

Minutes of Regular Meeting, March 28, 2005

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, March 28, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. for a Regular Council 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, Ron Neff, Bill Cartwright, and Harold Jones; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Curt Day; Others, Warren Weekly Reporter, Huntington Herald Press Reporter and Carol Pugh, HCUED.

President Jones called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 14, 2005 were approved as submitted.

President Jones announced the opening of a public hearing in regard to amendment of Town Code, Chapter 52, tap fees for the Water Utility and reviewed the ordinance. Requesting public input and hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

Cynthia Smyth-Wartzok, representing some owners and residents of the downtown, some of whom were in attendance, announced the formation of the Sunflower Cooperative. The group has pledged to work toward downtown beautification projects and business retention and attraction. President Jones suggested that the group work with other local committees and the Chamber of Commerce to avoid duplication in projects and in planning. A permanent meeting scheduled has not yet been established by the Cooperative.

Morrison reported that proposed amendments to Ordinances 2005-(3-12) have not yet been completed. Council determined that the ordinances will be handled in a group and not separately,

Ordinance 2005-13, the ordinance reviewed in the public hearing concerning an increase in water tap fees was submitted for consideration of adoption. Cartwright moved, seconded by Neff, for adoption. The motion was approved unanimously.

A petition from Ray and Beverly Holzheuer for vacation of a certain portion of Adams Street was submitted and reviewed. Ordinance 2005-15 was introduced and a public hearing scheduled for April 11th at 6:30 p.m..

Day submitted a quote for \$1155 for Assembly Hall window replacement from Affordable Windows and Doors. The project will be done to match windows at Town Hall. Following discussion, Jones moved, seconded by Cartwright, to accept the quote from the local company. The motion was approved.

Morrison submitted a report from Financial Solutions Group setting forth the 2005 Annual Tracker Factor for use in billing within the Electric Utility. Recommendation in the report was that the tracker factor remain at 0.021000 and that monthly transfer to the rate stabilization fund remain at \$2,449. Following discussion, by consensus, Council accepted the recommendation.

Reviewed by President Jones was an application to the Warren Board of Zoning Appeals by Dallas Heyde as owner of a property at 431 Huntington Avenue. Variances are being requested for replacement of the existing convenience store with new facilities. The project had currently been brought before Council by Heyde for general discussion, general consensus being that the project should proceed.

President Jones read a letter from INDOT requesting that the Town participate in the annual "Trash Bash" by sweeping the downtown highway area at least one time between April 1st and April 18th. Council concurred and directed Day to schedule the sweeping.

Submitted was an invoice from Indiana and Michigan Municipal Distributor's Association in the amount of \$423.75 due to consultant's fees as negotiations with AEP are currently underway on a new contract. Jones moved, seconded by Cartwright, to approve payment of the invoice. The motion was approved unanimously.

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Submitted for consideration was an application for a sewer credit from Heartland Aluminum in the amount of \$591.39 as the water had been used to mix mortar for installation of new furnaces and none had entered the sanitary sewer system. Following discussion, by consensus, the credit was granted.

President Jones reminded Council members of an invitation to meet with the Huntington County Leadership Class on March 30th at 10:30 a.m. at the Knight-Bergman Center. The Class will be viewing video of Hy-Line Hatchery, learning of the history of the Civic Center, and hearing a short history of the Town of Warren.

Kim Coolman, President of the Advisory Park Board had notified that the scheduled walk-through of Tower Park has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 30 at 4:00 p.m.. The next meeting of the Board will be April 11th.

General discussion was held.

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

Submitted _____ Clerk-
Marilyn Morrison Treasurer

Town Council, Town of Warren:

_____ As President	_____ As Member
Harold Jones	Bill Cartwright
_____ As Member	_____ As Member
Ron Neff	David Scheib