

Minutes of Regular Meeting, September 9, 2019

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, September 9, 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, Julia Glessner; Ethan Stivers(Absent); Clerk-Treasurer Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Lee Poulson, Dennis Spitler and others.

President Glessner announced the opening of the meeting at 5:00 and announced the opening of a scheduled public hearing on the 2020 Municipal Budget. Following review of the budget and asking for public comment and hearing none, Glessner closed the public hearing. Consideration of adoption of the 2020 Municipal Budget is scheduled for the October 14th Regular Meeting of Council.

As scheduled, a submitted bid for demolition of residential buildings at 614 N. Nancy was opened from DIRT Inc in the amount of \$9928.00. Glessner moved, seconded by Buzzard to accept the quote and to sign the Record of Hearing and Continuous Enforcement. The motion was approved unanimously. In another matter, Miller moved, seconded by Buzzard to move forward with the demolition of building at 907 N. Main Street as the owner has not responded to any notifications. The motion was approved unanimously.

Poulson reported that he did not have a schedule for the work on INDOT replacement of handicap ramps at State Road intersections. Some cuts have been made in the corners downtown but no further work has been done.

Morrison reported that discussion is still being held with representatives of Golfo di Napoli Dairy regarding the disposal of Solid Waste and Sampling of the flow. The matter has been forwarded to the Town's Civil Engineer.

Morrison submitted Rate Reports for Water and Wastewater from Financial Solutions Group, the Town's financial consultant. Recommended was that there be no increase in Wastewater Rate and a ten percent (10%) increase in the water rate. The average increase would be just over \$3 per month for residential users. Following discussion and review of the submitted data, by consensus, Council directed that the information be forwarded to the Municipal Attorney for an Ordinance to be prepared. At a September 16th Work Session of Council, a public hearing will be set and a review of the draft ordinance will be done with the Financial Consultant.

A representative from INDOT has requested a schedule of festivals for 2020 as SR 218 and SR 5 will be resurfaced in the Town in 2020.

Submitted for Council review was a bid package to request bids for the Collection of Trash and Rubbish within the Town as the present Contract expires in 2019. Opening of bids was scheduled for November Council Meeting.

A service contract with CINTAS was not approved pending receipt of further information.

Morrison reported that Auditors from the Indiana State Board of Accounts had begun an audit of the past four years of Town records. Submitted to Council and reviewed were the August Financial Reports. Also submitted for Council review were the current Employee Wage and Benefit schedules in preparation for the 2020 schedules.

Marshal Spitler submitted the July Activity Report and reported that the local Veterinarian had agreed to provide discounted service to reduce the feral cat population. The charge would be \$50 per male and \$75 per female. The report was taken under consideration.

Fire Chief Poulson submitted the August Monthly Report. Both pumpers are scheduled for pump testing in October.

Poulson, as Utility Manager, submitted the August Monthly report. Testing on the newly installed water main on Third Street has been completed including pressure testing and IDEM required testing. Laterals will now be installed to users in the area. Poulson reported that he had not heard anything from VTF in regard to replacement of the seeding on Eleventh Street. The company has until the end of September to act or retainage being held will be used to complete the landscaping. While two bids have been submitted for inspection of Electric Utility Poles, consideration was delayed pending a bid to be submitted within the week. The Pole Replacement Project should be underway within the month and includes entrance poles into the Town. Poulson continues to solicit bids for replacement of the large pavilion at Tower Park.

The next Regular scheduled meeting of Town Council is October 14th.

The Accounts Payable Register was approved as submitted.

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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