

COUNCIL MEETING (REGULAR)
APRIL 2, 2025

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, April 2, 2025**, at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were President Ken Hickman, Chris Franklin, Toni Onken and Jamie Myers. Also present were Attorney Rebecca Trent, Marshall/Commissioner Roger Young and Clerk Treasurer Annette Sipkema.

Vice President Ron Benakovich was absent.

President Hickman started our regular meeting @ 6:22 pm and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment-of silence.

MINUTES, PAYROLL, BILLS & CLAIMS:

Minutes: President Hickman asked if everyone had a chance to review the meeting minutes dated March 5, 2025.

Chris Franklin made a motion to approve the March 5th Regular meeting minutes as presented.
Jamie Myers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Payroll, Bills & Claims:

Jamie Myers made a motion to accept the bills – claims – payroll.
Toni Onken seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **\$271,958.83**

Month End Reconciliation Review / Sign Off....

Toni Onken made a motion to accept the March reconciliations as presented.
Chris Franklin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS:

TERRY SAUNDERS, RESIDENT, inquired why the medical records are still being held at the Town Hall. Attorney Trent clarified that the agreement stipulates these records are to be kept in a locked room, accessible only by Dr. Henney and Dr. McGuire's widow, for seven years. Additionally, Ms. Saunders expressed concern regarding parking issues within the town.

LINDA GRIFFIN, RESIDENT, reported that the stop sign at the intersection of Brook and Race St had been damaged and requires replacement.

DIANNE TRIBBETT, PARK BOARD PRESIDENT, inquired if there will be a truck for use at the park this summer. Commissioner Young stated yes, there is the dump truck and they may shift the ½ ton to the park during the season. Commissioner Young noted that the toilet was changed out today and the water will be turned on tomorrow. He also noted that the log cabin heater motors have been replaced. Dianne Tribbett requested that a copy of invoices be included with the monthly park reports going forward.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #2025-01, ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS....

Chris Franklin made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-01.
Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING....nothing at this time.

SIDEWALKS/STREETS.....Commissioner Young went over the 2025 street list and proposed removing 4th St to Pine St and adding two sections in the park. Commissioner Young will gather quotes for review at our next meeting.

Sidewalks: Commissioner Young noted the deteriorated condition of the sidewalk on the north side of 4th St, from the alley to the corner. He requested that the council consider reconstructing this area if not this year, next year. Commissioner Young shared Howard Excavating's sidewalk quote for three sidewalk sections (as itemized in Melton's Construction quote submitted in March). Clerk Sipkema read aloud Shanley Construction's quote for one 450 square foot section. Commissioner Young pointed out that Shanley's quote excludes both ADA mats and dirt, which would increase the total cost. The council considered the three quotes:

Chris Franklin made a motion to accept Howard Excavating's quote for the "L" shaped area along Race St and Park Rd to Tribbett's property in the amount of **\$20,640**.
Jamie Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TOWN/TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICE CONTRACTtabled to next meeting.

DEPARTMENTS:

TOWN MARSHALL ROGER YOUNG..... 1) Marshall Young and Officer Miller had an initial meeting with an attorney to discuss the tort claim. 2) Monthly meetings continue to be effective. Drone operator training was provided at the last meeting. 3) Beginning in 2026, deputies will receive double time instead of time and a half for grant hours worked. 4) Marshall Young mentioned that there will be times this summer when two officers will be on duty simultaneously to manage the increased traffic. Vehicle searches have risen, but Marshall Young has a firm policy that no officer conducts a vehicle search alone.

STREET COMMISSIONER ROGER YOUNG... 1) Sam's Pest Control was hired and the initial pest control application has been completed. 2) The first fertilizer treatments have been applied to the fire station, old town hall and new town hall locations. 3) Commissioner Young suggested disposing the 1985 backhoe, since no current employee is certified to operate it, and there are more efficient digging methods available.

Member Myers made a motion to sell the 1985 Backhoe by blind bid.
Chris Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK-TREASURER ANNETTE SIPKEMA... 1) Clerk Sipkema received a quote for semi annual roof inspections for the Civic Center in the amount of \$500/inspection from Everlasting Construction. The council asked if completing only annual inspections would affect the warranty. Clerk Sipkema will send the warranty details to Attorney Trent for her review. 2) Building dedication will be scheduled from May. 3) Clerk Sipkema stated that she had received a couple of quotes from vendors for livestreaming equipment and support, but both were quite high. Clerk Sipkema stated that she is looking at alternative options, such as the Meeting Owl or a streaming setup similar to what White County uses. Estimated cost would be between \$1200-\$2000. The Meeting Owl offers a 30 day free trial, Clerk Sipkema will order this device to test at the May meeting.

ATTORNEY REBECCA TRENT...nothing at this time.

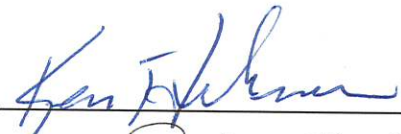
COUNCIL MEMBERS.....nothing at this time.

There being no other business to discuss,

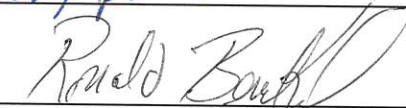
Jamie Myers made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Chris Franklin seconded. Meeting adjourned @ 7:09 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, May 7th, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT:



COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT:



COUNCIL MEMBER:



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ATTEST:

