

**COUNCIL MEETING
(REGULAR)
January 12, 2022**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, January 12, 2022**, at 6:19 pm at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were President Rosemary Cooley, Ken Hickman, Ron Benakovich, Kirk Quasebarth and Toni Onken. Also, present were Marshal Roger Young, Superintendent Tony Rodgers, Attorney Rebecca Trent and Clerk - Treasurer Tim Brown.

-No one was absent.

-President Rosemary Cooley started our regular meeting @ 6:19 pm & led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment-of-silence.

-MINUTES, PAYROLL, BILLS & CLAIMS: Ken Hickman made a motion to approve the REGULAR MEETING & THE YEAR END MEETING MINUTES from December 15, 2021.

-Kirk Quasebarth seconded the motion. The motion carried.

-*Ron Benakovich questioned the new police tire purchase. Marshal Young and Clerk Brown explained how the purchased worked.

-Ron Benakovich made the motion to accept all the bills – claims – payroll as presented.

-Kirk Quasebarth seconded the motion. The motion carried. \$267,652.73

-MONTH END RECONCILIATION REVIEW / SIGN OFF... none this time.

VISITORS: -**Joe Rogers from White County APC was present.** Joe presented the new proposed zoning map for Monon. All these proposals basically started before the COVID 19 situation. Joe just wanted a motion to be by us so he can go ahead with the process.

Ron Benakovich made the motion for the APC to go ahead with the zoning map process.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

-GABRIELLA & ROB FROM COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING...were present. Rob and Gabriella presented Executive Summary Review. They both did an excellent job with their presentations. Rob spoke about the engineering details and Gabriella spoke about the finance side. Both wanted to know if we want to proceed.

Kirk Quasebarth made the motion to proceed with the process.

Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. The motion carried.

-KIM (GILBERT) WRIGHT...from Lafayette...was present. She is a former resident of Monon from the early 1970's & her parents had a pizza place here. She was here to introduce Stacey Diener. Stacey is running for the White County prosecutor job opening in the county primary in May of this year. Kim just wanted everyone present to know that Stacey Diener will be very tough on crime plus she believes she will be a good prosecutor.

-TERRY SAUNDERS, RESIDENT...was present. Terry has been ill the last couple of months, and she has missed all the meetings during that time. She just wanted to say hello to everyone. She also wanted to comment on the 2 new additions of Toni Onken to our Council and Stacy Selagy as our new Clerk – Treasurer. She believes that both new additions are a positive step forward and they will also keep the town's business going legally in the correct direction.

PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS... -Roger made a statement that the trash company is now wanting each customer to call Waste Management if they have any kind of large item, on Wednesday so it can be picked up on Fridays. This is a new requirement as of a couple of days ago...

VANGUARD METER & OTHER WW INFO... Tony is still working on this situation.

FIRE & EMT UPDATED CONTRACTS & QUESTIONS... Attorney Trent updated our yearly payment contracts.

Ken Hickman made the motion to accept the 3 new contracts.

Kirk Quasebarth seconded the motion. The motion carried. *Rebecca wants the email addresses of the 3-contact people from EMS, Fire, and the Township so she can make sure they approve them also.

CLERK – TREASURER’S RESIGNATION... Tim Brown read his resignation letter to the Council & town members that were present thanking them for a wonderful 10 years here.

Kirk Quasebarth made the motion to accept Tim Brown’s resignation letter with the last date being 01-14-22.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

*And I thank the Council members for the beautiful watch I received for my retirement!!!

OATH OF OFFICE FOR THE NEW CLERK – TREASURER, STACY SELAGY... Clerk Tim Brown administered the oath of office for Stacy. Her first day on the job is next Monday, the 17th. Congratulations Stacy!!!

SUPERINTENDENT TONY RODGERS... Tony’s only comment this evening was about a manhole inside coating company was here and they are coating 3 of our worst manholes in town. Two are at the intersection of 1st & Race Streets and the other is in the corner of the Vanguard property. The Vanguard one is where all of the sanitary waste comes to from every part of town.

MARSHAL YOUNG... Roger reported on the deputy marshal job opening. Help wanted ads have been put into the local newspapers for the job opening until the end of January.

As of now Roger has had 3 applications and he has spoken with one applicant.

CLERK – TREASURER BROWN... 1. There are cockroaches now in the Civic Center. They have been there over a month now. We have had them sprayed now for the third time. Before this last spraying, the Historical Society cleaned ever cabinet and every corner space, oven, etc... so hopefully this will get rid of them. If not, we will hire another company and we will keep doing that until they are gone. 2. The month end / year-end financial \$\$ charts were passed out. We still made money this year in water and sewer (but) not very much... 3. The final 2022 budget order from the State was sent to us. It shows what each town in your county, what the tax rate is. Monon’s rate has been the highest in the county for about 15 years. ***And finally, after my ten years here, our tax rate is finally lower than Monticello’s. Not much but it is lower...5.67 vs. 5.60. That was my goal these 10 years and we finally made it!!!!

-Ron Benakovich made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

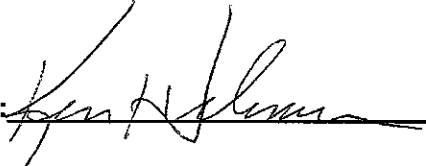
-Kirk Quasebarth seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned @ 7:43 pm.

*The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Wed. February 2, 2022 @ 6:00pm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: _____

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