

**COUNCIL MEETING
(REGULAR)
June 8, 2022**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, June 8, 2022**, at 6:00 pm at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were President Rosemary Cooley, Ken Hickman, Ron Benakovich, Kirk Quasebarth and Toni Onken. Also present was Town Attorney Rebecca Trent and Clerk-Treasurer Stacy Selagy.

-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: Ron Benakovich made a motion to approve the REGULAR meeting minutes from May 18, 2022.

-Toni Onken 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. \$257,969.04

-MONTH END RECONCILIATION REVIEW / SIGN OFF... Rosie Cooley reviewed and signed off on the bank reconciliations.

VISITORS: GABRIELLE, COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING...was present. Gabrielle said the USDA application has been submitted and the town should receive an offer next month. The SRF listing should be available in July to see where our project ranks. Once that information is available, we will work with Baker Tilly to determine our best option for financing. Regarding new sewer connections, a waiver will need to be applied for to hook up to the system, but they feel that with the work we have been doing to try to correct the problem that a waiver would be granted.

PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS... Marshal Young stated that Ken Hickman and himself looked at the property at the property on the 100 block of Arch St and determined the two outbuildings need to be removed. He will notify the owner. Toni Onken asked about the brush clean up, Roger said he would look at it again. He will also notify the owner of 213 Middlestadt about clean up needed. The property at 202 Race St has been secured. Kirk Quasebarth asked about 2 properties on State Rd 16 west of the cemetery. Toni asked about the lot next to AAA Valley Fire. Roger is going to check on both properties and will notify accordingly. Rosie Cooley stated the CSX property is getting cluttered again with railroad ties and the grass is overgrown. Tony Rodgers will try to get hold of his contact at CSX. If he is unable to get anywhere, he will let Attorney Trent know and she will send them a letter stating if they do not clean it up that the town will do it and charge them for it.

VANGUARD METER & OTHER WW INFO... Superintendent Rodgers stated the new meter has been installed. For the period of May 17 to June 6, they ran 54,354 gallons through the meter. Tony will take the readings across the ditch and compare it the total billed to see how it compares.

UPKEEP OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTIES..Rosie brought up a concern about the town properties not being well maintained. She stated that the corner of 2nd Street going into the park needs to be maintained better. She also brought up citizens not mowing between the sidewalk and roadway and some putting rock in that area, which they should not do. She would like to see the lot by the town hall reseeded and suggested we find another place to dump snow in the winter so that we do not kill the grass there. Tony will look for another spot.

UTILITY BILL PAY PROPOSALS...Clerk Selagy gave the board copies of the proposals from Boyce and Invoice Cloud for review. Stacy will speak with the City of Monticello, who uses both systems, and find out how those are working for them. Attorney Trent stated she thought PayGov may also have a system for bill pay, Stacy will look into that and come back to the board with more information.

AMENDMENT TO WATER RATES...Clerk Selagy stated that the State has repealed the Utility Rate Tax effective July 1, 2022 and water rates must be reduced to reflect this. The rate reduction is 1.4%. The amendment to the ordinance will be read and available to approve at the next regular meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT TONY RODGERS...1. Tony asked if the board wanted to replace the part of the sidewalks that goes perpendicular from the sidewalk to the road. This is not a common situation, but in some cases these areas do exist. Putting in a new sidewalk can lead to a 6" gap between the existing and the new sidewalk. The board agreed that town will include those areas when doing sidewalks. 2. The doors on the park cabin will be replaced with metal doors. 3. NIPSCO wants to use our cement bridge

over the ditch to put a gas line. Tony will send that information to Attorney Trent to review. 4. The street sweeper is down again and is being repaired. Tony will be taking the bug sprayer for testing and then will start mosquito spraying. 5. Tony is going to get information on a new actuator. The current one is solar activated and the trees or even cloudy days can interfere with it's performance.

TOWN MARSHAL ROGER YOUNG...1.Roger is still working with Josh Bowsher on the internet issues. Josh did come in and replace a switch which seems to have helped for the time being.

CLERK-TREASURER SELAGY...1. Stacy stated that Hannah Young asked if the board would consider an increase for watering the flowers due to rising fuel prices. She is currently paid \$140/week.

Ron Benakovich made a motion to increase the pay to \$175/week

Kirk Quasebarth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Stacy handed out employee evaluations to the board members for Marshall Young and Superintendent Rodgers. She also stated the utility office has been painted and the flooring will be installed on June 16th. She has been working on our capital asset inventory and will be submitting that to the board for review.

3.Stacy asked that the board consider allowing her to make ACH payments to those vendors who accept them. This would always be a push from our account to theirs, we would not be giving them our account information.

Ken Hickman made a motion to allow ACH payments to vendors.

Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

KIRK QUASEBARTH...Kirk asked if might be possible to put speed bumps on Pine Street due to cars racing down the street and using it as a shortcut to get to Bedford Road. Attorney Trent stated that a study would be needed first. There was also a concern about snowplows running over them.

KEN HICKMAN...Ken stated that at the KIRPC meeting they mentioned that there are grants available for paint for new railroad signs if the town is interested.

RON BENAKOVICH...Ron stated that he is eager to see the capital asset report so that a plan can be developed for replacing old equipment. Ron also asked about the sewer hook ups for the Greenwood Subdivision project. A waiver will need to be applied for, but there is reason to believe that new sewer hook ups will be permitted.

There will be an executive meeting on Tuesday, June 21st at 3:00 pm, with the regular scheduled to begin immediately after at approximately 3:30 pm.

-Ron Benakovich made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

-Kirk Quasebarth seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned @ 7:14 pm.

*The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on June 21st, 2022 @ approx 3:30 pm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Rosemary Coley

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT: Ronald Beck

COUNCIL MEMBER: Ken Hickman

COUNCIL MEMBER: Joni Ocker

COUNCIL MEMBER: KD Quasebarth

ATTEST: Stacy Selagy