Chamber park project is completed. A residential surge protector program was discussed which would make units available for home owners for additional protection. More information is needed before a determination is made. Ben Adams, Engineer, will be on site to review projects and to finalize the Langton Estates Cul-de-Sac project. Glessner announced that there are no plans to hire another employee at this time. A paving project will be prepared for bid to be completed in the Spring. Included will be some alleys. Lights on the tennis courts have been repaired and have been restored to a timer system set to turn off at 11:00 pm.

Poulson, reporting as Fire Chief, reported that the department has been reviewing various air packs. The average retail cost of one Pack is \$6,000.

Marshal Spitler submitted the Monthly Activity Report.

Accounts Payable Vouchers were approved as submitted.

General discussion was held.

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

Submitted _____ Clerk-
Marilyn Morrison Treasurer

Town Council:

As _____ President As _____ Member
Julia Glessner Tracey Brown

As _____ Member As _____ Member
Barbara Trospser Ethan Stivers (Absent)