

**COUNCIL MEETING  
(REGULAR)  
November 21, 2023**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Tuesday, November 21, 2023**, at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were President Rosemary Cooley, Ken Hickman, Chris Franklin, and Toni Onken. Also present were Marshal Roger Young, and Clerk-Treasurer Stacy Selagy.

Vice-President Ron Benakovich was absent.

-President 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:**

-Ken Hickman made a motion to approve the REGULAR and EXECUTIVE meeting minutes from November 6, 2023.

-Toni Onken seconded the motion. The motion carried.

-Chris Franklin made a motion to accept the bills – claims – payroll.

-Toni Onken seconded the motion. The motion carried. \$148,131.33

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

**VISITORS: TERRY SAUNDERS, RESIDENT**...Terry stated that every year she pulls small mulberry bushes out of her yard and wanted to know if the town employees would still pick those up. The board said they would, we are just no longer picking up trees that have been taken down.

**LINDA MELTON, RESIDENT**...Linda questioned how many hours the town laborers were working. She also stated concerns about their driving.

**JIM DAVIS, ALL ABOARD MONON**...Jim reminded everyone the Christmas Parade is on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. Line up will begin at the high school at 1:00 pm. There will be a Christmas Bazaar at the Monon Civic Center from 10-4 and Santa will be available for pictures before and after the parade.

**SEAN GARRETT, MONON FIRE DEPARTMENT**...Sean asked how they were to bill the fire runs this year. Clerk Selagy asked that they be done the same way as they have in the past with invoices being sent to the town and township detailing costs for each unit.

**UNFINISHED OR DEFERRED BUSINESS...**

**COMMONWEALTH ENGR..WW PROJECT**...Rob from Commonwealth was at the wastewater plant today for several hours meeting with Dustin Standish. They are going to work with Dustin on the design plans going forward.

**PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS**...Roger stated they have been working on some residences involving DCS and animal clean up. The Monon Fire Department and some residents chipped in to get a dumpster to clean up a house in town.

Ken Hickman made a motion that the outbuilding be torn down and removed at 103 N Arch Street.  
Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**TOWNSHIP & FIRE DEPT AGREEMENTS**...President Cooley asked for a motion to approve the Fire Agreement between Monon Township and the Town of Monon presented by Township Trustee Jacob Garling. No motions were made. Council members disagreed with several items in the agreement. Sean Garrett, Monon Fire Department, asked that the current proposed agreement and previous versions be sent to him.

**NEXUS HEALTH CONNECT SERVICE**...After a brief discussion...

Toni Onken made a motion to offer the Nexus Health Connect Service to employees.  
Ken Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**SERVLIN/LEAK PROTECTION PROPOSAL**...The representative from Servline will be at the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting to provide more information.

**NEW BUSINESS...**

**STANDISH CONSULTING...** Commonwealth Engineering had advised the town after their meeting with IDEM regarding our agreed order that it would look favorable to IDEM if we had a longer contract commitment for our water and wastewater consultant. Standish Consulted has presented a one-year contract for their consulting services at a cost of \$4,500 per month, for a total of \$54,000/yr.

Chris Franklin made a motion to allow President Cooley to sign the contract.  
Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**STREET COMMISSIONER POSITION...**As the Municipal Superintendent has been on leave, there is a need for someone to supervise the operations of the Street Department. Indiana Code 36-5-7-5 allows the legislative body to require the Marshal to serve as Street Commissioner.

Ken Hickman made the motion to create the Street Commissioner position and appoint Marshal Roger Young to the position.  
Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MUNICIPAL SUPERINTENDENT...**

Ken Hickman made a motion to terminate David Rodgers, Municipal Superintendent, effective November 21, 2023.  
Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**TOWN MARSHAL ROGER YOUNG...**1. Roger stated their department has received 1,631 calls this year, issued 439 warrants, and served 213 summonses. 2. Jake's car will be decaled soon. They are going to add the suicide crisis hotline to both vehicles. 3. Roger said they tagged eight vehicles in the trailer park and all, but one, has been removed. 4. Roger stated that the salvage yard in Remington has offered \$500.00 for the 1993 Ford dump truck decommissioned at the last meeting.

Ken Hickman made a motion to sell the 1993 Ford for \$500.00  
Chris Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CLERK-TREASURER SELAGY...**1. Stacy stated that the World War II monument that the Town paid to refurbish has been installed. There will be a dedication ceremony on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 PM. 2. Dustin Standish would like the board to consider removing the added fluoride from the water. This would require a letter to IDEM from the board. 3. The utility office will close on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> to move to the new office.

**MEMBER CHRIS FRANKLIN...**Chris stated that Lightstream has purchased Monon Telephone and the acquisition is expected to be completed in Spring 2024.

**MEMBER KEN HICKMAN...**Ken attended the meeting with Commissioner Smolek for local elected officials last month. He said that a big topic was the carbon sequestration. This is the process of capturing and storing atmospheric carbon dioxide. They then want to dump it 3,500 feet down into the ground. There is a lot of opposition to this project. They also discussed trailer parks and the housing shortage. There is another meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and they would like a different person to attend each time.

Ken Hickman made a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned @ 6:42 pm.

\*The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:00 pm. Year End meeting to follow immediately.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT: Paul B. D.  
COUNCIL MEMBER: Ken Hickman

COUNCIL MEMBER: Joni Dale

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