

Minutes of Regular Meeting, January 27, 2025

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, January 27, 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, Ron Boxell, Michelle Schweikhardt, Jeremy Rufener with Buzzard absent; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Dennis Spitler; others.

Schweikhardt, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Under Special Order of Business, review and consideration of Trash Collection Bids as opened at the previous meeting was conducted. Following discussion, Schweikhardt moved, seconded by Boxell, to award the contract to GFL at \$17.50 per unit, Boxell and Schweikhardt voted for, Rufener voted no. As two members of a four member Council do not constitute a quorum, the motion failed. Rufener asked that he be given time to reconsider.

Minutes of the January, 2025, minutes were approved as submitted.

A roster of current Fire Department members was provided to Council.

Schweikhardt reported on the Accelerate Huntington County WHARMM Meeting held in Andrews and a summary of the meeting. Also, through Accelerate Huntington County and by consensus, a letter of support was signed in support of development of the Small Town Opportunity Initiative (STOI) within the State of Indiana.

Under unfinished business, Morrison reported that the contract sent for cash rental of the Eleventh Street Property had not been returned as of yet, the Real Estate Attorney had not forwarded any documents related to the closing on the Salamonie School Property or the Housing Developer Agreement, the Electric System Study is underway and should take approximately four months, and, Marshal Spitler reviewed a general summary of streets to be restricted from certain truck traffic and a general basis of implementation. An Ordinance will be drafted for Truck Traffic.

Ordinance 2025-1, an ordinance amending Ordinance 2024-13, to add a position within the Utility/Street Departments at the rate of \$20.19 per hour was introduced. Dillon Farr will begin employment on February 3, 2025 so Morrison asked that consideration be made to adopt an ordinance at the same meeting as introduction. Schweikhardt so moved, seconded by Rufener, and the motion was approved unanimously. Schweikhardt moved, seconded by Rufener, to adopt Ordinance 2025-1 and the motion was approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2025-2, an ordinance establishing a janitorial position at the rate of \$15 per hour was introduced.

Morrison reported that AT&T had continued pressure for the Town to relocate a County Communication antenna and a lighting rod on the top of the Eleventh Street Tower for installation of additional AT&T equipment as per the lease agreement. Reported was that Poulson would be in contact with County Officials for direction.

Rufener moved, seconded by Schweikhardt, to add MLK day to the list of Employee Holidays. Motion approved. Ordinance will be drafted to amend the Personnel Policy.

Development of the Veterans Memorial Park continues.

Schweikhardt moved, seconded by Boxell to reconsider the vote on Trash Contract. Motion carried. Schweikhardt moved, seconded by Boxell, to award the bid to GFL. Motion was approved. The Contract will necessitate an increase in rate which will be determined at a later date. The Contract will go into effect on March 1, 2025 with carts provided.

The next Regular Meeting of Town Council is scheduled for February 10th.

General Discussion was held.

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

Submitted

Marilyn Morrison

Clerk-Treasurer

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Steve Buzzard
President

Michelle Schweikhardt
Vice President

Jeremy Rufener
Member

Ron Boxell
Member