

## COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 2, 2016

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

President Rosemary Cooley @ 5:30 pm led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and also a moment of silence was observed.

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

Dave Stimmel made the motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on January 19, 2016.

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

Dave Stimmel made the motion to accept the minutes of the executive meeting on January 19, 2016.

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

\*Bills...President Cooley had a question about a payment for the generator at the water plant. Acting Superintendent Tony Rodgers answered the question.

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

Kirk Quasebarth seconded the motion.

Motion carried. Claims totaled \$ 185,332.31

\*Also signed by the council this evening was the yearly contract from Monon Township concerning the payment for the Monon EMS service.

\*\*The 2016 Contracting & Nepotism policies were also signed by all of the council members.

**VISITORS: -Jacob Garling, resident.** He was here to ask if a lien that was placed on a property before he purchased it could be removed. The property is located at 304 Broadway...Highway 16 W. The lien is for property clean up. Attorney Dellinger will research the situation and get back to Jacob.

**TOWN SUPERINTENDENT'S APPOINTMENT...** After a brief discussion...

Kirk Quasebarth made the motion to appointment David (Tony) Rodgers as our new Town Superintendent.

Dave Stimmel seconded the motion. The motion carried. \*There will also be a 4 month PROBATION PERIOD as stated by the Council. Congratulations Tony.

**IDEM WASTEWATER & WW STUDY GRANT.** We will have the kick-off meeting for the WW Study Grant on Monday, February 8, 2016 at KIRPC with OCRA at 10:00 am. Along with Superintendent Rodgers and Clerk Brown, members Ken Hickman & Dave Stimmel will attend the meeting.

**LIBERTY LANDFILL QUESTIONS...** Ken Hickman has invited White County Commissioner John Heimlich to one of our future meetings. John will probably be here at our February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Everyone should try and prepare some questions for John on the subject.

**90 DAY PTO PAY DISCUSSION...** A long discussion started with all of the Council Members, Clerk Brown, Marshal Young and Attorney Dellinger. New Deputy Clerk Treasurer Debbie Reindt said that one of the reasons she took her job was because of this perk. Jake Pinkerton from Vanguard Trailer offered to help the town with this situation if we would like.

Dave Stimmel made the motion to TABLE the PTO discussion.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

\*We will re-visit this discussion around Budget time.

**VANGUARD DE-ANNEXATION...** Jake Pinkerton from Vanguard presented a letter to Council President Rosemary Cooley requesting (again) to meet with a couple of members of the Council about trying to still de-annex from Monon. Rosemary and VP Stimmel will be our representatives. Rosemary and Dave will try to set up a time to meet with Vanguard's Mr. Mudd. More details will follow.

**WATER PROBLEMS IN JANUARY...** Clerk Brown reported on the WATER financial problems in January. After all of the numbers are in, we spent \$41,600. Our usual average spending per month is around \$23,000. To add to the amount, all of the bills from the water line breaks and water plant problems are not totally in. We will try to have a "spread sheet" for the council to review at the next meeting explaining our needs for the future.

**-Superintendent Tony Rodgers...** Tony gave the explanation about the 4 water leaks that consumed most of his time during January especially the 4<sup>th</sup> Street leak and the repair of the lines there. Tony also explained about the problems that occurred at the water plant during the month. Hopefully February will be a better month.

**-Marshal Roger Young...** Roger stated that all of our police vehicles will hopefully have software upgrades by February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**-Attorney Dow Dellinger...** Dow reported on preparing a state mandated ordinance concerning how far off all of our accounts can be at the end of each month's reconciliation. This new ordinance / resolution is called "Materiality Directive." Dow thought that he should have the ordinance ready by our next meeting.

**-Clerk Tim Brown...** 1. We had the kick-off meeting for the proposed future fire station last Monday. Chief Brad Hahn and Town Council member Ken Hickman will be the info gathering committee. 2. Our possible new hire person's drug test should be back soon and if it is clean we will start him ASAP. 3. The Park Board wants us to put the SUMMER PARK JOB want ad into the local papers here soon. All resumes will be due by March 7<sup>th</sup>. 4. The Food Fest vendor letters for the 2016 Fest have just been sent out.

**-Member Kirk Quasebarth...** Kirk just wanted a better explanation of the Jacob Garling property issue. Attorney Dellinger explained the situation.

**-President Rosemary Cooley...** 1. Rosemary complimented new Deputy Clerk Treasurer Debbie Reindt on the good job she has been doing. Rosemary has heard many good things about Debbie from our customers. 2. Next Rosemary stated that a town resident has complained about a "pot belly" pig in someone's fenced in back yard. We do not think a pot belly pig is classified as a "farm animal." 3. Finally Rosemary asked Marshal Young if we have an ordinance about "yard parking." And the answer is YES. VP Stimmel then asked Roger on how we get to the "fine" process dealing with this violation? Roger said the first step is to knock on their door and explain the situation and the fine. Then after that we can issue a ticket and they have to pay the fine at Town Hall.

**-Member Ken Hickman...** mentioned that he heard from a county official that our new Casey's General Store still hasn't had its final inspection and they are supposed to open for business this Thursday. Marshal Young will contact Casey's about this tomorrow morning. Finally Ken stated that the Brownfield Grants for clean-up purposes can be used on more than abandoned gas stations.

**-Teri Saunders, resident...** just wanted to thank the Town Workers for the clean-up after the last snow.

Dave Stimmel made the motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Stacy Selagy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 pm.

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

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

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT: D. Stimmel

COUNCIL MEMBER: K. Quasebarth

COUNCIL MEMBER: Stacy Selagy

COUNCIL MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: Emily L. Brown