

Minutes of Regular Meeting, December 22, 2003

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, December 22, 2003, 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, Bill Cartwright, Ron Neff, Chod Boxell and Harold Jones; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Darrel Bice, Larry Poulson, and Dennis Spitler; Others, Huntington Herald Press Reporter, Warren Weekly Reporter and Carol Pugh of HCUED.

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 8 were approved as submitted.

Submitted for consideration by Schnelker Engineering was a change order for Indiana Construction in the amount of \$1000. Following discussion, Jones moved, seconded by Cartwright, to approve Change Order #9. The motion was approved unanimously. Upon recommendation of Schnelker Engineering, Boxell moved, seconded by Neff, reduction in retainage held for Contract B, Indiana Construction, in the amount of \$44,979.64 leaving \$8,000. The motion was approved unanimously.

Morrison detailed steps necessary for sale of the Fire Department Grass Buggy and purchase of the vehicle by the Motor Vehicle Highway Department as outlined by Charly Pride of the State Board of Accounts. Resolution 9-2003 was submitted for consideration of both sale and purchase. Following further discussion, Jones moved, seconded by Cartwright, approval of the resolution with sale of the grass buggy set at \$8,000 based upon quotes from two car/truck dealers and purchase of the vehicle by MVH set at \$4000 for the Town and \$4000 for the Township. The motion was approved unanimously.

Morrison submitted Resolution 8-2003 B, a resolution authorizing transfers within funds. Neff moved approval of the resolution and approval of any further transfers necessary to balance town funds for 2003. The motion was seconded by Cartwright and approved unanimously.

President Jones read a letter of resignation from Chod Boxell, Council Member, effective January 1, 2004. Appreciation was expressed by Council Members, the Clerk-Treasurer, and employees to Boxell for his years of service on Council. Boxell recommended that Council consider David Scheib to complete the four year term. Following discussion, Boxell moved, seconded by Neff, that Scheib be appointed to the Town Council for a four year term. The motion was approved unanimously.

Morrison submitted the annual fire department report including settlement of the 50/50 agreement with Salamonie Township plus the total fire protection cost to the Town. Jones moved, seconded by Cartwright, acceptance of the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Bice submitted quotes from Central Hardware, Hoosier Supply, and WA Jones for purchase and installation of a snow blade on the 1993 truck purchased by MVH. Following review, Cartwright moved, seconded by Boxell, purchase and installation of a snow blade from WA Jones in the amount of \$4,368. The motion was approved unanimously. Bice reported that repair to the Road Grader was estimated at \$13,000 by Holt Equipment. Following discussion, Neff moved, seconded by Cartwright, that the grader be repaired. Following discussion, it was determined that Bice schedule a meeting with Schnelker Engineering and the Council to discuss steps necessary to complete the sewer projects as certain segments fell outside of the engineered project. Bice reported that he and Lee Poulson had passed water licensing testing and now held certification to operate the Water Treatment Plant. Council, by consensus, directed Bice to notify Ron Martin, contracted water treatment plant operator, that his services would no longer be necessary.

Assistant Marshal Spitler detailed invoices submitted by Marshal Donnelly for outfitting of the Tahoe. Included were invoices from Alan Foster for installation of equipment in the amount of \$700, from Aether for the upgrades for computer installation in the amount of \$2483.90, and from Emergency Radio Service for a mobile pack and related accessories for \$2450. Purchase had been approved by earlier Council action. Boxell moved, seconded by Neff, to pay invoices as submitted. The motion was approved unanimously.

Announcements were as follows:

January 12, 26 Council Meetings

December 24, 25, 26 Christmas Holiday
December 31, Jan 1 New Year's Holiday

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Neff moved, seconded by Boxell, approval of the accounts payable vouchers as follows:

Electric	517-534	\$374,808.95
Water	510-527	\$ 5,877.33
Wastewater	383-399	\$363,804.79
General	621-651	\$ 35,654.24

The motion was approved unanimously.

Carol Pugh, Executive Director of HCUED reported on Heartland Aluminum's plan to work with Purdue University to examine possible strategies to reduce the amount of noise generated by the facility.

General discussion was held.

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

By _____ Clerk-
Marilyn Morrison Treasurer

Approved by Town Council:

As _____ President As _____ Member
Harold Jones Bill Cartwright

As _____ Member As _____ Member
Ron Neff Chod Boxell