

COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 8, 2016

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday**, June 8, 2016 at 5:30 pm at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were Ken Hickman, Stacy Selagy, Kirk Quasebarth and Vice President Dave Stimmel. Also present were Council President Rosemary Cooley, Superintendent Tony Rodgers, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Debbie Reindt, Attorney Dow Dellinger and Marshal Roger Young.

Absent was Clerk-Treasurer Tim Brown.

President Rosemary Cooley @ 5:30 pm led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

MINUTES, PAYROLL, BILLS & CLAIMS:

Dave Stimmel made the motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on May 18, 2016.
Stacy Selagy seconded the motion for the minutes. The motion carried.

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

Kirk Quasebarth seconded the motion.

Motion carried. Claims totaled \$ 102,786.90

VISITORS: Larry Brown and Jon Borgers

SEWER BAN... President Cooley invited Larry Brown to address the Council with his questions and concerns about how the present sewer ban will affect the construction of the new Purdue Nursing Clinic on SR 16. She also invited Jon Borgers and Attorney Dow Dellinger to participate in the open discussion.

Mr. Brown had many questions including what is being done to get the ban lifted and what can be done to get an exception for the Clinic. Mr. Borgers explained that a letter will be sent to IDEM outlining the Town's plan for correcting sewer / wastewater issues. Resident Candy Siegel suggested that rather than a letter being sent the Town should contact IDEM and schedule a conference call to discuss the issues and proposed resolutions. Dow Dellinger suggested sending any correspondence first to the Project Manager and if no response is received then send it to the Section Chief. It was decided that Mr. Borgers will confer with Clerk-Treasurer Tim Brown and then e-mail IDEM on Monday and follow up with a phone call on Tuesday. *Other related issues discussed were what will happen if the sewer ban isn't lifted and what might be done to insure the Clinic is built. Ken Hickman mentioned possibly rehabbing an existing structure.

Mr. Borgers suggested that the Town do a door-to-door inspection to ensure sump pump installations are up to code and not draining into the sewer lines. This would be reported to IDEM to show that the Town is taking steps to correct the issues of the sewer ban. Dave Stimmel said he liked taking this proactive step. Kirk Quasebarth suggested giving residents who are not code compliant a list of plumbers to contact.

Mr. Borgers stated that if local trusted plumbers are used follow-up home visits by the Town might not be necessary. Residents who refuse to allow the inspection or do not correct problems found may be subject to daily fines. Dow Dellinger suggested putting notice of the inspections on the water bills, but it was decided not to wait until July 1st to start the inspections. Tony Rodgers will be in charge of the inspection process.

WW STUDY GRANT... Jon Borgers reported that Edwin Buswell said the Grant has gone through and the Wessler Engineering Agreements are okay to sign. Mr. Borgers explained the details of the study. Attorney Dellinger had reviewed the agreements and said they looked fine. Council members signed the agreements. Clerk-Treasurer Tim Brown will sign upon his return to work on Monday.

FUTURE WATER / WASTEWATER FINANCES... The first reading of the ordinance for the proposed water / sewer rate increases will be at the Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2016. Dow Dellinger questioned the stated cost of Industrial Monitoring feeling that it is too low. He will speak with Tim Brown about this.

SEWER BOND PAYMENT DECREASE... Attorney Dellinger stated that four agencies submitted proposals to be Underwriters for the sale of the proposed Sewage Works Refunding Revenue Bonds of 2016. These included City Securities Corporation, Fifth Third Securities, Piper Jaffray and Stifel. He suggested the Council go with Fifth Third Securities as they have the best rate. Their rate is even better than what is found in the open market. The savings to the Town will be \$241,000.

Dave Stimmel made the motion to use Fifth Third Securities as our Underwriter.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

WEST WATER TOWER LOGO... Debbie Reindt reported that Tim Brown had received notice late Friday that the Viking Head graphic that we hoped to have on the West Water Tower cannot be done as the cost would be \$10,000. Other options were briefly discussed.

PAINTING TOWN HALL... Debbie Reindt complimented the Church of God Jesus Christ on the work they've done to beautify the front of their building. Debbie suggested that the Town Hall follow suit and spruce up with a fresh coat of paint. The Town Hall should be the most welcoming building in Monon!

Superintendent Tony Rodgers...

1. Tony thanked his crew, Zac Summers, Colin Hart, Travis Combs, and Jake Quasebarth for the work they've been doing and for helping out at the Monon Food Fest. 2. He reported that he and his crew have been working on sprucing up the Water Treatment Plant. 3. Mowing is going well. 4. The Bobcat is in for routine maintenance. 5. A rototiller was purchased for use on the beds at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. 6. Solid levels are going down.

Marshal Roger Young... 1. Roger dealt with a health violation at the trailer park. Sewage was running out onto the land underneath a trailer. The Health Department was called in and the trailer residents were told to have the problem corrected immediately. 2. He called the inspector to look at a rental property that has electric wires exposed. 3. Several vehicles have been tagged. 4. Certified letter have been sent to property owners regarding cleaning, mowing, etc. violations. It is sometimes difficult to determine the correct owner from the property listing. 5. Mr. Cox is still trying to make it difficult for the Town to have his tree removed, but progress is being made. 6. Roger has been working with Immigration. 7. Girls cross-country has been using our Park three mornings per week for practice.

Rosemary Cooley... 1. Rosemary stated the paving of SR 16 is great, but she wishes the street could have been widened a bit. 2. She questioned whether the Splash Pad for the Monon Park is still being considered. Roger responded that it is in the five year plan and is being considered, but the priority right now is revamping the buildings and bridges. 3. Rosie stated that the ditch at the south end of Town is covered with overgrowth. Dave said the ditch is due to be cleaned out from our Town to the lake.

Dave Stimmel... 1. Dave questioned what the new business at the south end of Town is. Roger responded that it is a tire and auto repair shop. 2. He asked if a large stump can be picked up from the entrance to the park. Tony said this will be taken care of. 3. The chairs from the Civic Center will soon be sent out for reupholstering. 4. Quoted cost for new Civic Center drapes is \$11,000. Dave feels this money can be raised through donations.

Dave Stimmel made the motion to adjourn the meeting.
Stacy Selagy seconded the motion. The motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

*Our next regular meeting will be on **Tuesday, June 21**, 2016 at 5:30 pm in Town Hall. This will be preceded by the first reading of the Ordinance for the proposed water / sewer rate increases at **5:00 pm.**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Rosemary Cooley

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT: Dave Stimmel

COUNCIL MEMBER: Ken Nuhman

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COUNCIL MEMBER: Kacy Selagy

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