

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

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, September 6, 2023**, at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were President Rosemary Cooley, Vice-President Ron Benakovich, Ken Hickman, Toni Onken and Chris Franklin. Also present were Attorney Rebecca Trent, Marshal Roger Young, Superintendent Tony Rodgers, and Clerk-Treasurer Stacy Selagy.

-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 and EXECUTIVE meeting minutes from August 15, 2023.

-Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

-Toni Onken made a motion to accept the bills – claims – payroll.

-Chris Franklin seconded the motion. The motion carried. \$304,038.47

Council members reviewed and signed off on August fund balances.

-MONTH END RECONCILIATION REVIEW / SIGN OFF...President Cooley reviewed and approved the August bank reconciliations.

VISITORS: JENILYNNE HALL, WHITE CO AREA PLAN DIRECTOR...Jenilyne returned to again present Amendment to Zoning Ordinance #A76. Amendment A76 establishes regulations and standards for allowing a subordinate, single family, detached dwelling unit which already has a principal dwelling unit on site. This was tabled at the August 15th meeting so that the Council could have time to review the amendment. Jenilyne said that just looking at lot sizes in Monon, there are 158 parcels over 12,000 square feet in the town limits. Only parcels over 12,000 square feet would be eligible to add a detached dwelling unit. However, they would also have to be able to meet the required setbacks which would likely lower the number of lots eligible.

Toni Onken made a motion to approve Amendment #A76

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried. **Ordinance #2023-09**

Jenilyne also stated that the Commissioners offered to have any structural permits sent to the Town if they are within the town limits. This would allow the Town Superintendent to review the plans to approve water and sewer hookups before the permits are issued to ensure that the town has the capacity to add the structures. Jenilyne said if that is something the town is interested in to please let her know.

JIM DAVIS, CIVIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY...Jim stated there will be an open mic night at the Monon Theater on September 21st. This will give people a chance to go in and see the progress of the theater. They will also have Wacky Wheels again this year on October 7th at 6:00 pm.

GABRIELLE, COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING...Gabrielle stated the engineers are finalizing the design work. The outfall permit has been approved. We are still waiting for IDEM to approve the construction permit. The Greenwood Street project is still on track to bid in December.

UNFINISHED OR DEFERRED BUSINESS...

PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS...Nothing at this time.

TOWNSHIP & FIRE DEPT AGREEMENTS...Nothing at this time.

OLD FERTILIZER PLANT...Clerk Selagy attended a meeting at KIRPC last week regarding Brownfields. The way things stand right now, there is not a lot of motivation for property owners to do the Phase I testing to determine contaminants on the property because if contaminants are found the owner becomes responsible for all clean up, even though they have no responsibility for causing the issue. KIRPC will be applying for a grant next year for Brownfield projects. If that grant goes through, this would be an ideal project for it.

NEXUS HEALTH CONNECT SERVICE...The board expressed an interest in learning more about the Monticello clinic. Clerk Selagy will reach out and schedule a time for them to attend a board meeting.

TOWN HALL ROOF ESTIMATES... Superintendent Rodgers stated he was still waiting on a quote from Ramirez Construction.

BOBCAT BRUSH ATTACHMENT... Superintendent Rodgers presented a quote from Bobcat for a used 72" brushcat for \$5,800.00 or a new one for \$7,500.00 and one from Greenmark for an 84" rotary cutter for \$15,350.00. After a brief discussion,

Ron Benakovich made a motion to purchase the new brushcat from Bobcat for \$7,500.00

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS...

800 ADAMS ST ESTIMATES... Nothing at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT TONY RODGERS... 1. Tony, Tracy and Auner all completed the 20 hours OSHA training in Reynolds and received their CPR certifications. 2. There is a clarifier down due to a worm gear issue at the wastewater plant. FJF is working on it, and it should be fixed by next week. 3. Kyburz is completing the sewer line hookup at 313 N Arch. 4. Tony is having both the Kubota and John Deere lawnmowers serviced. 5. President Cooley asked Tony if he had heard from Melton Construction regarding the issue with their sidewalk crumbling. Tony said he had not, but he would follow up with Melton.

TOWN MARSHAL ROGER YOUNG... 1. Roger stated he picked up the laptop and scanner that the Criminal Justice Institute provided for free. 2. The new Durango must be taken back to the dealership in Laporte due to an issue with the emergency lights installation.

CLERK-TREASURER SELAGY... 1. Stacy stated they have been working on getting some of the details hammered out at the new building, including moving the phones and computer routers from the storage closet. Marshal Young took out the sinks that were in all the exam rooms – thanks Roger! 2. The insurance claim from the March 31st storm has not been paid out yet. Stacy has spoken with the adjuster several times, the latest being this week. He said he would be reaching out to the examiner again. She has also requested Howe Insurance to follow up with the insurance company.

MEMBER CHRIS FRANKLIN... 1. Chris asked where we were on getting the mulch from the town dump removed. The Boy Scout camp and the Furrers have taken all that they want currently. We will need to find a place for what's left. 2. Chris told Superintendent Rodgers that there is a house in the 100 block of Market Street that has a sump pump going out to the street. Tony will investigate it.

MEMBER TONI ONKEN... 1. Toni asked about the EMT Director coming to the meetings once a month as she has not been coming. President Cooley said she would call her. Marshal Young also informed the board that there were two times last week when there were no firefighter/paramedics on staff at the Monon station due to Monticello staffing issues. When this occurs, Monticello does let us the appropriate people know they will not be here. 2. Toni also asked about the cameras being installed at the water and wastewater plants. Marshal Young stated there are 2 new cameras up at the water plant and the wastewater cameras on order.

VICE-PRESIDENT BENAKOVICH... Ron stated that he has is seeing more large items sitting out on the streets lately. Marshal Young said he would try to get a list to Clerk Selagy so she can call them in for pick up.

PRESIDENT COOLEY... Rosie stated she, Member Hickman and Clerk Selagy had gone to the White County Commissioner's meeting to ask for assistance with our \$5 million shortfall for our wastewater expansion project. The newspaper reported that the Commissioner's were going to give the Town the money needed, she wanted to correct that the Commissioner's did not say that. They did say when we have a final figure on how much we were short of financing to come back, and they would see what they could do to help us.

Ron Benakovich made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Chris Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned @ 6:40 pm.

*There will be a public hearing on a nuisance issue at 5:00 pm on Monday, September 18th. Immediately following there will be a public hearing on the 2024 budget to begin at 5:45 pm. The regular meeting will begin immediately following the budget hearing at approximately 6:00 pm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Rosemary Cook

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT: _____

COUNCIL MEMBER: Ken Robinson

COUNCIL MEMBER: Toni Parker

COUNCIL MEMBER: [Signature]

ATTEST: Stacy Slag