**COUNCIL MEETING**

**(REGULAR)**

**May 19, 2021**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, May 19, 2021** at 6:00 pm at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were President Rosemary Cooley, Vice President Stacy Selagy, Kirk Quasebarth, and Ken Hickman. Also present were Marshal Roger Young, Attorney Rebecca Trent, and Clerk - Treasurer Tim Brown.

Member Ron Benakovich and Superintendent Tony Rodgers were absent.

President Rosemary Cooley started our regular meeting @ 5:59 pm & led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment-of-silence.

**\*THIS MEETING IS A CONTIUED MEETING FROM THE SUSPENED MEETING ON 05-05-2021.**

**MINUTES, PAYROLL, BILLS & CLAIMS:** Stacy Selagy made a motion to approve the REGULAR MEETING MINUTES from April 21, 2021. Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ken Hickman made the motion to accept all the bills – claims – payroll as presented. Kirk Quasebarth seconded the motion. The motion carried. May 5, 2021 = $49,986.31 May 19, 2021 = $164,828.65

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

**TOWN ATTORNEY & DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER INTRODUCTIONS…** Clerk Brown introduced new town attorney Rebecca Trent from Brookston and new Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Tammy Beasley from Brook. Welcome aboard!!!

 **VISITORS: Joe Rogers from White County APC was present.** 1.)Joe presented county amendment #A64. This amendment deals with “signage.” After a brief discussion…Kirk Quasebarth made the motion to approve this updated amendment. Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried. Our signed ordinance number is #02-2021. 2.)Next Joe talked about amendment #A65. This one is about permits for parking areas, driveways, RV’s, etc… After another short discussion Kirk Quasebarth made the motion to approve this updated amendment.

Stacy Selagy seconded the motion. The motion carried. Our signed ordinance is #03-2021.

**Pam Jennett from the Enjoy White County group was next…** She wanted to introduce herself as the new representative of the group. She stated that she will be working with all the White County towns to boost tourism. Especially dealing with White County history and our restaurants & eateries.

**Tyler Worrell, Pine Street property issue…** There is a property next to his on Pine Street that he is interested in. The person has passed away and there are no relatives. He would like to obtain these 3 lots legally. Basically, situations like this must go through the township trustee. We will help if we can.

**Jim Davis, Commissioner…**Jim stated that Wolcott is having their grand opening of their new sewer plant on Wed. May 26th at 10:00am. Jim thought if a couple of us could attend the opening we may be able to talk to some folks to see how we can get out of our sewer ban.

**Joe Rogers, APC…again.** Joe now spoke about our splash pad start-up problems. The splash pad contractor has not provided all the blueprints that need our approval before the construction can start. Just recently there has been a detention pond added. None of us knew about this… President Cooley, Township Trustee Jacob Garling and Jim Davis also made some comments. Joe wants to have a sit-down meeting with all of the people involved here soon so they can get things straightened out.

**PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS…** 1.Roger has sent out 6 certified letters recently. He has hand delivered 12 more. Six more letters should be going out soon. 2.Roger and Deputy Ryan have been working a lot lately on property inspections.

**EXCESS IN-FLOW PROBLEM**… Nothing new to report this time.

**NEW SIDEWALKS COMING…** After a short discussion, Ken Hickman made the motion for the Chris Melton Company to be awarded the job for building the new sidewalks this year. Stacy Selagy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chris will start soon right north of the lumber yard.

**OLD SUNOCO STATION…FOR SALE?** Attorney Trent will check with the owners of the property to see if they will give us the property in the shape, we want it in. She may have an answer at our next meeting.

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**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN MONEY…** We approved the ARP Act new fund ordinance after our second reading. The ordinance number is 01-2021. Kirk Quasebarth made the motion to accept the ARP new fund ordinance.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**LABORER POSITION STILL NEEDED & PART TIME UTILITY CLERK HELP NEEDED…** Tony will hopefully decide soon on the laborer position. The clerk position has been put in the local papers and on our website.

**SUPERINTENDENT TONY RODGERS…** Not here…at a conference.

**ROGER YOUNG, MARSHAL…** 1. Roger’s new squad truck should hopefully be here in about 3 weeks. 2.Roger explained a new mental health program the county started. Any employee can use this service several times. It is also available to us. The program is sponsored by the Suncrest Group.

Stacy Selagy made the motion so our employees can take part in the program up to 4 times for each person before being charged. Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried. 3.Roger will be getting a new SOP program for his department…someday. 4.Roger also reported another problem about EMT coverage from our town. This is the second time this has happened in about a month. Basically no one from our department showed up. \*Commissioner Davis explained again what may happen if the “hub EMT / fire area” happens in Reynolds. 5.Roger also had an inquiry from a contractor that may want to put a new duplex in at the south end of Race Street. More details to follow.

**CLERK – TREASURER, TIM BROWN…** 1.Cost of living salary increases must be decided within a month for the 2022 budget numbers. 2.A quote for 200 or 100 new remote read meters was presented to the council. The money for this would come from the ARP monies. 3.There is a North White / Community event at the school on Friday evening this week. 4.Our fire department’s pancake breakfast is this Sunday. 5.The new playground equipment donations are up to $6800.00. 6.We have had a new phone system installed in all the Town Hall areas. The old phone system is over 25 years old. 7.Our annual Food Fest will be Saturday, June 5, 2021. It will be back downtown this year. 8.With our new attorney present we reviewed our new trash contract for 2022, 2023 and 2024. Rebecca only found one paragraph that may need to be revised. 8.The charts for the financial dollar income numbers for April were passed out.

**PRESIDENT COOLEY…** 1.Rosemary mentioned that since the grand opening ribbon cutting went so well with the new 4th Street store, she wants to make sure we do the same thing when the new restaurant at the south end of town opens here soon. 2.Rosemary also read an email from the White Co. Emergency Management group. They will be updating the county’s 5-year Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. They would like a representative from each town to show up at a meeting for this on Friday, June 4, 2021 at the courthouse at 11:30am.

**ATTORNEY TRENT…** Rebecca would like for us to send her after every meeting when completed a copy of the minutes and any ordinances we pass.

Kirk Quasebarth made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Stacy Selagy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned @ 7:27 pm.

\*Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be June 2, 2021 @ 6:00pm.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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