

Draft Minutes of Special Meeting, June 22, 2026

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, June 22, 2026 at 4:30 pm in a Special Session called as a Work Session at Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne St, in accordance with rules of Council and applicable law with President Schweikhardt presiding.

Those present were: Council Members, Ron Boxell, Michelle Schweikhardt, Megan Thompson; Scott Canady; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Dustin Fortney; Ben Adams of Commonwealth Engineering and Greg Beumer of Kleinpeter Consulting.

Beumer summarized the process of possibly applying for an OCRA (Office of Community and Rural Affairs) grant noting that the total amount of the grant is currently set not to exceed \$750,000 and reviewed the application process. Also, noted was that household income survey would be necessary to prove whether the Town would meet the low/moderate level. Cost would be \$5000.

Ben Adams reviewed the project estimates and restated the immediate need for action to replace the failing blowers at the Wastewater Treatment Plant at an estimated cost of \$1M. As had been discussed at Regular Meetings prior, one option was to borrow from the Electric Reserve Fund and a rate study had been completed by Financial Solutions Group and submitted to Council at an earlier meeting. Stressing the immediate need to move on the Blower Replacement Project, Adams stated that realigning of processes at the Wastewater Treatment Plant could be done to allow for time to work with the Financial Consultant on a Financial Comprehensive Plan for the additional estimated \$10M in projects. Adams recommended the Blower Project be bid as soon as possible to allow for a more concrete financial information so that Financial Planning could proceed.

Following discussion, Schweikhardt moved, seconded by Canady, to proceed with the income survey and sign the contract with Kleinpeter Consulting. Approved unanimously.

Additionally, Canady moved, seconded by Boxell, to approve the bidding of the Blower Project as soon as possible to allow for any adjustments to estimated cost which would allow the project to move forward more quickly.

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

Submitted _____
Marilyn Morrison Clerk-Treasurer

Warren Town Council:

Michelle Schweikhardt
President

Ron Boxell
Vice President

Absent _____
Scott Canady
Member

Megan Thompson
Member