

Minutes of Regular Meeting, July 13, 2020

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, July 13, 2020 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, Ethan Stivers, Carrie Miller, Steve Buzzard, Tavis Surfus (Absent): Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Lee Poulson, Ty Surfus, Dennis Spitler, and others.

President Stivers announced the opening of the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 19 were approved as submitted:

Agenda items reports were as follows:

- Survey of Scout Cabin Land tentatively scheduled for July 17th or following week.
- Meeting to be scheduled with Salamonie Township Advisory Board and Trustee to discuss Fire Contract issues on Monday, July 20th at 5:00 PM if possible.
- DNR Grant – No Update.
- OCRA Grant (Water Project) – Award is scheduled for August 6th by the Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

Reviewed was a quote for a Sterling Bucket Truck. As there was only one quote submitted, by consensus, Council requested at least one more.

The Compliance Engineer reported that information from Golfo had not been submitted as requested so another request had been made. Information was then received.

An Executive Meeting was set for 4:00 PM on Monday, July 20th regarding the proposed hiring of an Operations Manager.

The transfer to Wolverine Power from AEP has been completed with FERC filing. The first billing notice has been received and forwarded to the Financial Consultant for review.

Ordinance 2020-3 Public Hearing has been rescheduled for August 10th.

Stivers moved, seconded by Buzzard, to approve Resolution 3-2020, A Resolution Regarding Purchase of Property. The motion was approved unanimously. Buzzard moved, seconded by Miller, to approve the signing of a Purchase Agreement by Stivers for purchase of a property on Eleventh Street. The motion was approved unanimously. Morrison submitted a list of contractors to be contacted regarding the demolition of a trailer and clearing of the property as purchased with all contractors being within Huntington County.

INDOT has notified that the Town is not in compliance with ADA Policy. Morrison had requested and had received some instruction from the contact person. The project must be completed by the end of the year.

Miller moved, seconded by Buzzard, that a Stormwater Utility be established. The motion was approved unanimously.

Morrison reported two Requests for Proposals had been submitted to Insurance Companies (Benefit Coverage) with an additional three companies to be contacted.

Work on the 2021 Municipal Budget continues. A delay by the State in opening the portal has delayed input of the budget into the system. The Utility Office is following the Governor's order for disconnects. There are approximately ten accounts that are at least three months delinquent with five of those accounts \$1000 or more. Unless the Governor extends the disconnect order for another month, those accounts will be due in August.

Marshal Spitler announced that Cole Lahr, Part-Time Deputy, had resigned leaving an opening. Stivers moved, seconded by Buzzard to replace a Car Computer at the cost of \$1400. The motion was approved unanimously.

Poulson, as Fire Chief, reviewed the monthly report. By consensus, Council approved the appointments of Jared Coolman and Clinton Rosen to the Department. The Community was thanked for the support of the recent Fund Raiser which raised over \$8500.

Poulson, as Utility Manager, reviewed the monthly report. The Nancy Street Lift Station pumps had failed so a stop gap measure is in place until the new motors are delivered. So far there has been no interruption in the pumping status. The recent cleanup resulted in five loads being collected. Due to the plans for the Trailer Court by the new owners, electric service upgrade will need to be done and the ten year sewer plant upgrade plan is being finalized.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, July 13, 2020

The next Regular Meeting of Council will be August 10th. An Executive Meeting is scheduled for 4:00 PM on Monday, July 20 followed by a Special Meeting at 5:00 PM if possible.

The Accounts Payable Register was approved as submitted.

General discussion was held.

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

Submitted _____ Clerk-Treasurer
Marilyn Morrison

Town Council:

As _____ President
Ethan Stivers

As _____ Member
Steve Buzzard

As _____ Member
Carrie Miller

As _____ Member
Tavis Surfus.