

Minutes of Special Session, October 26, 2020

The Warren Town Council met in a meeting called as a Special Session at 5:00 PM on October 26, 2020 at Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, in accordance with the rules of Council and Applicable law. Those present were: Town Council, Ethan Stivers, Carrie Miller, and Steve Buzzard. Tavis Surfus, Absent. Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison.

Following discussion of bids received for the Salamonie River Dam Removal project through a LARE grant from DNR Miller moved, seconded by Buzzard, to award the project to Cardno, Inc. of Walkerton, Indiana in the sum of \$47, 000. The motion was approved unanimously.

The other bids submitted were from Flatland Resources for \$66,625 and EcoSystems Connections for \$58,000. The tentative schedule shows the work to be started and completed in November of 2020, weather permitting.

In discussion of CARES Act Funding and based on information received from the Indiana Finance Authority, Buzzard moved, seconded by Stivers, approval of Resolution 5-2020, a Resolution to make application to provide reimbursement due to public health and public safety costs. The motion was approved unanimously. Additionally, Miller moved, seconded by Buzzard to apply for the total amount available to the Town of Warren, \$39,224.00 and to approve Council President Stivers signing of documents of certification and request forms. The motion was approved unanimously.

Submitted for Council review was an amended proposed payment agreement with Golfo Di Napoli for payment of surcharges past due for the treatment of excessive strength wastewater through the Municipal Wastewater Plant. Further amendments were made by Council and will be submitted to the Compliance Manager of Commonwealth Engineering for further review. The current outstanding past due amount is \$33,000 with the September Calculation of surcharges to be added.

Reported was that a county wide application to the Indiana Stellar Community Grant Fund has been delayed. Original target date was March 1, 2021. In discussion, by consensus, Council approved speaking with other Towns in the County to consider a group project for development of Comprehensive Plans as required.

Discussion centered upon the current medical insurance benefit plan for employees. In comparison to other Towns in the area which considered number of employees, age of employees, and deductibles, the current plan appears to be on target but discussion will continue. In addition, Companion Life Insurance will be contacted for rate of adding basic Vision Coverage to the policy which now includes Basic Dental, Life, and AD&D Insurance.

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