

Minutes of Special Meeting, April 17, 2023

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, April 17, 2023 in a called Special Meeting at Town Hall, 132 N. Wayne St, in accordance with rules of Council and applicable law.

Those present were: Council Members, Steve Buzzard, Michelle Schweikhardt, Tavis Surfus, Jeremy Rufener: Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison.

President Buzzard opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Discussion was held regarding the award of an INDOT CCBG Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the reconstruction of North Wayne Street from SR 5 to the area of Eleventh Street and supporting projects as in storm water and curbing. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$1.5 with local match funds and additional supporting funding already in place through the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund and Local Roads and Streets Funds. Submitted was Resolution 3-2023, a resolution setting the signatory for the project as the Clerk-Treasurer. Buzzard moved, Schweikhardt seconded, to adopt. Motion approved unanimously.

General discussion was held regarding the establishment of a Fire Protection Territory with Salamonie Township. The process must be underway this year for inception in 2024. Greg Guerrettaz of Financial Solutions Group had previously reviewed the process which would be necessary with the Township Trustee expressing interest as well as the Town. Process will continue.

In a meeting with Greg Guerrettaz of FSG, Salamonie Township Trustee Scott Canady, and Clerk-Treasurer Marilyn Morrison, discussion continued on financing purchase of a Pumper for the Fire Department. With various funding options discussed, a joint meeting of the Township Advisory Board and Town Council will be necessary to move the process forward.

Following review and discussion of documents submitted for replacement of a sidewalk along SR 218 East (First Street) by the Knight Bergman Center, Buzzard moved, seconded by Schweikhardt, that a grant be awarded in the amount of \$12,000 as the sidewalk is accessible to all citizens. The motion was approved unanimously. Funding of the Grant will be through the Economic Development Income Tax Fund.

Morrison reported that the Town's Fixed Asset Accounting has been updated to meet recent additional State. The updates have been added/updated to the 2020, 2021, and 2022 Annual Financial Reports which are submitted to the State.

The remainder of the meeting was spent in discussion concerning procedures for proposed hiring of additional employee(s). No action taken.

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

Submitted _____ Clerk-Treasurer
Marilyn Morrison

Town Council:

As _____ President
Steve Buzzard

As _____ Member
Michelle Schweikhardt

As _____ Member
Tavis Surfus

As _____ Member
Jeremy Rufener