

**COUNCIL MEETING
(REGULAR)
September 21, 2022**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, September 21, 2022**, at 6:00 pm at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were President Rosemary Cooley, Vice-President Ron Benakovich, Ken Hickman, and Toni Onken. Also present were Marshal Roger Young, Superintendent Tony Rodgers, and Clerk-Treasurer Stacy Selagy.

Member Kirk Quasebarth was 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 meeting minutes from September 7, 2022.

-Ken Hickman 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. \$128,022.91

-MONTH END RECONCILIATION REVIEW / SIGN OFF...None at this time

VISITORS: GABRIELLE & MEGAN, COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING...were present. Gabrielle stated that she spoke with USDA, and we can add the Greenwood sewer extension to the wastewater project funding. Commonwealth will work on amending the plan. Megan stated that USDA was aware that we are moving forward with the sludge drying beds and they are checking to see if they will be eligible for grant reimbursement. Megan asked if the board wanted any changes to the bid scoring sheets, the board said they were fine as is.

JIM DAVIS, ALL ABOARD MONON...Jim thanked Tony and the utility workers for their assistance for bringing in dirt to fill the ruts by the Civic Center. He stated that the workers are always very helpful with the All Aboard Monon projects and expressed his appreciation. Trunk or Treat will be downtown on Monday, October 31st beginning at 5:30.

PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS...Marshal Young said he has more letters to go out. The letter was served on the old fertilizer plant owner. He has been in contact with Area Plan about construction being done throughout town without permits.

VANGUARD METER & OTHER WW INFO...1. Superintendent Rodgers stated he would give the information he had on the outflow meter readings to Attorney Trent and have her compose a letter so we could bill for the difference between what came out of the meter and what we billed.

Ron Benakovich made a motion to bill Vanguard for the water used and not billed.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WATER METER REPLACEMENTS...Rosie stated that there were several issues recently discovered with the school's billing. The soccer field was on bypass, so they were only receiving a minimum bill and not being billed for usage. It was also discovered that the football and practice field accounts were not being billed even though both meters were on. Both accounts were finalized in 2014 for unknown reasons. The meter on the football field has rolled over at least once, with an estimated \$34,000 loss of revenue. Clerk Selagy contacted Emma Conwell at North White and advised that we would either need to reactivate the account or shut the meter off. Emma said to make the account active. The practice field meter is not functioning properly and the meter inside the high school is no longer reading low flows. Based on this information, Stacy presented a quote for 6 meters to be replaced at the high school and primary buildings. There is a question about what size one of the meters is so the total will either be \$13,346.38 or \$14,983.89. The question was raised about who is responsible for the cost of the meters. Stacy asked the question to Attorney Trent and fellow clerk-treasurers, and the response was unanimous that the meters belong to the town and the town pays for replacement costs. After a brief discussion, a consensus was reached that routine meter replacement will be the town's responsibility.

Ron Benakovich made a motion to purchase 6 meters to replace old meters at the school.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT TONY RODGERS...Nothing at this time

TOWN MARSHAL ROGER YOUNG...Roger had to leave the meeting due to a police call.

CLERK-TREASURER SELAGY...1. Stacy stated she has been working on revising the handbook and would like to have one or two board members review the proposed changes before presenting it to the full board for approval. Rosie and Ken said they would assist. 2. Stacy is also working to get the town code of ordinances updated. They have not been updated since 2012. Estimated cost is \$1,500-\$2,500.

ATTORNEY REBECCA TRENT...Absent

TONI ONKEN...1. Toni requested that the greenhouse pieces sitting behind the town hall be removed. Superintendent Rodgers said he would ask Marshal Young to move it. Toni stated she would like for it to be gone by the next meeting. 2. Toni asked Superintendent Rodgers if Peerless had been in to look at the softeners. Superintendent Rodgers stated there was a check valve on order. 3. Toni stated there was a pile of brush at 2nd and Arch that has been there for 2-3 weeks. Superintendent Tony said he would have someone pick it up. The guys have been very busy with other issues these past few weeks but should be able to get back to picking up brush on a regular basis.

ROSEMARY COOLEY...1. Rosie thanked Jim Davis and the All Aboard Main Street group for having the mural painted on the Civic Center. 2. Rosie asked Clerk Selagy if she had heard anything about meeting with the township trustee regarding the contract. Stacy stated that Attorney Trent has the town's expenses, and her understanding was that Rebecca would ask Jacob Garling for township expenses and then call a meeting. 3. Rosie asked Superintendent Rodgers to put grass seed on the gazebo lot and work on fixing it up. She does not want snow piled there this winter because it will kill the grass. She suggested that Tony ask Howards if we can put snow on their lot.

-Ken Hickman made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

-Toni Onken seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned @ 6:27 pm.

*2023 budget adoption meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 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 Beck

COUNCIL MEMBER: Ken Hickman

COUNCIL MEMBER: Toni Onken

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ATTEST: Stacy Selagy