

## Minutes of Regular Meeting, May 9, 2005

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, May 9, 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, Steve Donnelly, Curt Day; Others, Herald Press Reporter, Warren Weekly Reporter, Salamonie Summer Festival Committee Members, Jack Trosper.

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 25<sup>th</sup> and the Special Meeting of April 27<sup>th</sup> were approved as submitted.

Vicky Grim, Chairman of the Salamonie Summer Festival, July 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, summarized plans underway including that the theme would be "Hats Off to Warren". Approximately 60 persons serve on the committee. The following items were approved by consensus: Closing of Streets, Utility Employees to place detour signs, use of Assembly Hall as the information center, and electrical hook-ups for food vendors extended to east side of Main Street. Discussed was placing of the entertainment tent without boring into recently paved Second Street. Following that discussion, it was determined that the tent be placed by drilling into the side of the curbs. The Town Marshal and Utility Manager will be working with the committee in regard to additional items.

President Jones, Chairman of the Arts Festival, May 14<sup>th</sup>, reviewed plans. Requested was the use of Town Dumpsters by those in charge of cleaning the area, granted by consensus. A schedule of events was distributed.

Morrison reported that Wabash Central's only response to a letter from Town Council requesting improvements to crossings on Wayne, Main, and Nancy had been a call requesting another copy. Council deferred any further action until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

Following discussion regarding financial support for the purchase of a new truck by Huntington County Rescue, Scheib moved, seconded by Cartwright, that \$2500 be donated in this budget year from CEDIT funds and that \$2500 be donated in the 2006 budget year from CEDIT funds. The motion was approved unanimously.

Morrison submitted an invoice from Keystone Software in the amount of \$4600 for software maintenance. Following discussion, Cartwright moved, seconded by Neff, to approve the request. The motion was approved unanimously.

Morrison reported that Curt Day, Utility Manager, and Greg Guerrettaz, Consultant, will be representing the Electric Utility at the Indiana and Michigan Municipal Distributor's Association Annual Meeting in South Bend on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The status of negotiations with AEP in regard to the renewal of the Electric Service Contract will be the main agenda item.

By consensus, Council approved a request from the Huntington County Visitor Center for the September 17, 18 off-road bicycle race, sponsored by that agency, to be run on the same course as in 2004 with all appropriate safety measures and regulations being the responsibility of the HCVC.

Morrison submitted recommendation for amendment to the utility salary ordinance in regard to department distribution of wages and requested Council review and input. The distribution for the past few years had been higher in the sewer department due to the project.

Following discussion, Jones moved, seconded by Neff, to donate \$250 to the Salamonie Summer Festival Fireworks Fund and to purchase five picnic tables, not to exceed \$600. The motion was approved unanimously.

Morrison submitted the April financial report.

Day submitted and reviewed the April Utility/Street project report. Reported was that the windows would be installed in Assembly Hall the week of May 16<sup>th</sup>. Approved by consensus was approval for Day to proceed with a sewer upgrade project at Ninth Street Extended as the owners have agreed to grant easements. Also approved by consensus was that the project be done on a weekend as semi-truck traffic in the area is high during the week.

Donnelly submitted the April Activity Report.

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Neff moved, seconded by Cartwright, to approve the Accounts Payable Vouchers as follows:

Electric	141-185	\$147,871.55
Water	142-184	\$ 18,260.07
Sewer	119-150	\$ 51,193.50
Sanitation	8-9	\$ 3,968.77
General	200-255	\$ 56,860.33

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