

**COUNCIL MEETING
(REGULAR)
May 17, 2023**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, May 17, 2023**, 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 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 May 3, 2023.

-Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

-Ken Hickman made a motion to accept all the bills – claims – payroll as presented.

-Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. The motion carried. \$96,334.63

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

VISITORS: TERRY SAUNDERS, RESIDENT...Terry asked Superintendent Rodgers how long her neighbors at 313 Arch St were allowed to keep the hole they dug to check their sewer line open. Tony stated he would be there tomorrow with Kyburz Excavating to address the issue.

EDGARDO MARTINEZ, RESIDENT...Edgardo has turned the house at 203 N Race Street into a duplex. He was told by White County Area Plan that he must have four parking spots and he would like to put two in front and two in back. Marshal Young stated that he could only have one parking spot. They are currently parking over the sidewalk which is not allowed. They must park between the sidewalk and the street and there is only room for one parking spot there. Roger told Edgardo that he would have to put three of the parking spots in the back of the house. Edgardo also asked about his property at 313 Arch Street. His sewer is backing up into the basement. Superintendent Rodgers said that he will be in contact with Edgardo about the issue tomorrow.

GABRIELLE, COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING...1. Gabrielle stated that the preliminary design plans will be finalized this week and they are on track to submit to IDEM in June. 2. Brady Dryer is working on a new letter for SRF to express the urgent need for upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant. 3. The sludge equipment vendor, Blue River, will be here next week to start the bag process. 4. Rob Bellucci picked up the sewer plans yesterday.

PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS...1. President Cooley and Member Onken went around town and made a list of properties that need to be served notice for mowing and gave it to Marshal Young. Roger stated there are currently two properties that have been noticed for mowing and have failed to mow, the Piner property on Pine St and the Cooper property on Market St. Roger also asked if the town could mow the nuisance properties going forward due to a conflict of interest. Superintendent Rodgers said the town employees will pick up the mowing. 2. Rosie stated there are a lot of items sitting out (large items, such as mattresses, chairs, etc.) that have not been picked up by Waste Management. Clerk Selagy stated that unless the resident calls to schedule a pickup, Waste Management will not pick up the item. They bring a dedicated truck in for large items and plan for what has been called in to fit on the truck. Stacy said if they had a list of items and addresses then her office would call Waste Management to arrange pick up.

TOWNSHIP & FIRE DEPT AGREEMENTS...Attorney Trent asked Clerk Selagy to pass on that she did contact the State Board of Accounts and while there is an active investigation, it does not prevent anyone from entering a contract. Rebecca will send the contract to the Township Board again.

SIDEWALK PAVING...Melton Construction submitted a quote for the sidewalk work the town requested. The quote was \$40,525.00. This includes the north side of 5th Street between Race and Arch, the east side of Market Street between 1st and 2nd Streets and the two approaches that need finished from last year.

Ken Hickman made a motion to hire Melton Construction to do the sidewalk paving for 2023.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STREET PAVING...Superintendent Rodgers is still getting quotes. Tabled to next meeting.

TOWN PARKING LOT... Superintendent Rodgers stated he talked to Newbolds and they are going to split the cost of the fence between their lot and the KIRPC building with KIRPC.

OLD FERTILIZER PLANT... Marshal Young has still not been able to get hold of the owner. Roger asked Edgardo Martinez, who was in attendance, if he was related to the owner. Edgardo stated it is his brother who owns it. They had planned on tearing the building down but were told that the ground may be contaminated, and it would cost a lot of money to clean it up. President Cooley told Mr. Martinez they would need to figure out what to do to clean up the property.

SUPERINTENDENT TONY RODGERS... 1. Tony stated they have hung the banners that were damaged in the storm back up. Thank you to Linda Griffin for fixing the broken ones! 2. There are several issues with the park bathrooms that need repaired, including a leak and a broken sink. The water fountain on the Maple shelter has been ripped off the wall. Member Onken asked if the bathrooms were checked before they were locked. Tony said he would ask Kim Contreras. 3. Chris Melton will be repairing the little league dugouts and giving a quote for the Babe Ruth dugout. The park board is still getting quotes for the concession stand, they are considering removing the press box and making it a single-story building. 4. The bleachers at the Babe Ruth diamond are in bad shape, they are going to pressure wash and reseal the boards that can be saved and replace the bad boards and reassemble. 5. Member Hickman asked if Chris Melton had looked at the town hall roof, Clerk Selagy stated he had, but he was unable to find any bad spots that stood out. Chris is going to come back and take another look at it. 6. There was a bad blower motor on one of the blowers at the wastewater plant. It has been replaced and all three are working now. 7. Tony got a quote from Green Cycle for \$23,560.00 to grind up the brush in the town dump. President Cooley asked if we could turn the expense into FEMA since a lot of the brush came from storm clean up. Clerk Selagy stated she had turned the quote into FEMA to see if they would pay anything.

Toni Onken made a motion to hire Green Cycle to grind up the town dump.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. IDEM was back this week. They require increased testing, and additional reporting. Member Onken stated that the report says the ditch must be checked every day and wanted to know who was doing that. Tony stated that he checks the ditch. There is also a checklist so that all employees will know what to check at the plant and Tony says they have been trained on these items. 9. Member Hickman asked about the summer workers. Tony stated he had three summer employees. Ken asked what they would be doing and who would be supervising them. Marshal Young suggested having Emilia Valdizon be the lead for the summer help since she has the most work experience. The board agreed that this made the most sense. It is expected that the summer help will remain busy and not be standing/driving around during the day. The board members would like Tony to hire a third full-time employee. Tony would like to wait until the summer is over. We will put the sign back out front and see if we get qualified applicants. 10. Tony got a quote from Wealing Bros. to remove 72,000 gallons of sludge from the plant at \$.23/gallon.

Ron Benakovich made a motion to use Wealing Bros. to remove 72,000 gallons of sludge.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TOWN MARSHAL ROGER YOUNG... Roger stated we have been paid for the Click It or Ticket Campaign. Roger is involved in a multi-agency investigation that has him tied up so he will be calling in his part-time deputies to cover his shifts.

CLERK-TREASURER SELAGY... The town has received the final circuit breaker amount for 2023. This is the amount of taxes that will not be collected for the town. The town estimated \$49,000 and the actual number was \$28,900.88.

PRESIDENT ROSEMARY COOLEY... Rosie asked about the companies buying water in bulk from the town. Clerk Selagy stated that there are about four companies getting water right now. She has billed them but has not received payment yet. She will follow up on this. 2. Cindy Webb called and asked if she could set up a food truck in the town drive on the town wide garage sale day.

Ken Hickman made a motion to allow Cindy Webb to set up a food truck at the town hall.

Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Rosie asked if the alley behind Helen Swank's house on Race Street could be filled in. Superintendent Rodgers will work on it. 4. Rosie asked about ditch spraying, as she understood that they would be staying on top of that, but it has not been done. She will contact Brad Ward, White County Surveyor.

Ron Benakovich made a motion to adjourn.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned @ 7:15 pm.

*The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 3rd, at 6:00 pm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Rosemary Cooley

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT: Ronald Bels

COUNCIL MEMBER: Ken Nihoman

COUNCIL MEMBER: Jani Duker

COUNCIL MEMBER: _____

ATTEST: Stacy Stacy