

Minutes of Regular Meeting, May 14, 2018

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, May 14, 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, Julia Glessner, Steve Buzzard, Tracey Brown, Ethan Stivers; Clerk-Treasurer Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Lee Poulson, Dennis Spitler, and others. President Glessner announced the opening of the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 9, 2018 were approved as submitted.

In continuing discussion related to a house at 313 N. Matilda which had sustained fire damage, Marla Stambazze of the DCD reviewed action to date noting that the latest extension expires as of this date. The property owner reported that the decision made was to repair the home. Citing that twenty eight corrective measures would have to be addressed, Stambazze recommended giving an additional three months but during that time substantial improvements would need to be made in securing the house and cleaning the area around the house. Buzzard moved, seconded by Glessner to extend the order for three months to August 13, 2018 at which time the DCD would provide an inspection report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2018-2, an Ordinance to establish a Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant Fund, was submitted for consideration of adoption. Buzzard moved, seconded by Glessner, to adopt Ordinance 2018-2. The motion was approved unanimously.

Poulson updated planning for the Eleventh Street Reconstruction Project being funded by a Local Road and Bridge grant from INDOT with a match of local monies. Poulson noted that Vectren had requested and had been given three weeks to replace a natural gas line in the area, Citizen's Telephone was in the process of moving equipment, and the contractor would use the area around the Eleventh Street Tower for staging of material and equipment. The Electric Contractor will begin work within the next week.

Ordinance 2018-3, an Ordinance establishing an additional appropriation within the newly created Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant Fund, was introduced. As required by the State, a public hearing on the ordinance was set for the next Regular Meeting of Council, June 11. The ordinance would allow expenditure of grant and transfer funds for the Eleventh Street Project.

Stivers moved, seconded by Buzzard, to donate \$250 to the Salamonie Summer Festival. The motion was approved unanimously.

Morrison reported that ordinances had been submitted to American Legal Publishers for updating of the Town Code. Quotes for digital copy and placement of the code book had been requested.

A request from the Warren Church of Christ for partial vacation of the alley running parallel to Third and Fourth Street from Wayne to Main Street was submitted for preliminary consideration. Following discussion and review of plats, by consensus, preliminary approval was issued.

Ordinance 2018-4, an Ordinance submitted by the Huntington County Department of Community Development to amend certain sections of construction, reconstruction, use and occupancy regulations was introduced. A public hearing has been scheduled for the next Regular Meeting of Council, June 11, 2018.

Andy Gebhart, representing the Salamonie Summer Festival Committee, requested the closure of Third Street from Nancy to College on Friday, June 29th. The request was not approved. However, no parking signs for both sides of the Street will be placed during that time. The following were approved by consensus: Second Street from Matilda to Nancy, Main Street from alley to alley between First and Third Streets, Wayne Street (SR5) from First to Third Street. The Clerk will submit an application for a permit to INDOT for closing of SR 5 for the duration of the Festival and SR 218 for the night of the parade. The downtown area will also be used for a Truck Show on Sunday, July 1st.

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Marshal Spitler submitted the April Activity Report and stated that the Police Station computer had crashed and it had been necessary to replace at the cost of \$1600. Council concurred with the report. Two laptop computers will need to be replaced by the end of the year. All have been updated to work with the newly installed Huntington County Data Base.

Poulson, as Fire Chief, submitted the April Activity Report and stated that the newly acquired Tanker had been used in service. In discussion regarding the replaced tanker, Poulson cited that another department had expressed interest in purchasing. By consensus, it was determined that discussion continue with that department and if no agreement is reached, the tanker will be sold by sealed bid.

Poulson, as Utility Manager, submitted a quote from LiquiVision Technology for inspection and removal of sediment in both Water Towers at the cost of \$3,375. Stivers moved, seconded by Glessner, to accept the quote to meet IDEM requirements. The motion was approved unanimously. Poulson reported that the log jam at the interurban posts continues to grow and another has formed down river. Following discussion, Council directed that a letter be forwarded to Indiana DNR citing the situation and requesting action to alleviate the problem.

Following discussion and by consensus, thirty day notice is to be given to end the leases of the Town lots at the corner of First and Main Street (Parking Lot) and the corner of Wayne and the alley running parallel between First and Second Streets. The lots are to be cleared by June 20th.

Following a report that the ball diamonds at Tower Park are in need of some work, Council requested that employees check the situation. A letter will be directed to the Baseball Association requesting discussion about the situation.

The Accounts Payable Register was approved as submitted.

General discussion was held.

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

Submitted _____ Clerk-Treasurer
Marilyn Morrison

Town Council:

As _____ President
Julia Glessner

As _____ Member
Steve Buzzard

As _____ Member
Tracey Brown

As _____ Member
Ethan Stivers