

Minutes of Regular Meeting, March 10, 2025

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, March 10, 2025 in a Regular Meeting at Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne St, in accordance with rules of Council and applicable law.

Those present were: Council Members, Steve Buzzard, Michelle Schweikhardt, Jeremy Rufener; Ron Boxell: Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Dennis Spitler, Lee Poulson; others.

Minutes of the February 10th and 24th meetings were approved as submitted.

Bonnie Meyers, chairman of the Veteran Park Committee updated as follows:

Sign to be installed will match one placed in Riverside Park.

Message to be placed on brass plaque was submitted,

Six Benches will be placed in the Park.

Council approved all by consensus and cost of all listed will be covered by donations with Town handling some ordering.

Marshal Spitler submitted February Activity Report and reported that service weapons needed to be updated in the next few months which will involve sale or trade in of current units so no final cost estimate available at this time.

Fire Chief Poulson submitted February Activity Report.

Buzzard reported on the March 5th Warren Area Chamber of Commerce meeting noting that the Salamonie Summer Festival is scheduled for July 4, 5, 6.

Ordinance 2025-2, setting wage for Janitor position at \$15 per hour. Buzzard moved, seconded by Sweikhardt moved to reconsider previous action. Boxell, Sweikhardt, Buzzard voted to approve, Rufener abstained. Sweikhardt moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-2, seconded by Buzzard. Boxell, Sweikhardt, Buzzard moved to adopt, Rufener abstained.

Ordinance 2025-3, Amendment of Trash Collection Rates to set month rate at \$16.50 and extra tote cost at \$8.00, was submitted in introduction. Public Hearing set for March 24th.

Ordinance 2025-4, an Ordinance to control heavy truck traffic on designated streets was introduced. A Public Hearing will need to be set before final consideration.

Discussion continued regarding Animal Control with final determination made to revise current Town Code. An ordinance will be prepared for consideration with updates noted.

Morrison requested any input regarding the Agreement with the Developer which had been provided to Council Members previously through the Attorney. No discussion.

Morrison reported that the Contract to lease the farm acreage recently purchased at the end of Twelfth Street had been signed by the renter.

By consensus, members were appointed to the Park Board as follows: Martina Cocklin, Lori Buzzard, Meagan Thompson, and Julia Glessner. An Ordinance will be prepared setting terms as required by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to be eligible for grant application in November.

Resolution 2-2025, a Resolution to transfer \$7000 from General Fund (Town Wide Clean Up appropriation) to the Sanitation Fund as that service will now be provided through GFL.

Morrison submitted an invoice from T&B (Electric Contractor) which had been issued in February of 2024 to Edgewater Mills for Electric Work and which had not been paid by the Mill. Requested was that the Town provide assistance and contact had been made but no payment was made by Edgewater Mill. Noting that T&B is a Town Vendor, Sweikhardt moved, seconded by Buzzard to pay the invoice in the amount of \$17,874.65 and proceed with collection action. Sweikhardt, Boxell, Buzzard voted to approve, Rufener abstained.

The Reorganization of the Warren Redevelopment Committee was scheduled for March 24 at 5:30 pm with approval of the TIF Report also to be reviewed as required by State.

The Claims Register Docket in the amount of \$216,702.72 was approved by consensus.

Submitted was the February Financial Report.

The February Payroll Docket in the amount of \$42,059.83 was approved by consensus.

Utility Manager Poulson updated projects. Requested was consideration of Bobcat purchases as follows: Hydraulic Clamp at \$3015 and Soil Conditioner at \$10,649.25. Both attachments would be used by all departments – MVH, Electric, Water, Sewer. Buzzard moved approval of purchase with Boxell seconding. Approved unanimously.

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General Discussion held.

Next Meeting of Council set for March 24.

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

Submitted: _____
Marilyn Morrison Clerk-Treasurer

Warren Town Council:

Steve Buzzard
President

Michelle Schweikhardt
Vice President

Jeremy Rufener
Member

Ron Boxell
Member