

**WARREN CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
DECEMBER 12, 2016**

PUBLIC HEARING – ELECTED OFFICIALS’ SALARIES

John Lewis, Council Vice-President, called the Public Hearing to order following the 2017 Budget Public Hearing in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building and announced that it was for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding proposed increases in elected officials’ salaries.

Council members present and responding to roll call were: Elissa Davis, Gregory Fraser, Philip Gilbert, Richard Kolcharno, John Lewis, and James A. Zavinski, Sr. Mayor Maurice Cashman was absent. Members of City Staff present were Mrs. Freenock, Mr. Hildebrand, Mrs. Leary, Mrs. Risinger, and Chief Zydonik.

Mr. Lewis welcomed all visitors.

PUBLIC PRESENT

- Pauline Steinmeyer: City resident
- Andrew Moore: City resident
- Patricia Nutt: Scouting project
- Ben Nutt: Scouting project
- Barbara Lucia: City resident
- Josh Cotton: Times Observer Reporter

Mrs. Freenock presented a brief history of the review of elected officials’ salaries and stated that, in accord with Section 410 of the Home Rule Charter, any change in the compensation paid to an incumbent elected officer shall not become applicable until the commencement of a new term of office. Therefore, the earliest that any salary increase may become effective is January 2, 2018, on which date the next Organizational Meeting of Council will be held.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pauline Steinmeyer addressed Council and referenced various regulations, including the Third Class City Code, Home Rule Charter Law, and the City of Warren Home Rule Charter, as they pertain to the setting of the salaries for elected officials. In closing, Mrs. Steinmeyer stated that she favors the setting of the Mayor’s salary at \$2500 and retaining the \$1200 salary for Council members.

Andrew Moore addressed Council and stated that he believes that the Mayor and Council members are deserving of an increase in their annual salary. He further stated that he believes that those members who serve on boards are deserving of a stipend.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other citizens wishing to provide comment, Mr. Lewis declared the hearing closed.