

**COUNCIL MEETING
(REGULAR)
April 20, 2022**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, April 20, 2022**, at 6:00 pm at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were President Rosemary Cooley, Ken Hickman, Kirk Quasebarth and Toni Onken. Also, present was Clerk-Treasurer Stacy Selagy.

-Ron Benakovich was absent.

-President Rosemary Cooley started our regular meeting @ 6:00 pm & led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment-of-silence.

-MINUTES, PAYROLL, BILLS & CLAIMS: Toni Onken made a motion to approve the REGULAR meeting minutes from April 6, 2022.

-Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

-Toni Onken seconded the motion. The motion carried. \$129,043.38

-MONTH END RECONCILIATION REVIEW / SIGN OFF... President Cooley looked over the Month of March bank reconciliations and she validated them.

VISITORS: JOHN CANNON, OUTREACH REPRESENTATIVE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL TODD ROKITA... was present. John spoke to the council about data security and especially, the importance of cyber security. Scams are up 158% since January. John also provided the council with information regarding unclaimed property and consumer protection services and stated that the town can always contact the Attorney General's office for advisory services or opinions.

GABRIELLE, COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING... was present. Gabrielle stated that the SRF application has been submitted and is being reviewed. The USDA application must be reviewed before it can be submitted, and it is in that process right now. Gabrielle sent the agreement for professional services to Attorney Trent for review. Preliminary design work will be \$863,000. The town must decide if they will use local funds or pursue a bond anticipation note. Gabrielle reminded the council that any upfront costs before closing on loan can be reimbursed.

PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS... Roger has been tagging vehicles. There is a couch sitting on the 100 block of Market St that has been there for a while, Roger stated they had two out at one time. Waste Management picked up one, hoping they pick up the other one this week. He is working on getting his notice letters translated to Spanish.

VANGUARD METER & OTHER WW INFO... No updates at this time. Still waiting for meter to be installed.

TOWNSHIP UPDATED CONTRACTS & QUESTIONS... No updates at this time.

SIDEWALKS 2022... Tony contacted Melton Construction, Chad Crain and Ray Tanner. The only quote came from Melton Construction for \$79,386.

Ken Hickman made the motion to accept Melton Construction's bid for sidewalk work.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT TONY RODGERS... 1. There has been vandalism at the park to the little league bathrooms, that will need repaired. Rosie Cooley asked if we should file an insurance claim, Clerk Selagy will look into it. Kirk Quasebarth said the press box door needs repair. Steel doors will be installed on the bathrooms and concession stands. 2. Brady from Commonwealth has been working on the IDEM violation list and has been able to remove about half of the items. 3. There have been 3 applicants for the laborer position, Tony will be making his decision soon. 4. Bob Shidler's sewer tap was lined over and they will need to dig up the sewer tap and repair. 5. Rosie asked if Tony had looked at Tony Hunnicutt's property to see what can be done about the drainage issues, Tony said he had not yet but would.

TOWN MARSHAL ROGER YOUNG... 1. Marshal Young stated that the new body cameras are in. 2. On April 26th he will doing firearms training. May 9th there will be a mental health training at Reynolds. May 20th from 6-8:30 pm, the high school will host an Outreach night and would like for the town to have a booth with information about the town available in both English and Spanish.

CLERK-TREASURER SELAGY...1.Stacy stated Dan Sublette had contacted her about getting permission from the council to set up his food stand at Gutwein Motors again this year. He will be there on Wednesdays.

Kirk Quasebarth made a motion to allow Dan Sublette to have a food stand.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Stacy presented the council with a resolution to adopt a plan for distribution of the proceeds of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The resolution will allow the town to use the funds to replace revenue lost due to the COVID pandemic and can be used to fund "government services". It simplifies the reporting process and funds can still be used for the wastewater project.

Ken Hickman made the motion to approve the resolution

Kirk Quasebarth seconded the motion. Motion carried. Resolution #2022-06

Kirk Quasebarth...Kirk said the baseball and softball teams will be playing under the lights at the school ball fields.

Rosemary Cooley...Rosie asked if they were cleaning the other side of the ditch. Tony said no, it was NIPSCO doing some work. NIPSCO wants to know if they can use our arch at the ditch. Tony will talk to Attorney Trent about it.

Ken Hickman...Ken stated the Greenwood Subdivision plat was approved by the Area Plan Commission.

-Kirk Quasebarth made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

-Toni Onken seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned @ 6:54 pm.

*The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on May 4th, 2022 @ 6:00pm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Rosemary Cooley

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT: _____

COUNCIL MEMBER: Ken Hickman

COUNCIL MEMBER: Ronald B.H.

COUNCIL MEMBER: Toni Onken

ATTEST: Stacy Selagy