

## Minutes of Regular Meeting, April 11, 2005

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, April 11, 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, Advisory Park Board President.

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

Announced was the opening of a public hearing related to consideration of Ordinance 2005-15, closure of a certain portion of Adams Street. Requesting public input and hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 28 were approved as submitted.

Jack Trosper was present to request a dead end alley be closed off of Jefferson Street. The adjacent property owner, Rod Glasgow, would also be a petitioner. Following discussion and review of a plat of the area and by consensus, preliminary approval was given to the request. Trosper requested that the Municipal Attorney handle the matter with costs to be borne by the petitioners.

Advisory Park Board President Kim Coolman outlined a maintenance list for Tower Park as compiled following a walk through. Many items are currently being completed. Replacement of the remaining set of wood bleachers was requested with the same series as previously placed in other areas of the park. Further information will be available following the next Park Board Meeting.

Following discussion, Jones moved, seconded by Scheib, adoption of Ordinances 2005-4,5,7,8,9,10,11, and 12, as submitted by the Huntington County Department of Community Development for consideration leaving Ordinances 2005-3, 6 for further consideration. The motion was approved unanimously.

Cartwright moved, seconded by Scheib, adoption of Ordinance 2005-15, an ordinance closing a certain section of Adams Street. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Jones reminded that Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> had been scheduled as town wide clean-up days. Town employees are to be available at the site on Wednesday with Council Members to be on site on Saturday.

Following discussion and a recommendation from Morrison that written notice be sent to Wabash Central Railroad concerning the condition of three crossings within the Town, Council Members, by consensus, authorized that such notice be prepared and sent over President Jones' signature. Phone contact has not resulted in any action to date.

Council Members indicated plans to attend the quarterly WHARMM meeting in Roanoke on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m..

Read was a information notice from Mike Hartburg, Municipal Attorney, in regard to the inability of the Huntington County Animal Control Officer to enforce municipal ordinances and a proposal for Markle, Warren, and Roanoke to proceed with a project to update Town Codes to allow such actions. Following discussion, the proposal was accepted by consensus.

President Jones scheduled a Special Meeting to be held as an Executive Session for Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. to discuss applications for summer employment.

A project to remove and rebuild the tennis court at Tower Park was summarized by Utility Manager Day. Recommended was that the courts be closed on Labor Day with Town employees than removing the court and packing base material which would be allowed to settle through the winter months. Discussed was that a contractor could be hired to pave the court as part of the spring paving project to be followed by further sealing and painting of lines. Council concurred with the proposed project and requested that costs be estimated for inclusion in the 2006 budget.

Morrison submitted the March financial report. Greg Guerrettaz, Financial Consultant, will be spending April 27<sup>th</sup> on site to update the Comprehensive Financial Plan and other projects. A Special Meeting will be scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on that date if Guerrettaz will be available.

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Submitted was the Utility/Street Monthly report. Day updated Council on a problem at the wastewater plant with membranes in the clarifiers allowing air into the system. Supplier and manufacturing representatives along with Schnelker Engineering had inspected the situation. Offered was that the companies would cover 70% of the replacement cost with the Town covering 30%, approximately \$2500, and labor to replace one hundred and ninety-two membranes. Council concurred. It is expected to take two to three weeks to complete the process.

The monthly Town Marshal's report was reviewed as submitted.

The next Park Board meeting will be May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Neff moved, seconded by Cartwright, to approve accounts payable vouchers as follows:

Electric	98-140	\$93,605.87
Water	109-141	\$24,534.05
Wastewater	87-118	\$83,329.37
Sanitation	6,7	\$ 3,415.59
General	140-199	\$72,263.32

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	Bill Cartwright
_____ as Member	_____ as Member
Ron Neff	David Scheib