

Minutes of Regular Meeting, January 13, 2025

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, January 13, 2025 in a Regular Meeting at Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne St, in accordance with rules of Council and applicable law.

Those present were: Council Members, Steve Buzzard, Ron Boxell, Michelle Schweikhardt, Jeremy Rufener; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employee, Lee Poulson, and others.

As a Special Order of Business, bids for Trash Collection for in Town Residents were opened and read. Companies submitting bids were H&H, GFL, and Bestway. Bids were taken under advisement for future review. Bids for first year of contract were H&H at \$13.25, BestWay at \$21.00 and GFL at \$17.50. To be awarded at the January 27th meeting following review of the bids.

Minutes of December 18 were approved as submitted.

Marshal Spittler, absent, had submitted the November and December Activity reports and a proposal for addressing semi truck traffic on local streets. The proposal will be discussed at the next Regular Meeting.

Fire Chief Poulson reviewed the December Activity report of the department.

An invitation from Huntington County Chamber for a Meet and Greet scheduled for February 5th at East of Chicago was distributed

Submitted was a draft Farm Land Lease agreement for Council review for acquired acreage off of Eleventh Street. On agenda for January 27 Meeting.

Landscaping proposals for area of the Veterans Memorial Park were reviewed as follows: For full landscaping plan – Huntington Nursery \$4536.90, Steve’s Landscaping, \$8534.56. Partial landscaping plan – Huntington Nursery \$2398.07, Steve’s Landscaping \$6577.75. Schweikhardt moved, seconded by Boxell to accept the quote of Huntington Nursery for full landscaping in the amount of \$4536.90. Motion approved unanimously.

Morrison reported that Spectrum Engineering had begun the Electric System Study. Employees are working on a listing of system upgrades since 2009.

Rufener volunteered to serve on the 3A Development Distric Director representing the Town. Concurrence.

Rufener volunteered to serve on the Huntington County United Economic Development Board as Buzzard opted out of another term. Concurrence.

Reviewed was a request from T-Mobile for installation of equipment on the Tower Park Water Tower. As the recently approved Water Metering Service Unit is to be placed on that Tower, questions will need to be directed to Neptune regarding any potential interference. No action taken.

Annual proposals from Financial Solutions Group were submitted for the following: Required Redevelopment Commission Reporting, Professional Services, Continuing Disclosure Filings, Wastewater and Water Five Year Comprehensive Plan Development, and, continuing Electric Rate Structure Review and Comprehensive Plan. Buzzard moved, seconded by Schweikhardt, to sign the proposals. Voting in the affirmative were Schweikhardt, Buzzard, and Boxell. Rufener abstained.

Morrison requested a janitor be hired for Town Hall at the rate of \$15 per hour as the area has been without a janitor for four years. A person had been contacted and indicated interest in the position. Following discussion, Schweikhardt moved, seconded by Buzzard to approve the hire. Voting in the affirmative were Schweikhardt, Buzzard, and Boxell. Rufener abstained.

A letter of support for approval of a liquor license for El Guero Restaurant was approved by consensus.

Claims Register in the amount of \$310,736.54 approved by consensus.

End of Year Fund Report submitted and reviewed.

Payroll Docket for December, 2024, approved by consensus.

Utility Manager Poulson reviewed updated on snow removal, maintenance, projects noting that a water line on Nancy Extended would need to be repaired or replaced. Further information to be developed.

Discussion held on future hiring steps and schedules.

Next Regular Meeting of Town Council set for January 27.

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

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Submitted _____
Marilyn Morrison

Warren Town Council:

Steve Buzzard
President

Michelle Schweikhardt
Vice President

Jeremy Rufener
Member

Ron Boxell
Member