

Minutes of Regular Meeting, March 14, 2005

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, March 14, 2005, for a Regular Meeting at Assembly Hall, Council meeting room, 131 N. Wayne Street, in accordance with the rules of this Town Council and applicable law.

Those present were: Council Members, David Scheib, Ron Neff, Bill Cartwright, and Harold Jones; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Dennis Spitler, Curt Day; Others, Herald Press Reporter, Warren Weekly Reporter, Fire Chief Ford.

Vice-President Scheib called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m..

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 28 and Special Meeting of March 7 were approved as submitted.

Scheib complimented Town Employees for the renovation work being completed on Assembly Hall and the timely completion of the project.

Kim Coolman, newly elected President of the Advisory Park Board, reported that the spring walk-through of Tower Park has been scheduled for Saturday, March 26th at 6:30 p.m. to develop a maintenance/repair list. Approved by consensus was the filling of urns/pole hangers for the War Memorial and electric poles by Gebhart Floral. The next meeting of the Park Board will be April 11th.

Scheib reviewed a meeting held on March 7th with Mike Sapp, Director of the Huntington County Department of Community Development, regarding Ordinances 2005-(3-12), amendments to Town of Warren and jurisdictional areas in regard to zoning and planning. No action was taken as proposals with regard to amendments to those ordinances have not been completed.

Council rescheduled a public hearing for Ordinance 2005-13, an ordinance amending water tap fees, for Monday, March 28th at 6:30 p.m..

Morrison reported that Attorney Hartburg had informed that necessary documents would be available at the next Regular Meeting of Council in regard to the proposed closing of a section of Adams Street and annexation as petitioned for the Hillside Church of the Nazarene.

Following review and discussion, Cartwright moved, seconded by Neff, adoption of Ordinance 2005-14, lamination fees. The motion was approved unanimously.

Morrison reviewed information from Huntington County Habitat for Humanity and a request that the Town Council support an application for a Neighborhood Assistance Program grant. By consensus, Council approved a letter in support as submitted by Morrison.

Morrison reviewed a listing of delinquent utility accounts and requested Council approve removal from accounts receivables and from the collection process. The twenty accounts total \$3,855.25, cover ten years, and are considered uncollectible. When removed, such accounts are posted to an accounts outstanding ledger. Cartwright moved, seconded by Neff, to approve the request. The motion was approved unanimously.

Morrison reported that the Huntington County Leadership Class would be meeting at the Knight-Bergman Center on March 30th and Council Members were invited to attend.

Morrison submitted the February Financial report and the 2004 Fire Protection Financial Report.

Utility Manager Day reported that Ben Adams of Schnelker Engineering had completed a site review and had recommended that curbing not be done in the area currently being considered for paving in 2005. Adams recommended storm water drainage be improved at the corner of Jefferson and College. Following further discussion, by consensus, Council approved development of specs for 2005 paving in anticipation of advertising for bids in April. Day reported that sewer vac repairs are being completed and work on Assembly Hall was nearly complete. Submitted was a quote from Peerless-Midwest for maintenance and upgrade on Well #2. Following discussion, it was determined that specs be developed and that sealed quotes be requested from three companies with those quotes to be submitted at the April 25th meeting of Council.

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Fire Chief Ford reported that two estimates had been received for purchase of tanker, one at \$150,000 and one at \$172,000. With that information, Ford requested permission to proceed with application to FEMA for a grant which would cover 90% of the cost with the remaining 10% to be covered equally Salamonie Township and the Town. Ford reported that Township Trustee Jim Howell had indicated funds were available through the Township. Following discussion, Neff moved, seconded by Cartwright, that application be made to FEMA and that monies from the Cumulative Fire Fund or CCD fund be used to cover the Town share of expenses. The motion was approved unanimously.

Neff moved, seconded by Cartwright, approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers as follows:

Electric	66-97	\$84,333.11
Water	76-108	\$15,135.60
Wastewater	53-86	\$58,960.92
Sanitation	4-5	\$ 6,637.54
General	87-138	\$68,912.89

The motion was approved unanimously.

General discussion was held.

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

Submitted By _____ Clerk-
Marilyn Morrison Treasurer

Approved by Town Council:

_____ as President	_____ as Member
Harold Jones(absent)	Bill Cartwright
_____ as Member	_____ as Member
Ron Neff	David Scheib