

**COUNCIL MEETING
(REGULAR)
March 1, 2023**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, March 1, 2023**, 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, Attorney Rebecca Trent and Clerk-Treasurer Stacy Selagy.

Member Kirk Quasebarth 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:

-Ron Benakovich made a motion to approve the REGULAR meeting minutes from February 15, 2023.

-Toni Onken 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. \$193,823.10

-MONTH END RECONCILIATION REVIEW / SIGN OFF...President Cooley reviewed the February bank reconciliations and signed off on them.

VISITORS: GABRIELLE, COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING...Gabrielle stated the hydraulics and process flow has been drafted. She will be meeting with Baker Tilly and Barnes and Thornburg to discuss funding options. They plan to submit permits for Greenwood Subdivision next month.

PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS...Marshal Young stated that they are continuing to tag cars and have had to tow some.

TOWNSHIP & FIRE DEPT AGREEMENTS...The Township has not signed the 2023 Town and Township agreements, nor has the Monon Fire Department signed the Town and MFD agreement. Jacob Garling has expressed concern with the agreements as presented. There will be a special meeting on Wednesday, March 15th immediately following our regular meeting to discuss these concerns. The regular meeting time will be moved to begin at 5:30 pm.

WATER/SEWER RATE DISCUSSION...Clerk Selagy passed out information regarding how an increase would affect customer bills and information on rates for surrounding communities. The town has not passed a rate increase since 2020. The average customer uses 3,300 gals per month, for an average bill of \$92.18 including water, sewer, and trash. The board members discussed the different options and agreed on a proposed increase of 6% for water and sewer, which would result in an increase of \$4.76 on the average bill. Clerk Selagy also stated she would like to change the graduated reconnect fees to a flat fee of \$50.00 which would include \$25.00 to disconnect and \$25.00 to reconnect and that the ordinance be changed to require those fees to be paid before service is reinstated. Tap fees were also discussed, Monon looks to be lower than other surrounding communities. Superintendent Rodgers will investigate how much it costs the town to put in a new tap.

GENERAL & WW INVESTMENTS...The town has 2 CD's set to mature in March. Clerk Selagy presented information regarding TrustIndiana. The purpose of TrustIndiana is to allow local units of government as well as the State of Indiana to invest in a common pool of investment assets. There is no minimum amount to participate in, no transaction fees, and funds are available for withdrawal at any time. The current CDs earned .2% interest for a one year period, if the funds had been in the Trust they would have earned 2.19%.

Ken Hickman made a motion to invest the funds into TrustIndiana.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2022 ANNUAL REPORT...Clerk Selagy distributed copies of the annual report to the board members for review. The report was submitted to Gateway on February 22, 2023. President Cooley asked about the Opioid Settlement funds and ideas for how to use them. Clerk Selagy explained that the funds were not appropriated in 2023. They will be appropriated in 2024 and the board can decide the best way to use those funds.

SUPERINTENDENT TONY RODGERS...1. Tony stated that the blower at the wastewater plant needs a new electric motor, and he will be getting quotes for it. They have been working on cleaning up the

wastewater plant. 2. Tony has called Melton Construction to look at the roof over the bay at the town hall. The roof has several spots where it leaks when it rains.

TOWN MARSHAL ROGER YOUNG...1. Roger stated that he has ordered the firearms approved at the last meeting. Marshal Young and Deputy Miller have been doing training. 2. The Township is getting quotes for lighting in the truck bay at the fire station.

CLERK-TREASURER SELAGY...Nothing at this time.

ATTORNEY REBECCA TRENT...Nothing at this time.

MEMBER TONI ONKEN...Toni thanked Roger for his clean-up efforts on the southwest side of town. She asked Superintendent Rodgers how long he thought it would take to get the blower in, he was not sure. Member Onken asked about the high NIPSCO bill at the wastewater plant this month. Superintendent Rodgers said they have been making sure that the lights at the plant are being turned off when not in use. Member Onken asked Tony for the IDEM report from the last water plant inspection again, Tony said he would get it for her.

MEMBER KEN HICKMAN...Ken asked if they should start planning on sidewalk work for the summer. Clerk Selagy stated that she would bring the available fund balance to the next meeting.

Ron Benakovich made a motion to adjourn.
Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned @ 6:38 pm.

*The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 15th, at 5:30 pm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Rosemary Cooley

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT: Ronald Beck

COUNCIL MEMBER: Ken Hickman

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ATTEST: Stacy Selagy