

**COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 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, Council Vice President Dave Stimmel, Clerk-Treasurer Tim Brown, Attorney Dow Dellinger and Marshal Roger Young.

-Superintendent Tony Rodgers was absent.

-President Rosemary Cooley @ 5:28 pm led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment-of-silence.

**MINUTES, PAYROLL, BILLS & CLAIMS:**

Ken Hickman made the motion to accept the minutes of both the executive and the regular meeting on September 6, 2016.

Stacy Selagy seconded the motion for the minutes. The motion carried.

\*Before the bills and claims were presented, Member Quasebarth questioned what the "clamps" were on the voucher sheet. The answer was that they were replacements for the clamps used on the last couple water main breaks.

Stacy Selagy made the motion to accept the bills – claims – payroll as presented.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion.

Motion carried. Claims totaled \$124,827.45

**VISITORS: ... 1. John Stout, Vegetation Manager for NIPSCO was present.** He was here after talking to Attorney Dellinger about this summer's tree trimming that did not go too well in Monon. He answered several questions about the tree cutting and trimming. Not only was the bad work discussed the lack of signed paperwork from our residents was talked about. Dow also gave him his opinion of the bad work. Mr. Stout gave us a lengthy apology about the situation. He also offered (free?) tree planting down the road if we would like and he also said we should contact him on any street light problems.

2. Joe Harris, resident... (not on the speaking list)... was here to ask if 2 more streets lights could be added to the far east end of Bedford Road. He stated that there are a lot of children around the area plus there is a school bus stop close. We will see what we can do...

**PARK; RESOLUTION TO REPEAL THE PARK BOARD...** Discussion started about absorbing the Park Board back into the Town Council's responsibility. Per IC 36-10-3-3 we can accomplish this. It was stated that 2 council members (+) 1 Township Advisory member will bring all large issues back to the whole Council. The resolution also stated that we can recreate the Park Board if and when it is determined to be necessary. After more discussion...

Dave Stimmel made the motion to repeal the ordinance that created the Town of Monon Park Board and transfer all of the Park's responsibilities to the Monon Town Council...per Resolution #10-2016.

Kirk Quasebarth seconded the motion.

\*The motion carried with (1) NAY vote from Member Stacy Selagy.

\*\*Clerk Brown will also send the former Park Board members thank you notes for their service.

**SUMP PUMP INSPECTIONS...** Slow...a work-in-progress.

**SEWER BAN, WESSLER'S REPORT TO IDEM...** Jon Borgers will be here for night investigations on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. This could last until early in the morning. Superintendent Rodgers will coordinate with Jon and his men to make sure everything goes smoothly.

**PROPERTY (YARD) CLEAN-UP BIDS...** 1. Marshal Young just sent out 10 more certified clean up letters. 2. Rosemary asked Roger to take a look at the roof across the street from the KIRPC building. There are a few concrete blocks on the edge of the roof that may fall off. Roger will check it out.

**2017 BUDGET HEARINGS...** The 2017 Budget Adoption meeting will be October 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

**MONON TELEPHONE BUCKET TRUCK OFFER...** After a little more discussion about the details of the vehicle...Dave Stimmel made the motion to purchase the truck for \$4500.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

\*VP Stimmel stated that we need training from a certified group on how to run the bucket truck attachment. We need to also check with our comprehensive insurance provider to see what they need before anyone uses the truck.

**PARKING ORDINANCE...** Dow presented the parking ordinance again after a couple of items were fixed.

Kirk Quasebarth made the motion to accept the revised parking ordinance.

Stacy Selagy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**SIDEWALK SNOWBLOWER (& / OR) PERSON NEEDED...** We put ads in the 2 local papers. The ads will run for the next couple of weeks. The ads states we are looking for a...person to do the work and we will buy a blower... a person with their own blower... or a snow removal company to make a bid. VP Stimmel has checked the price of a couple of snowblowers. Marshal Young stated that one of the Grasshopper mowers that is at the park could be used if we buy the snowblower attachment.

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS...** Per President Cooley, our board representative Shaker Hites is resigning at the end of this year. Our Council must make a new selection. Each council member is supposed to think of some names and we will discuss the names at our next meeting. A couple of names that have surfaced and they are...Stan Minnick and Jerry Horner.

**Superintendent Tony Rodgers...** 1. Sump Pumps...please see above comment. 2. Zac Summers will start his WASTEWATER, 7 week course starting approximately October 5<sup>th</sup>. 3. New street signs have been ordered...included are the no truck parking signs. 4. Measurements for a new snowblower width can be 48". 5. The White County Highway Department may be bringing their bush hog mower to trim the ditch banks on our south creek here soon. 6. Since it is still warm the skeeter sprayer will continue. 7. The Linden Street proposed new water line project quotes are still continuing. 8. Night sewer inspection will be this Wednesday night by Wessler Engineering. 9. The Park bathroom graffiti remover is somewhat working. There are still several bricks that will need to be replaced because the graffiti would not come off...it just smeared. 10. We have ordered and it will be installed soon, pre-graffiti sealant. It will be applied to the softball field dugouts first. 11. The new bleachers for the softball field have been installed. 12. Two lift station pumps at 1<sup>st</sup> Street and at Oak Street are being repaired electrically. 13. Town & Country Paving will be in town soon to do our 15 patch areas.

**Marshal Roger Young...** 1. Roger is getting a new computer at a cost of \$800. 2. There will also be new software installed. This software will tie into a county wide system that will also go to the White County Dispatch department. 3. Roger also passed out his monthly reports. 4. Roger is on the Town of Monon Wellhead Protection council. Not much has transpired with this council in a year or two. We will see if we can get this council up and going again. IDEM requires this... 5. Roger will head to the Police Academy soon as this meeting is over. Deputy Lanoue's pistol is broken and Roger needs to take him another.

**Clerk-Treasurer Tim Brown...** 1. We have made the down payment and ordered the new bill paying software from Keystone. 2. Joe Rogers, APC will be here first thing to speak on October 4<sup>th</sup>. 3. Brad Gutwein of Gutwein Motors may buy a couple more metal trash cans for the town. 4. The October 8<sup>th</sup> passenger train meeting in Lafayette will be attended by Jim Davis. He is one of our town's railroad experts. 5. Our bicentennial torch bearer...Devon Querry will carry the torch in Monticello on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is encouraged to attend to root on Devon. 6. Monon Meat Packing, the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest employer in Monon has asked us a favor. Their only advertising sign they have located ¼ of a mile north of Monon on Highway 421 will be torn down by INDOT if they don't ask for an appeal here soon. We agreed if their lawyer needs some help seeing what their avenues are...our Attorney Dow said he would help them out.

**Member Stacy Selagy...** 1. Asked the question if we are starting to deal with our feral cat problem. Marshal Young said he is starting to deal with the problem. Stacy stated that the White County Auditor may pay for the cat removals. Roger will pass on this information. 2. Stacy also informed the council that the people that lived at Linden & 4<sup>th</sup> Streets have moved out.

**Member Kirk Quasebarth...** announced that the North White High School football homecoming will be Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Vice President Stimmel...** asked again when the tree on the Cox property will be cut? All anyone could say was...soon. We will see what the future brings.

**\*Dave Stimmel made the motion** to adjourn the meeting.

**Stacy Selagy seconded the motion.** The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

**\*\*Our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 5:30 pm in Town Hall.**

**\*\*\*We will have a public (adoption) budget meeting at 5:00, before this meeting.**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT *Dave Stimmel*

COUNCIL MEMBER *Stacy Selagy*

COUNCIL MEMBER *Tim Brown*

COUNCIL MEMBER *Ken Hickman*

ATTEST: *Emily L. Brown*