

**COUNCIL MEETING  
(REGULAR)  
September 7, 2022**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, September 7, 2022**, at 6:00 pm at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were President Rosemary Cooley, Ron Benakovich, Ken Hickman, Toni Onken and Kirk Quasebarth. Also present were Marshal Roger Young, Superintendent Tony Rodgers, Attorney Rebecca Trent, and Clerk-Treasurer Stacy Selagy.

-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 meeting minutes from Aug 17, 2022.

-Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. The motion carried.

-Ken Hickman made the motion to accept all the bills – claims – payroll as presented.

-Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. The motion carried. \$326,759.32

**-MONTH END RECONCILIATION REVIEW / SIGN OFF...**President Cooley reviewed and approved the August bank reconciliations.

**VISITORS: GABRIELLE, COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING...**was present. Commonwealth has completed the flood permit work, the only thing in the flood plain will be the bagged watering system. Ken Hickman asked if we could add the cost of running the sewer line to the Greenwood Subdivision into our wastewater project. Gabrielle said that we could, they would need to revise our engineering plans, she will get more information.

**JIM DAVIS, ALL ABOARD MAIN STREET...**Jim stated the music at the gazebo was successful and they plan to do more events like it. He is still working on the grant for the stage at Caboose Park. Cameron Moberg will begin working on the mural at the Civic Center on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. They invite everyone to come watch, they will offer refreshments. They are taking donations to help with his lodging and food expenses during his stay.

**PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS...**Marshal Young said he has been talking to apartment owners about nuisance issues. There are still large items not being picked up by Waste Management. Roger will give a list to Stacy and she will email Waste Management to schedule pickup.

**VANGUARD METER & OTHER WW INFO...**1. Superintendent Rodgers stated that 57,000 gals came out of the outflow meter in a month. President Cooley questioned what they were billed for versus what came out. We need to check the outflow meter when we read meters so that we can compare the same periods of time. 2. The wastewater plant is running at 90%-100% capacity on its solids. Tony would like to get a bag collection system for sludge removal. We need to get two 30 yd dumpsters to keep the bags in, Waste Management will not allow us to make any modifications to their containers so we will need to look elsewhere. Tony asked that Rob look into for him. In the meantime, it would be beneficial to the plant to have some of the sludge removed. Two quotes for sludge removal were presented. To empty out one aeration tank and one clarifier would be around 140,000 gallons of sludge. Merrell Bros quoted \$22,370 and Wealing Bros. quoted \$27,200. Chris Franklin, wastewater operator, stated that Merrell Bros. is very backed up work and Wealing Bros. would be able to get in here sooner.

Kirk Quasebarth made a motion to have Wealing Bros. come in and empty approximately 140,000 gallons of sludge.

Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**GREENWOOD SUBDIVISION...**Tabled pending more information from Commonwealth.

**SUPERINTENDENT TONY RODGERS...**Tony thanked the guys for their work picking up trash cans. Tony asked Clerk Selagy when Link Environmental would be in to look at the trash cans for possible purchase, Stacy stated the following week. Tony stated that Peerless would be in next week to replace valves and look at the computer system to make sure it's running well. They are in process of changing the check valve on the fluoride side for correct distribution. They have also been working on a water leak on Linville Street.

**TOWN MARSHAL ROGER YOUNG...**Roger stated he got confirmation for Jake to attend academy beginning in October. There are several trailers being parked on the streets, he will start sending them notices to remove them.

**CLERK-TREASURER SELAGY...**1. Stacy stated that Invoice Cloud called to say they would not be charging the town the \$250/mo for the first year, \$200/mo for the second year and \$150/mo for every year after but would instead charge \$150/mo from beginning to end. 2. Stacy contacted New Focus HR for a quote for HR consulting. They charge \$160/hr and will provide consulting for personnel issues and policies. This would be on an as needed basis. Attorney Trent has reviewed the contract and found it to be in good order, she did suggest that the board may want to add an "not to exceed number without board approval" amount.

Ron Benakovich made a motion to allow the use of New Focus HR Consulting with costs not to exceed \$2000/yr without board approval.

Kirk Quasebarth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Stacy asked when the board wanted to receive insurance bids, consensus was that October 19<sup>th</sup> during the regularly scheduled meeting would work best. 4. The Town of Wolcott signed the wastewater operator contract. They will pay the Town of Monon \$1,000.00/month beginning September 2022, the contract is effective through December 2023. 4. Brad Gutwein wants the town to order 2 of the metal trash cans, one to be put in front of the library and the other to go where the town feels best. He will pay for the trash cans. Stacy has ordered the cans; they are on backorder until December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**ATTORNEY REBECCA TRENT...**1. The town ordinance #18-3 in 2006 that prohibited mobile dwelling units from being installed on lots located within the corporate limits of town unless it was replacing a unit in place prior to passage of the ordinance and the replacement was done within a year of the removal of the original unit. However, in 2008, the board agreed to abide by Area Plan's zoning ordinances which do not have any restrictions on placement of mobile dwelling units if setbacks are met. Rebecca said she would work with Area Plan to see if there was anything that could be done to exclude Monon from this part of the ordinance. 2. Rebecca has been working on negotiating the EMS and Fire contracts with the Township Trustee. In 2021, the town spent \$141,398 for both EMS & Fire expenses. The population of the town and township are almost the same, and expenses will need to be evaluated for both parties to make sure it is an even distribution. Rebecca will arrange a meeting between the town and township to discuss.

**ROSEMARY COOLEY...**Rosie said she was approached by Joy Cosgray from Liberty Township because she noticed that the plaque at the splash pad thanking donors listed Liberty Township as a donor, but they did not make any contributions. Tony will have the plaque corrected. 2. Rosie presented the Wolcott wastewater contract for board approval.

Ken Hickman made a motion to approve the Wolcott wastewater contract.

Kirk Quasebarth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

-Ron Benakovich made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

-Kirk Quasebarth seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned @ 6:45 pm.

\*Public Hearing on the 2023 budget will be on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 5:30 pm in the Town Hall conference room. Regular meeting will follow at approximately 6:00 pm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Rosemary Cooley

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT: Ronald Bell

COUNCIL MEMBER: Ken Hickman

COUNCIL MEMBER: Traci Baker

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ATTEST: Stacy Selagy