

Minutes of Regular Meeting, January 15, 2018

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, January 18, 2018 in Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne Street, in accordance with rules of Council and applicable law.

Those present were: Town Council, Ethan Stivers, Julia Glessner, Tracey Brown, Steve Buzzard; Clerk-Treasurer Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Lee Poulson, Dennis Spitler; and others.

President Glessner announced the opening of the meeting at 5:00 pm by stating that the first item would be the reorganization of Council. Stivers moved, seconded by Brown that officers remain as in 2017. The motion was approved unanimously with Glessner remaining as President and Stivers as Vice President

Mandy Wood of the Department of Community Development introduced Ordinance 2018-1, an ordinance to amend the current zoning of livestock operations in the Warren planning area to bring the regulations up to the County Code.

Reported was that demolition of the condemned house at 103 W. Fourth Street had been completed, including removal of an underground propane gas tank. The area has been seeded. A lien on the property will be placed to cover the demolition costs.

The proposed Eleventh Street reconstruction project was discussed in general noting that easement information had been sent to those who will be affected.

Dustin Fortney has completed testing and has received his water license through the state. Following discussion, Buzzard moved, seconded by Brown to increase Fortney's hourly rate by \$1.00 effective the next pay period. The motion was approved unanimously.

In correspondence from Huntington County Emergency Management that community input was needed in regard to establishment of a Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan, Poulson volunteered to represent the Council as he would also be attending as Warren Fire Chief.

Submitted for Council consideration was an Agreement with Financial Solutions Group to provide certain services for the Town of Warren such as Electric Tracker, TIF filings, budget reviews, and related business items for 2018. Glessner moved, seconded by Buzzard, to approve the annual agreement. Hourly rates remain as in 2017.

Morrison reported that a benefit for Fire Departments who responded to the December building fire in the downtown was doing well. Sponsored by Pulse Opera House and Historic Warren, the benefit will run until February 15th with proceeds to be divided among all units on the scene.

Marshal Spitler submitted the December activity report.

Poulson, as Fire Chief, submitted the December activity report.

Poulson, as Utility Manager, submitted quotes as follows for an Electric Utility Service Truck cab and chassis: Crain Ford at \$30,000, Southworth Ford at 31,098, and Bluffton Family Ford at \$33,047.16. Brown moved, seconded by Glessner, to accept the quote from Crain Ford in the amount of \$30,000. The motion was approved unanimously. The aluminum body for the truck has been quoted by W.A. Jones at \$7215.00. Discussion was held on the proposed entrance light pole replacement project by reviewing estimated cost of material. No decision made on purchase until the entire project is presented.

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for February 12.

The Accounts Payable Register was approved as submitted.

General Discussion was held.

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Town Council:

As _____ President
Julia Glessner

As _____ Member
Steve Buzzard

As _____ Member
Tracey Brown

As _____ Member
Ethan Stivers