

Minutes of Regular Meeting, June 10, 2019

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, June 10, 2019 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, Steve Buzzard, Carrie Miller, Ethan Stivers, Julia Glessner; Clerk-Treasurer Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Lee Poulson, Dennis Spitler and others.

President Glessner announced the opening of the meeting at 5:00.

Minutes of the May 13, 2019 minutes were approved as submitted.

The property owner at 1111 Huntington Ave was present to discuss sewer back up issues into the basement of the home. Discussion was held on the matter with the owner detailing what had happened and the steps which had to be taken to alleviate the problem. Due to the excessive amount of rain which had been received in the prior week, especially in one day, the issue seemed to center around stormwater runoff possibly flooding the system. While no specific measures were taken by Council, the matter will be further discussed. Another resident was present with questions concerning Council discussion that had been held over the past few meetings regarding clearing of the sidewalks. President Glessner and others assured the resident that the matter had been discussion only and that no formal steps had been taken. Additional questions from the resident were discussed. In another issue, a request for the Town to cover the cost of an REMC light for the intersection of SR5/900 S was not discussed as further information is needed.

The Department of Community Development scheduled report on the condition of the house at 315 N. Matilda is delayed until the next regular meeting of Council due to time limitations within the department. The owner had been given until June to make substantial improvements. In discussion, Miller requested that DCD be in contact with the owner of the vacant lot on N. Wayne St in the downtown about the cleanup of the area as there is no evidence of any work being done on the grounds and that the property owner at 312 W. Eleventh be contacted about plans for that property. In addition, DCD reported that the house on 907 N. Main is scheduled for June 20th to assess the cleanup of the property.

As to purchase of a small section of property on Eleventh Street so that a stormwater line can be installed, Morrison reported that the required survey has been scheduled within the next few weeks. The property owner has agreed to the project.

Generator quotes for Town Hall and for the SR 5/800 S Lift Station were not ready for presentation to Council.

Morrison reported that notification had been received by the Indiana DNR that the Town had made the final round for consideration of a grant through that department for removal of the dam and one pillar in the Salamonie which is causing problems with the flow of the river.

Discussion continued related to the replacement of the Tower Park Water Tower and the size of the replacement as it is necessary to increase the size at least to 200,000 gallons from the current 150,000. Further discussion will be held with the engineer.

In further discussion of the Sewer Vac Truck which had been advertised for sale and the bid rejected by the Council, Glessner moved, seconded by Buzzard, to 'sell' the truck to Markle for the sum of \$1. The motion was approved. The transaction will be completed per State Law.

In a discussion resulting from reports of an increase in the feral cat population, it was determined that the Town Marshal contact the local veterinary office to see if the previous plan of trapping, spaying and neutering, and release out to owners in need of barn cats would still be available. The Town would cover the costs.

Discussing the property located at 614 N. Nancy Street, by consensus, it was determined to contact the Department of Community Development to schedule an inspection for an unsafe property.

Submitted for Council Review was a twelve month contract from Commonwealth Engineers in the amount of \$15,000 for general engineering. Stivers moved, seconded by Buzzard to approve signing of the contract. Also submitted for action was an invoice in the amount of \$20,000 for the engineering of the Golfo Lift Station. By consensus, Council requested that Golfo be requested to reimburse one half of the cost.

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Miller moved, seconded by Glessner to donate \$250 dollars to the Salamonie Summer Festival. The motion carried. Miller moved, seconded by Buzzard, to approve closing of Second Street from Matilda to Nancy and Main Street from alley to alley between First and Third. The motion was approved unanimously. Also discussed was closing of the S Main Street from First to the alley behind the Post Office during use of Riverside Park. Council concurred.

Morrison noted that work on the 2020 Municipal Budget was underway. A quote of \$1699 was presented from Innovative Technology Group for upgrade of two computers to Windows 10 and replacement of the Laptop. Council concurred.

Marshal Spitler submitted the monthly report.

Fire Chief Poulson submitted the month report. Streets will be washed on Tuesday, July 2 in preparation for the Festival. Also the generator at the Fire Station did not engage during the last power outage. No word yet on what is needed.

Utility Manager Poulson submitted the monthly activity report. The pipe has been received for the Third Street water main replacement project but the work will be delayed until following the Festival. As the 4 pipe on hand is not useable, by consensus, Council agreed that it should be advertised for sale as is. Following the planned AEP power outage on June 8th, Poulson reported that the Town System came back on as normal. Problems still persist due to the amount of flooding during the period of high amounts or rain but streets are returning to normal and catch basins are flowing.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of Council is July 8.

Approved as submitted was the Accounts Payable Register.

General discussion was held.

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

Submitted _____ Clerk-Treasurer
Marilyn Morrison

Town Council:

As _____ President
Julia Glessner

As _____ Member
Steve Buzzard

As _____ Member
Carrie Miller

As _____ Member
Ethan Stivers