**COUNCIL MEETING**

**(REGULAR)**

**October 7, 2020**

The council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, October 7, 2020** at 6:00 pm at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were President Rosemary Cooley, Ron Benakovich, Kirk Quasebarth and Ken Hickman. Also present were Superintendent Marshal Roger Young, Attorney Dow Dellinger, and Clerk-Treasurer Tim Brown.

-Vice President Stacy Selagy was absent.

President Rosemary Cooley started our regular meeting @ 5:59 pm & led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment-of-silence.

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

Ken Hickman made a motion to approve the REGULAR MEETING MINUTES & the SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

from September 16, 2020.

Kirk Quasebarth seconded the motion. The motion carried.

\*Ron Benakovich had a question about the Park’s water bill. Ron thought it was super high. Clerk Brown told the council that the pre-report they get is a summary report and that amount was the total of several different utility bills. Clerk Brown, next time will try to send everyone the “detailed” report and that should clarify this problem.

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

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried. $110,809.54

**MONTH END RECONCILIATION REVIEW / SIGN OFF… PRESIDENT COOLEY CHECKED OVER AND VALIDATED THE MONTH END FIGURES & BANK STATEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020.**

**VISITORS: Terry Saunders,** resident spoke. 1.She wants us to check to see if the push button for highway crossing at the stop light is working or not. Superintendent Rodgers & Marshal Young said they would check on it. 2.She also commented on the non-paved areas around the handicapped ramps that were worked on. Tony answered that with the total paving of Market Street that will be taken care of.

**Jon Borgers,** Wessler Engineering spoke. He explained about the new storm water meter that Vanguard is going to install. The model and type should be fine.

**PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS…** 1.Roger reported that the bad Spruce St. property has a 30-yard clean up dumpster setting on the property. The loading of trash is proceeding, and the dumpster should be full soon. President Cooley also asked about the large pile of firewood. Roger said they are getting a wood burning stove. 2.The Brook Street property has a dump trailer there soon to start cleaning the property. 3.The property on Lincoln Street is starting to be cleaned.

**WEST HWY 16 DRAINAGE SOLUTION…** Tony, Roger, and the boys found a drain line west of the trailer park, but this is a sanitary line, and it will not work for us. They will continue to search for the missing manhole that is supposed to be in the area.

**WASTEWATER FLOW PROBLEM and VANGUARD LETTER…** Tony met with the Vanguard maintenance man and what they are buying is fine. The meter must read in gallons.

**SIDEWALK WORK…** The Ray Tanner company has started. They are right in front of Marshal Young’s house. The old school bench in the garage at town hall will be evaluated by Ray and Don Foulks, a local concrete mason.

**STREET GRINDING PILE ON THE HOWARD LOT…** Rosie would like to get what grindings we need for the road at the WW plant then get rid of the remainder. Tony has a guy that took some old concrete from us that wants some and the Howard Farm guys would like some too. Rosie also reminded Tony that we may be able to get a big truck from Steve Laposi to help haul loads to the WW plant.

**NEW BRUSH PILE SITE…** Tony reported that he has approached the Williams Farm and the Mosher Farm people to see if they are interested in taking our brush. If we do one of these farm sites, we may have to pay a monthly fee to them. The wood grindings are being hauled away by Travis VanMeter for free.

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**FLUSH HYDRANTS…** The town’s hydrant flushing will be during the week of October 19th.

**INSURANCE QUOTES FOR 2021…** Insurance quotes for health, commercial and workers comp are to be turned in at our October 21st meeting.

**SUPERINTENDENT TONY RODGERS…** 1.We may purchase “solid” tires for our Bobcat. 2.Our south town ditch should be cleaned starting November 2nd. No dredging just both banks will be cleaned. 3.The guy that did the masonry work on theater is giving us a quote on doing some stucco work on the Civic Center. 4.A community service person worked for us for 40 hours last week. 5.We will be starting to paint some railroad crossing signs on some of our town streets here soon. 6.Tony will be purchasing a new camera system soon for the park. 7.A new main water meter for the park will be installed next spring. 6.Tony asked the council if it would be okay if a Town of Wolcott wastewater person could come here for training once a week. We will not pay him. He can not start coming here until we find out who’s workers comp insurance / commercial insurance will cover him. Attorney Dellinger stated strongly that we get this settled before he starts. We will check around to see what we can find out.

**ROGER YOUNG, MARSHAL…** 1.Deputy Rusk will start taking classes soon for his School Resource Officer training certification. These classes will be on-line. 2.Our Monon police will be sponsoring a one-day tactical training course at the Best Western in Monticello on October 14th. 3.We will have one new SRO person hopefully starting within a month. Roger is getting all his equipment together here soon so he can start. 4.Roger stated that he has hired a new part time crossing guard to fill in when the other two guards are off. 5.Rosie asked if Roger was still going to install landscaping in front of town hall. The answer is yes and they should start soon.

**CLERK-TREASURER TIM BROWN…** 1.Market Street paving from the south ditch to approximately the mini mart should start this Friday and continue for a week. 2. The dirt alley behind Ann Heims house should be cleaned here soon. 3.The water and WW financial charts were handed out. Last month was the second best month financially for the year. 4.The old Pizza King restaurant by the south railroad tracks has been sold!!!! We believe that it will be another pizza place.

**MEMBER QUASEBARTH…**  Kirk mentioned he will not at our next meeting on October 21st.

The meeting adjourned @ 6:43 pm.

Ron Benakovich made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Kirk Quasebarth seconded the motion. The motion carried.

\*\*Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 in our conf. room

@ 6:00pm.

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

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

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