

Minutes of Regular Meeting, June 28, 2021

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, June 28, 2021 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, Ethan Stivers, Carrie Miller, Steve Buzzard, Tavis Surfus: Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison. Employees, Dennis Spitler: Others.

President Stivers opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Minutes of the June 14 meeting were approved as submitted.

Introduced was Brian Warpup, member of the Huntington County Community School Board and Kevan Biggs of Ideal Homes. Very preliminary discussion was held on the development of a housing addition in the area of Salamonie School with Biggs summarizing processes and the Town and School Board's part of those processes. No decisions made with the School Board and IDEAL Homes to move the process forward.

Also as a discussion item was security at the Scout Cabin where a forced entry had been made and a picnic table removed. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, owners of the land on which the Scout Cabin sits, had been invited to the meeting but due to rescheduling of a grandchild's baseball game could not attend. However, President Stivers played a voice mail from Mrs. Anderson detailing the following:

1. Mr. Anderson was very upset that security cameras had been placed on the cabin without asking permission.
 2. They would no longer discuss the purchase of their land by the Town as the survey had taken too long and they wanted no further survey work done.
 3. Requesting no further derogatory statements be made about the situation and them.
- Morrison reported that contact had been made with Stoodly Associates and that the survey of the land on which the Scout Cabin is located is to be completed the week of July 17th.
 - Reported was that the flow meter at Golfo had been turned off without notice. Further information about the situation will be requested from Golfo and the Town's Compliance Manager will be informed.
 - Delivery the Electric VersaLift truck is scheduled within two weeks as outfitting of the truck is being completed. The truck will replace the Sterling bucket truck currently in use.
 - Preparations for the Salamonie Summer Festival have basically been completed. Council members requested that the property owner of a Second Street Building be notified to clean up the area around two of his buildings.
 - Morrison reported that more training on the American Recovery Act has been scheduled at which time the method of application for the monies as well as any updates from the U. S. Treasury would be forthcoming.
 - Reviewed was a comparison of employee benefit information costs from surrounding Towns noting cost of provision of medical insurance. Discussion held. No action.
 - Huntington County Solid Waste delivered fifty recycling bins for home use. Another one hundred fifty bins are available when needed. Huntington County Solid Waste also supplies the recycling containers located at the Utility Garage on Second Street.
 - Morrison submitted the 2020 Fire Expense Report noting that the report had been forwarded to the Salamonie Township Advisory Board and Trustee also.
 - A request from the Warren/Salamonie Township Firemen's Association for purchase of turn out gear to replace units which will be expiring was reviewed. Miller moved approval of purchase of one half in 2021 and one half in 2022 as requested pending Township approval. Buzzard seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.
 - Discussion held on placement of handicapped parking signs at Tower Park. While Council Members were in favor, more discussion necessary before final decision on placement.
 - Accounts Payable Register in the amount of \$372,424.66 was approved as submitted.
 - No discussion on Invoice Cloud, rescheduled for next Regular Meeting of Council.

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- Morrison reported that due to continued problems with the recently installed phone system, the Installation had ordered all new equipment and cables. Installation will involve shutting down the phone system and internet. Notice will be posted to customers as soon as scheduled.
- Due to the State's delay in making budget forms accessible, discussion of the 2021 Budget preparation is delayed.

An Executive Meeting, followed by a Special Session, was scheduled for Wednesday, July 7 with the Executive Meeting to begin at 6:00 pm. Agenda item is evaluation of an individual employee(s) not in the context of budget discussion.

The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting is July 12 at 6:00 pm.

General discussion held.

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

Submitted _____ Clerk-Treasurer
Marilyn Morrison

Town Council:

As _____ President
Ethan Stivers

As _____ Member
Steve Buzzard

As _____ Member
Carrie Miller

As _____ Member
Tavis Surfus