

**COUNCIL MEETING
(REGULAR)
August 3, 2022**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, August 3, 2022**, at 6:00 pm at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were President Rosemary Cooley, Ron Benakovich and Toni Onken. Also present were Marshal Roger Young, Attorney Rebecca Trent, and Clerk-Treasurer Stacy Selagy.

Kirk Quasebarth, Ken Hickman and Superintendent Tony Rodgers were absent.

-President Rosemary Cooley started our regular meeting @ 6:00 pm & led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment-of-silence.

-MINUTES, PAYROLL, BILLS & CLAIMS: Toni Onken made a motion to approve the REGULAR and EXECUTIVE meeting minutes from July 20, 2022.

-Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

-Toni Onken seconded the motion. The motion carried. \$125,283.76

-MONTH END RECONCILIATION REVIEW / SIGN OFF...President Cooley reviewed and signed off on July bank reconciliations. Town council members signed off on July month end balances.

VISITORS: Tammy Linback was listed on the agenda but was not in attendance.

GABRIELLE, COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING...was present. Gabrielle stated the IDEM order has been submitted. Monon did not fall within the fundable range for SRF financing. Gabrielle said USDA may be a better option anyway with the low interest rate.

PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS...Marshal Young asked for clarification on some of the properties brought up at the last meeting. There are still sofas that need to be picked up.

VANGUARD METER & OTHER WW INFO...Superintendent Rodgers was absent.

UTILITY BILL PAY PROPOSALS...Clerk-Treasurer Selagy presented the council with the survey responses she received. Many respondents expressed an interest in being able to access their account information online.

Ron Benakovich made a motion to contract with Invoice Cloud for online utility bill services.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2023 SALARY DISCUSSION...Clerk Selagy presented the council with the current salary ordinance and salary comparisons for surrounding areas. She also presented estimates for annual increases for cost-of-living adjustments ranging from 2% to 7%.

Toni Onken made a motion to give a 5% salary increase.

No second was made, motion failed.

Discussion continued about the current employment status, lack of workers and inflation rate increases.

Ron Benakovich made a motion to raise salaries 7% in 2023.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TOWN MARSHAL ROGER YOUNG...1. Marshal Young stated the flock agreement has been completed. 2. He also stated that Bowsher IT has completed the network upgrades and security camera installations. 3. Roger has a bench to be placed at the fire department with emblems for multiple services; fire, police, EMT, etc. It is engraved with "One Team, One Family". 4. Roger would also like to see a push button crosswalk installed for residents crossing State Road 16 on foot to get to the Family Health Clinic. He stated a lot of people walk along 16 to get to the clinic as there are no sidewalks to walk on.

CLERK-TREASURER SELAGY...1. Stacy stated she is working on next year's budget and wondered what the board wanted to allocate for capital expenditures. The consensus of the board seemed to be that a new dump truck was needed, Stacy will allocate accordingly. The street sweeper continues to be an issue, the board discussed maybe renting one instead of purchasing. Attorney Trent will try to get the State contract increased to cover the repair expenses for the sweeper for this year. 2. Stacy stated the Waste Management contract raises the trash service in 2023 to \$13.51/unit. The board previously voted to split the cost of the increase due to Waste Management providing the totes with the resident. Once the

cans are provided the rate increases to \$12.99/unit. Instead of raising the price twice in a matter of months, Stacy asked if the board would want to do one increase to cover the 2023 increase.

Ron Benakovich made a motion to charge \$12.90/unit once totes are delivered.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Stacy provided information to the council regarding the Opioid settlement that the town will start receiving this year. Part of the funds are restricted, and the handout provided showed acceptable uses for those funds. 4. Stacy asked if the council wanted to bid out insurance for next year. Attorney Trent advised that since the contract exceeds \$50,000 and it was only a one-year contract, that it must be bid out. Stacy will work on getting bids for next year.

ATTORNEY REBECCA TRENT...Attorney Trent presented the garbage service amendment for review. She will revise it to reflect the updated trash charge and the council can review it at the next meeting.

RON BENAKOVICH...1. Ron stated that Shidlers have reviewed the offer the town made for their sewer repairs and are going to consult an attorney. 2. Ron stated that he's been approached by a couple of people who felt their water bills were high this month. Clerk Selagy stated that depending on when meters are read, there can be a few extra days in the reading period. In that case, the readings should be lower next month. She will investigate it. 3. Ron also stated that the payment box needs cleaned up as it not in good shape.

TONI ONKEN...Toni stated that she had received compliments on the appearance of the downtown area. The flowers, flags and banners look great!

ROSEMARY COOLEY...Rosie stated that she met with Jim Davis, Gayle Rogers, Jacob Garling and Stacy to discuss the interlocal agreement for the paramedic staffing. The interlocal agreement was provided to the council members for their review.

-Ron Benakovich made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

-Toni Onken seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned @ 6:54 pm.

*The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, August 17th, 2022 @ 6:00 pm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Rosemary Cooley

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT: Ronald B. Hill

COUNCIL MEMBER: Leslie Johnson

COUNCIL MEMBER: Toni Onken

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ATTEST: Stacy Selagy