

**COUNCIL MEETING
(REGULAR)**

November 20, 2019

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, November 20, 2019** at 6:00 pm at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were President Rosemary Cooley, Vice President Stacy Selagy, Kirk Quasebarth, Ken Hickman and Ron Benakovich. Also present were Attorney Dow Dellinger, Superintendent Tony Rodgers, Marshal Roger Young and Clerk-Treasurer Tim Brown.

-No one was absent.

President Cooley started our regular meeting @ 5:55 pm & led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment-of-silence.

MINUTES, PAYROLL, BILLS & CLAIMS:

Stacy Selagy made the motion to accept the regular (and executive) meeting minutes from the November 6, 2019 meeting.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Stacy Selagy seconded the motion.

Motion carried. Claims totaled \$103,408.96

MONTH END RECONCILIATION REVIEW / SIGN OFF... none this time.

VISITORS: no one spoke this time.

LINING GRANT FINAL PAY OUT... The final payout has been delayed by the State until the general contractor gets all of their paperwork in order (+) the local contractor that helped out on the project needs to be paid.

SUMP PUMP NEXT PHASE... The next phase letters to residents should be prepared soon.

PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS... Several areas have started cleaning their properties. The property on Park Road has even gotten a dumpster to start their clean up process. It was brought up about the old Texaco station in the south end of town needs cleaned up. VP Selagy mentioned that it was recently sold in a tax sale.

WEST HIGHWAY #16 DRAINAGE PROBLEM... After some digging Tony along with help from Kyburz Excavation found and old drain tile on the north side of Highway 16. They will do more investigating to see if it will drain correctly.

2020 INSURANCE DECISION... First up was the discussion about our HEALTH insurance. The 2 bidders were Moncel Insurance and Howe Insurance, both from Monon. All the different areas of the insurance were debated over.

Stacy Selagy made the motion to keep **Moncel Insurance** as our health insurance carrier.

Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Next up a discussion started on the decision for our **COMMERCIAL & WORKERS COMP** insurance. The 3 different bidders were Moncel's, Gutwein-Risner Insurance & Harmon Insurance (both from Monticello.) After some lengthy discussion...

Kirk Quasebarth made the motion to have **Gutwein-Risner** be our new commercial / workers comp insurer starting January 1, 2020.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ALLIANCE BANK SIGNATURE REQUEST... We decided not to have another person on our signature card at the bank.

TIF DISTRICT UPDATE... Attorney Dellinger is still waiting for updates from the county officials.

TOWN VEHICLE PASSENGER DECISION... After a short discussion about the situation...

Stacy Selagy made the motion to allow the 2 full time employees that have take home vehicles to transport town employees & family members on their **OFF DUTY HOURS.**

Kirk Quasebarth seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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UTILITY RATE FOR 2020 DISCUSSION... Clerk Brown presented a report on how much of a raise in the utility rate corresponds with a salary raise rate. Some discussion followed. No decision was made.

Superintendent Tony Rodgers... 1.Tony brought up that he must attend a NEW, state mandated class on (water auditing) after the first of the year. Our Water Alliance group may offer classes on this. 2.The boys have been working on cleaning up the Wastewater Plant. 3.The full water plant meter has not arrived yet...Tony will make some calls. 4.Part of the time in the last couple of weeks the boys have been gathering more leaf bags and brush. 5.Tony asked Attorney Dellinger to help with phone calls trying to get CSX railroad people to clean up their track side areas. Dow said he might have an idea of a person that might be able to help.

Marshal Roger Young... A lot Roger's time the last couple of weeks has gone into training our new deputy, Ryan Rusk. Ryan has already made a couple of nice traffic stops. Roger is also trying to get Ryan's academy training set up.

Clerk Tim Brown... 1.Tim announced that the 2020 Census program will change the payment for the door-to-door people from \$14 / hour (to) \$18.50 and hour. 2.The carpet in the conference room and Roger's front office area was cleaned on Monday. 3.The county sent us a link to their website concerning voter registration. Debbie put it on our town's website. 3.A thank you goes out for raking leaves in town to the North White FFA group !!!

Member Quasebarth... Kirk voiced his concern about the necessity to have a part time, 3rd person helping out in the Town Hall utility office.

*Ron Benakovich made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Kirk Quasebarth seconded the motion.

The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

*Our next Regular Meeting will be on WEDNESDAY, December 4, 2019 @ 6:00 pm in our Town Hall conference room.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: _____

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COUNCIL MEMBER: _____

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ATTEST: _____