**COUNCIL MEETING**

**(REGULAR)**

**December 1, 2021**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, December 1, 2021,** at 6:00 pm at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were President Rosemary Cooley, Ken Hickman, Ron Benakovich and Vice President Stacy Selagy. Also, present were Marshal Roger Young and Clerk - Treasurer Tim Brown.

-Member Kirk Quasebarth was absent.

-President Rosemary Cooley started our regular meeting @ 6:01 pm & led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment-of-silence.

**-MINUTES, PAYROLL, BILLS & CLAIMS:** Stacy Selagy made a motion to approve the REGULAR MEETING & THE EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES from November 17, 2021.

-Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

-Ron Benakovich made the motion to accept all the bills – claims – payroll as presented.

-Stacy Selagy seconded the motion. The motion carried. $74,668.81

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

**VISITORS: -GABRIELLA FROM COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING…was present.** She passed out the monthly meeting notes memo and the status handout sheets. Commonwealth had a zoom meeting with Tony yesterday. The next phase will be the paperwork “draft final.”

**PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS…** Roger stated that 10 new clean up letters will be sent out soon the items. Also, we have new trash rules starting January 1st. We have the rules in both English and Spanish.

**VANGUARD METER & OTHER WW INFO…** Tony read the meter today and that makes 2 weeks in a row. He still needs to compare both weeks readings. Tony is also doing some smoke testing on the Vanguard properties.

**GREENWOOD ST…EAST LOTS, WAVER LETTER NEEDED…** Jim Annis, County Councilman wants the town to write a “waver letter” to the county about the lots on the east side of Greenwood Street. The existing west lots do not have sidewalks or street curbs. The county would like us to write a letter requesting that the east side of the street also have no sidewalks and curbs. A discussion started about both sides of the issue.

Ken Hickman made a motion that our attorney write a letter stating, no curbs or sidewalks are ok on the east.

Stacy Selagy seconded the motion. \*There was a 2 to 2 vote. Per state codes, the Clerk – Treasurer will be the tie breaker. Clerk Brown cast a vote to go ahead with the waver letter.

**3RD MEETING OF THE MONTH (YEAR END)…** After a short discussion it was decided the year end meeting will be held after our regular meeting on 12-17. This will be a special meeting open to the public.

**FIRE & EMT UPDATED CONTRACTS & QUESTIONS…** Attorney Trent updated our yearly payment contracts with the Township and the Fire Department. These updated contracts were passed out to everyone for their review. We will hopefully vote in the new contracts at the next meeting.

**TOWN WORKER CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON…** The luncheon will be on Thursday, 12-23 at noon at the Fire Station’s conference room. \*There is a sign-up sheet at town hall for the “carry in” items.

**SUPERINTENDENT TONY RODGERS…** 1.Tony’s crew has most of the Christmas lights & banners up. Tribbett Electric will be here this weekend to put the lights on the caboose tree. 2.Weekly water & WW samples are progressing. 3.The police bay ceiling lights have been fixed. 4.The new sidewalks on Market Street and 2nd Street are being cleaned and washed off. 6.Tribbett Electric is installing more lights at the Park and the Gazebo. 7.The manhole at 1st Street is being internally repaired. We also get another manhole for FREE…

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**MARSHAL YOUNG…** 1.Our Ford Explorer squad is having trouble with its cylinders, coil packs. Several engine cylinders have had the coils replaced. 2.Roger has heard that the Ford Corporation has very good pricing on the new models. 3.Roger will be helping with the Monticello Christmas parade this Saturday night. 4.Roger will have a SOP conference here soon. 5.The new surveillance cameras have been shipped to us. 6.Our new speeding trailer will get a new software upgrade. 7.President Cooley asked Roger again on when his decals will be ready for his truck? Roger will check again with the company from Francesville.

**CLERK – TREASURER BROWN…** 1.The White County Clerk – Treasurers’ annual Christmas party will be this Thursday in Brookston @ at the Top-Notch Bar. There was no party last year due to Covid. 2.Our EMT and part time office worker Kathy Dulin has approximately 2 more weeks to work before she moves to Mississippi.

3.Residet Terry Saunders has been finally heard from. She is still very ill but may be getting a little better.

4.We are only having (1) meeting in January, as usual. The date of that meeting will be January 12th and of course on a Wednesday. \*At this meeting the new appointed Clerk – Treasurer will be sworn into office.

**ATTORNEY REBECCA TRENT…** The final paperwork was filed for the sale of the 2 lots around the railroad. Rebecca presented us with the final check from the properties.

**MEMBER BENAKOVICH…** 1.Ron stated that he has noticed there are 2 to 3 spots around town where people are driving over our brand-new sidewalks. One of the places is the old Trosper house on Brook Street. 2.Ron mentioned that he will be moving into 813 Lincoln Street on January 4th. 3.Ron mentioned to fire chief Brad Hahn who was present, that local resident Kevin Martinez is interested in being a fire fighter.

**PRESIDENT COOLEY…** Rosemary asked Tony how the water softener problem was progressing. Tony stated that he needs to get the BL Anderson company in here to get all the electronic equipment working properly.

-Ron Benakovich made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

-Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned @ 6:38 pm.

\*Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be December 15th @ 6:00pm followed by a

Special Year End meeting.

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

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

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