

**COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 2, 2016**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Tuesday, August 2, 2016** at 5:30 pm at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were Ken Hickman, Stacy Selagy and Kirk Quasebarth. Also present were Council President Rosemary Cooley, Vice President Dave Stimmel, Superintendent Tony Rodgers, Clerk-Treasurer Tim Brown, Attorney Dow Dellinger and Marshal Roger Young.

President Rosemary Cooley @ 5:31 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 executive meeting & the regular meeting on July 19, 2016.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion for the minutes. The motion carried.

Kirk Quasebarth made the motion to accept the bills – claims – payroll as presented.

Stacy Selagy seconded the motion.

Motion carried. Claims totaled \$ 141,635.17

VISITORS: 1. Mr. & Mrs. Livesay, 521 N. Market St... They were present to talk about the (tree removal letter) that they received. They asked the Council if it would be okay if they waited to the middle of September to get their tree removed. We said that would be fine.

2. Kenny Sheffer, resident... First he complimented the town workers on their tree limb removal process & also that we are doing a fine job spraying mosquitoes this year. His one issue was that there is a street drain at 517 Dorothy Street that has sunk down in the road. Kenny actually hit the drain hole and it caused some damage to his truck. Superintendent Rodgers said he would look into the problem and get it fixed.

SUMP PUMP INSPECTIONS... Tony is progressing with the inspections. He is approximately over 1/3 of the way finished with the first round of inspections. There are several so far that need attention.

SEWER BAN, WESSLER'S REPORT TO IDEM... Jon Borgers submitted the information he has so far in an email which was read aloud by Clerk Brown. Jon also sent another email to Superintendent Rodgers which he read out loud. Jon will try to be at our next meeting plus he plans to have the report ready to go to IDEM by the end of the month. President Cooley, on a related matter, asked Tony to check out the storm drain in front of the library. The last large rain we had caused the drain to back up.

PROPERTY (YARD) CLEAN-UP BIDS... Marshal Young explained that the property cleaning is coming along nicely. He said that there are approximately one and a half properties remaining to be cleaned up.

402 WEST PARK ROAD ZONING ISSUE (GRANDFATHERED-IN AGRICULTURAL LOT)... The county APC director Joe Rogers made an inspection of the area. Joe stated a couple of ideas to try against the property. Joe also said that he would be willing to investigate other options. The area residents have also contacted the county's environmental officer to see if he could help out.

BUDGET REVIEW FOR 2017... Clerk Brown gave all council members a handout of the Appropriation Report. The report was marked up with amounts we thought either need to be cut or increased. We went through all of the line items to see if we would like to change any of the amounts. Not much will be changed (but) we will increase the Park budget from \$55,000 to \$100,000. Since the annexation we have had a nice increase in the tax funds for the Park. We will see what the State says about this large of an increase.

STREET BLACKTOP QUOTES... Superintendent Rodgers presented a quote from Town & Country Paving for 15 patch areas of roadway throughout town. Tony will also try to get more quotes for paving entire blocks of streets. Clerk Brown stated how much more money we have remaining in the paving accounts this year.

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Superintendent Tony Rodgers... 1. Tony said that the boys have been working hard on picking up brush. 2. The wastewater plant and the water plant are being continually maintained. 3. A starter control unit has been replaced at the water plant. 4. We have had Wealing Brothers haul out 8 loads of sludge. 5. We have borrowed Francesville's bush hog to help with mowing of the water plant and other areas (+) we have borrowed their grader to help with the grading of our alleys...thanks Francesville! 6. Finally Tony expressed sadness on our Park Superintendent's resigning.

Marshal Roger Young... 1. Roger stated that the hired property clean ups are almost complete. 2. Several of the properties that have been sent the tree clean up letters have been completed.

Clerk-Treasurer Tim Brown... 1. Edwin from KIRPC asked the town to write a letter to the Warren County Economic Group about what we thought of our Monon Meat Packing plant being in the middle of the Town of Monon. The Council said writing the letter should be fine. 2. Dow and I explained what is going on with our wastewater bonds refinancing. 3. The white house just north of Town Hall has been purchased. The original owners called and said that there is a sewer lien still attached to the property. We are having Attorney Dellinger's office check out this situation.

Member Stacy Selagy... asked Attorney Dellinger his opinion on our town's mobile home ordinance which is tougher then the county's (versus) the county's Area Plan ordinance. Dow stated that if this ever came to a head he would do battle with Area Plan.

Member Kirk Quasebarth... told everyone that school will be starting on Friday, August 12th. Along with classes starting the fall sporting events will also be starting.

VP Dave Stimmel... 1. Dave was asked what his opinion is of the Caboose Park tall evergreen tree being cut up from the ground about 4 foot so mowing under the tree would be easier? Dave thought that would be fine and the rest of the Council agreed. 2. Dave suggested to Tony to clean up the old flower bed that is west of the water tower. Dave thought once it is cleaned we can put down some mulch.

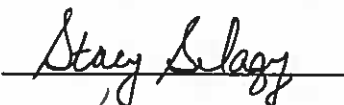
President Rosemary Cooley... 1. Rosemary has had some complaints from town people about bicycles, skateboards, etc...being ridden on the sidewalks. Superintendent Rodgers will try to locate some old no bicycle riding signs or buy some new ones so then can be installed on the streets. 2. Tony will also have the boys paint (more) yellow no parking areas on the downtown curbs and maybe try to extend the no parking areas.

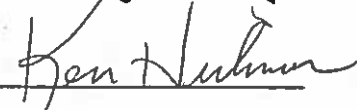
*Dave Stimmel made the motion to adjourn the meeting.
Stacy Selagy seconded the motion. The motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.

****Our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 5:30 pm in Town Hall.**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: _____

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT: 

COUNCIL MEMBER: 

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ATTEST: 