

**COUNCIL MEETING
(REGULAR)
June 6, 2023**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Tuesday, June 6, 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, 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:

-Ken Hickman made a motion to approve the REGULAR meeting minutes from May 17, 2023.

-Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Vice-President Benakovich questioned the following items: \$4,573.70-Hubbard's, Clerk Selagy stated this was for transmission and coolant repairs to the 2008 F150. \$252.84-Extra Labor charges, Stacy stated this was the summer help payroll. \$2,310.00-Community Grants & S.R.O., Stacy explained this was to pay the Safety Resource Officer at the school.

Clerk Selagy advised the council that there is a claim for Penguin Management for an annual fee for notification service for the Fire Department. Jacob Garling, Monon Township Trustee, has indicated that he will not be paying half of the invoice, so if we pay it, we will be incurring the whole amount. After a brief discussion, the board asked that Fire Chief Brad Hahn provide more information before this claim is paid.

-Ron Benakovich made a motion to accept the bills – claims – payroll, except for the claim for Penguin Management in the amount of \$1,572.00.

-Toni Onken seconded the motion. The motion carried. \$206,348.84

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

VISITORS: JIM DAVIS, ALL ABOARD MAIN STREET...Jim wanted to thank everyone who helped with the Monon Food Fest, especially Marshal Young and Superintendent Rodgers. The town board thanked Jim for all this hard work putting the festival together. Jim stated the next meeting of the All Aboard Main Street will be on Wednesday, June 14th at 6:00 pm in the Civic Center. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

GABRIELLE, COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING...Gabrielle stated that they are finalizing drawings for the new wastewater plant. They are finalizing the IDEM permit application and will be submitting it soon. Brady Dryer is working on a response letter to IDEM for the compliance issues and will have that ready this week. IDEM may request a meeting with the Monon Town Council to discuss the wastewater plant issues. Member Onken asked if the work that Brady has done as far as responding to letters from IDEM was an additional expense to the town. Gabrielle stated no, this is all included in the proposal under the regulatory compliance line item.

PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS...Marshal Young stated that he has been having trouble getting through to Waste Management and will get a list to Clerk Selagy to see if she can get the pick ups scheduled. Attorney Trent said she would like the list also because she has a contact in their compliance department.

TOWNSHIP & FIRE DEPT AGREEMENTS...Attorney Trent stated she has not been able to get any response from Township Trustee Jacob Garling regarding the agreements. As of the meeting date, the township has not made their annual contribution towards EMS, Fire or Park Services for 2023, nor have they signed any agreements. The town council signed the Township agreements, and Rebecca will give them to the township board.

STREET PAVING...Superintendent Rodgers presented quotes from Town and Country and Central Paving for thirteen (13) blocks throughout town. Central Paving presented a quote for \$260,437.00, and Town and Country came in at \$227,037.50. The town has \$195,000.00 available to use for paving this year.

Toni Onken made a motion to have Town and Country do the first 11 blocks on the quote for a total of \$159,856.25.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD FERTILIZER PLANT...Clerk Selagy spoke with Stephen Zins at SME regarding possible options for testing the site to check for contaminants. He will talk with KIRPC and will get back with her, probably in July.

BUILDING DONATION...Dr. Frederic Henney and the family of Dr. Jeffery McGuire contacted the town to offer to donate the former White County Family Physicians office at 308 W Harrison Street.

Ron Benakovich made a motion to take ownership of the building.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney Trent has drafted a purchase agreement and will get it to Dr. Henney for his review.

BULK WATER SALES...Clerk Selagy presented information regarding bulk water sales. With the solar field project going on north of town, they have been getting water from the fire station hydrant to keep the dust down. There have been 763,000 gals purchased in the past two months and we have billed a total of \$5,975.67.

SUPERINTENDENT TONY RODGERS...1. Tony said that the sewer problems at 313 N Arch are being caused because the owner's storm and sanitary lines are tied in together. Kyburz Excavating will be putting in a new sewer line at the homeowner's expense. 2. Member Hickman asked if we could take care of the weeds along the east side of the 400 block of Railroad Street and up by KIRPC's parking lot. Ken also asked about the brush on Bedford Road. Tony said that the homeowner contracted the work, and it is the responsibility of the contractor to remove the brush. Marshal Young will send the owner a letter. Ken also asked if the summer help could clean up the leaves on the berm at the park and at the Babe Ruth field along the third base line and dugout area. Ken asked who was responsible for removing stumps from the park. Tony said it was the park board's responsibility to get the stumps removed. There is also a pipe in the southwest corner of the park where there used to be a grill that needs to be removed. Tony said he would take care of the pipe. 3. Member Onken expressed concern about how the summer help was being utilized. She expects all three summer helpers to be kept busy. She also asked about the women's restroom that is attached to the Maple Shelter. Tony said he has asked Chad Crain who originally installed it to look and it. That never transpired and now he has asked Young & Sons to fix it.

TOWN MARSHAL ROGER YOUNG...1. Roger stated that his handguns have been shipped and should be here this week. 2. We have the new Durango. The radio will be installed next Tuesday. The lights are on backorder. 3. Roger also presented a quote for security cameras at the water and wastewater plants that the board had requested that he get from Bowsher IT. The quote for the water plant is \$3,843.93 and the wastewater plant is \$4,970.30. Member Onken stated that she felt it was important to protect these two facilities that are vital to our town. Member Benakovich asked if we should table the discussion until after the new wastewater plant is built. Marshal Young stated the new cameras can be transferred to the new plant when ready.

Toni Onken made a motion to approve the purchase of security cameras for the water and wastewater plants.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried with 2 yeas and 1 nay (Member Benakovich).

CLERK-TREASURER SELAGY...1. The first meeting in July falls on the Fourth of July. After a brief discussion it was decided to move the first meeting in July to Thursday, July 6th at 6:00 pm. In August, the meetings will be moved to the first and third Monday of the month at 6:00 pm. Budget hearings will be held on Tuesday, July 11th at 5:00 pm. 2. The town received a supplemental local income tax distribution from the State due to a surplus. The total distribution was \$75,000. 3. The grant money for the exopod at the park for \$2,000 was received from White County Community Foundation.

MEMBER TONI ONKEN...Toni asked if Superintendent Rodgers had reviewed his capital assets to see what equipment needs to be replaced. Tony said he had not yet, but he would work on it.

Ken Hickman made a motion to adjourn.

Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned @ 7:18 pm.

*The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 20th, at 6:00 pm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Rosemary Looby

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT:

Ronald B. B.

COUNCIL MEMBER: Ken Helms

COUNCIL MEMBER: Joni Parker

COUNCIL MEMBER: _____

ATTEST: Stacy Slapp