

## Minutes of Regular Meeting, April 14, 2025

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, April 14, 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, Dustin Fortney; others.

President Buzzard announced the opening of a scheduled Public Hearing on Resolution 3-2025, Resolution to Approve Additional Appropriations. Following reading of the Resolution and request for public comment and hearing none, the Public Hearing was closed. Buzzard moved, seconded by Boxell, to approve Resolution 3-2025. Boxell, Buzzard, Schweikhardt, Rufener voted to approve the motion.

Minutes of the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as submitted.

Lisa Williams and James Loftis of the Baseball Association submitted the schedule for games at Tower Park noting eighteen youth teams were scheduled to play with Adult League scheduled following that season. Also submitted was an annual contribution to the Park Donation Fund from the Association.

Marshal Spitler submitted the March Activity Report.

Fire Chief Poulson had submitted the Department March Activity Report.

Rufener submitted the HCUED Monthly Report.

Morrison submitted a request for financial support for the OCRA Rural Empowerment & Development program, County Wide program, planned initial workshop in May. Following discussion, Schweikhardt moved, seconded by Boxell, to approve the amount of \$250 from CEDIT Funds. Boxell, Rufener, Schweikhardt, Rufener voted to approve the motion.

A Public Hearing for Ordinance 2025-4, Control of certain Truck Traffic on designated streets has been scheduled for April 28th Meeting.

The Attorney has not yet submitted an Ordinance for Animal Control.

An Executive Meeting was set for Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 pm for discussion with the Real Estate Attorney regarding proposed Developer Agreement.

Ordinance 2025-5, Amendment to Utility Employee wages and Ordinance 2025-6, and Amendment to Appointed Officials wages as introduced on March 24<sup>th</sup> were submitted for action. Buzzard moved, seconded by Rufener, to adopt both Ordinances. Boxell, Rufener, Schweikhardt, Buzzard voted to approve the motion.

A notice from Midwest Fire, company from which a Fire Truck is scheduled to be delivered in 2026, was read with the company notifying that the tariff situation could be expected to result in higher than estimated chassis costs. Morrison recommended that additional funds be moved to the Rainy Day Fund during budget considerations to offset any potential cost increases.

Morrison submitted the Quarterly Report for the Substance Abuse Fund through the Huntington County Community Foundation. The Council commits Opioid Settlement Distribution monies to that Fund.

Utility Supervisor Fortney submitted updates on the Wayne Street Project noting that the work is scheduled to be complete in early May. Also, work has been completed in preparation for the Water Data Collection System to be installed on the Tower Park Tower. Submitted for consideration were two quotes from Colton Hasty for Street Cut repairs – one for work on Main and Nancy Streets for dips in the roads in the amount of \$2200 and one for repair of several street cuts in the amount of \$6300. Buzzard moved, seconded by Boxell to accept both quotes. Boxell, Rufener, Schweikhardt, Buzzard voted to approve the motion.

Claims Register was approved as submitted in the amount of \$374233.87. PR Allocation Report for March was approved as submitted in the amount of \$41,117.24. March Financial Report was submitted.

Schweikhardt reported on the Veterans Park noting that signage had been ordered. Also updated was a project through Warren Library and Warren Boys and Girls Club for placement of murals on the building leased from the Town. Noting that the Library had put the project on hold due to pending State Legislative action and due to upfront costs from a mural artist whom had been contacted, it was recommended that a local artist be found to move the project forward.

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General Discussion held.

Next Meeting of Council set for April 28<sup>th</sup> with Public Hearing on Truck Ordinance and Project Update Reports by Town Engineer, Ben Adams, from Commonwealth Engineering scheduled.

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

Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marilyn Morrison Clerk-Treasurer

Warren Town Council:

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Steve Buzzard  
President

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Michelle Schweikhardt  
Vice President

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Jeremy Rufener  
Member

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Ron Boxell  
Member