

Minutes of Regular Meeting, June 11, 2018

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, June 11, 2018 in a Regular Meeting at Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne Street, in accordance with rules of Council and applicable law.

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

Vice President Stivers called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and announced the opening of a Public Hearing concerning Ordinance 2018-3, an ordinance establishing an additional appropriation for the INDOT grant and fund transfer. Asking for public input and hearing none, the public hearing was closed. Buzzard moved, seconded by Brown, to adopt Ordinance 2018-3. The motion was approved unanimously. The Ordinance and documentation will be forward to the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance for final approval.

Poulson updated the Eleventh Street Project noting the project had been delayed by three to four weeks to allow Vectren time to replace natural gas lines in the area. The Electric Contractor for the project has installed most of the necessary conduit for new electric service. Poulson will be meeting with representatives of VTF, the general contractor, on June 12th for discussion of possibly adding additional projects to be done in the area in conjunction with the main project.

In a discussion concerning a vacant house located at 312 W Eleventh, by consensus, Council requested that DCD be contacted to inspect to see if the house structure is intact.

Morrison reported that the 2020 Electric Service Contract had been executed with Wolverine Power of Cadillac, Michigan. The Town is currently supplied by Indiana and Michigan.

The Huntington County Department of Community withdrew Ordinance 2018-4 from consideration until a later date.

Buzzard moved, seconded by Stivers, to drop approval of a contract with LiquiVision Technology for cleaning and inspection of both water towers due to inconsistencies in the Contract which would result in excessive additional charges. The motion was approved unanimously. Following discussion, Stivers moved, seconded by Buzzard, to approve a quote from Pittsburg Tank for cleaning and inspection of both water towers in the amount of \$4650 and approved additional work as necessary at the cost of \$300 per hour and as approved by the Utility Manager. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mosquito spraying was set for Mondays and Thursdays, weather permitting.

A letter from was read from Metronet Permit Specialist requesting approval to attach fiber optics to ten Town owned electric poles from 900 S pass Eleventh Street to Heritage Pointe. A Contract and proposed route map were included. Poulson stated that another route might be more appropriate and other questions arose pertaining to responsibilities of the Town. It was determined that Greg Guerrettaz of Financial Solutions Group, the Town's consultant on electric and financial matters, be contacted to provide input.

Renewal information from Physicians Health Plan for employee benefit insurance reflected a sixteen (16%) increase in monthly premium cost, the most in the past four years. Reviewing the plan and not wanting to increase employee cost, Brown moved, seconded by Buzzard, to approve the renewal.

A community Christmas Tree has been planted at the new Chamber Park Site, a joint project of the Chamber and Town.

Morrison reported that the INDOT permit to close the Highways during the Salomonie Summer Festival had been received. Also, planning for the 2019 Municipal Budget is underway. Morrison reviewed the schedule to meet State requirements and said a draft budget would be ready in July.

Marshal Spitler submitted the monthly activity report.

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Poulson, as Fire Chief, submitted the May Activity Report. Following discussion and Poulson’s report that another department was no longer interested in purchase of the unit, by consensus, it was determined to sell the Tanker by sealed bid. The department will be washing the streets and sidewalks in the downtown on June 27th at 6:00 pm in preparation for the Festival.

Poulson, as Utility Manager, reported that Carson Bolinger had been hired as a seasonal employer. Following discussion of the purchase of a used screen system for the Wastewater Plant, Council delayed action pending provision of additional information about costs of a new system, necessary costs to adapt the used screen, and benefit of the system. In addition, recently purchased pumps to upgrade the system are not to be installed until next week and could result in less need for the screens. Following discussion regarding the damage to the smaller of the Bucket Trucks and finding that insurance money had been received in 2017 but the company contacted to do the repair had not acted, Buzzard moved, seconded by Brown, that Poulson solicit quotes from other companies for repair and that a truck be rented while repairs are being done. The motion was approved unanimously. A recent power outage was determined to be the result of failure in a recently installed recloser system. The company will be on site during this week to inspect the unit. Repair work on the ball diamonds at Tower Park done had not been successful in containing water flowing onto the surface. Additional work is planned.

The next Regular Meeting of Council is July 9th. Offices and utilities will be closed July 4th.

The Accounts Payable Register was approved as submitted.

In general discussion it was reported that the individual notified to clear two lots leased from the Town by June 20th has been doing so but neither was cleared. Contact will be made to remind about the deadline.

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

Submitted _____ Clerk-Treasurer
Marilyn Morrison

Town Council:

As _____ President
Julia Glessner(Absent)

As _____ Member
Steve Buzzard

As _____ Member
Tracey Brown

As _____ Member
Ethan Stivers