

**COUNCIL MEETING
(REGULAR)
July 6, 2022**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, July 6, 2022**, at 6:00 pm at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were President Rosemary Cooley, Ken Hickman, Ron Benakovich and Toni Onken. Also present were Marshal Roger Young, Superintendent Tony Rodgers and Clerk-Treasurer Stacy Selagy.

Kirk Quasebarth 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: Ron Benakovich made a motion to approve the REGULAR meeting minutes from June 21, 2022.

-Toni Onken seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

-Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. The motion carried. \$110,957.74

-MONTH END RECONCILIATION REVIEW / SIGN OFF...None

VISITORS: JOSE MARAVILLA, RESIDENT... was present. He stated he had purchased 401 W Broadway and wanted to make it into apartments. President Cooley advised him to go to White County Area Plan to find out how the property is zoned, as it may be commercial and if so, he can request a rezoning. Mr. Maravilla also asked about trees that sit behind the fence on the property that need to be removed. Superintendent Rodgers will look to see if they are on town or private property.

JENNILYNN HALL, WHITE COUNTY AREA PLAN... was present. She presented amendments (S)A7 and A70. (S)A7 is the first of a two-part amendment effort to streamline the lot creation process and to clarify various aspects of the Subdivision Ordinance for administrative purposes. The primary objective of this amendment is to ease the creation of building lots in a systematic fashion.

Toni Onken made a motion approve amendment (S)A7.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried. Ordinance 06-2022

Amendment A70 is a proposal to establish updated standards for rooftop solar installations related to panel setbacks, maximum coverage, pathways, and rapid shutdown.

Ron Benakovich made a motion to approve amendment A70.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried. Ordinance 05-2022

GABRIELLE, COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING... was present. She stated that Brady Dryer hand delivered the signed order to IDEM and IDEM is currently reviewing it. USDA has submitted their offer of financing for the wastewater project. It includes a \$3.3 million grant and fixed interest rate of 1.5% for a 40-year loan. We are still waiting on SRF's offer. Superintendent Rodgers asked about the Greenwood Subdivision waiver, Gabrielle will check on it.

PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS... Marshal Young has called in several large items for pickup. He is getting letters translated to Spanish and will deliver them door to door. Rosie gave Roger a list of properties that need cleanup letters. The council would like for the old fertilizer plant on Third St to be demolished. Roger will send the owners a notice and they will have 90 days to comply. Residents on 2nd Street continue to park across the sidewalk, Roger will address it.

VANGUARD METER & OTHER WW INFO... Nothing at this time.

UTILITY BILL PAY PROPOSALS... Clerk-Treasurer Selagy presented the council with the information from 3 providers. Before a decision is made, Stacy will do a survey to get feedback from residents on the level of interest for bill pay options.

SHIDLER SEWER TAP ISSUE... Superintendent Rodgers had AccuDig come in and camera the line to try to determine if we lined over a working tap. He will need to review the pre-lining footage to make the determination. He will speak to Attorney Trent about his findings.

SUPERINTENDENT TONY RODGERS... Tony stated he has working on the Shidler sewer issue and had nothing else at this time.

TOWN MARSHAL ROGER YOUNG... Roger presented a quote from Bowsher IT to upgrade the network in the town hall and install 6 security cameras for a total of \$9,041.53.

Ron Benakovich made a motion to approve the network upgrades and camera installations.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roger stated that Bowsher IT made a donation to the Monon Police Dept in the amount of \$2,500 for the purchase of flock cameras.

CLERK-TREASURER SELAGY... 1. Stacy shared a communication from the State stating that our street sweeping contract was up for renewal for a portion of State Road 16 and US 421. The proposed contract is for \$1,080 a year, but this year alone, we've spent \$3,350 to get the sweeper up and running. Attorney Trent will counter the State's offer to see if we can increase the contract amount. Superintendent Rodgers is going to start pricing street sweepers and will get back with the council on his findings. 2. Our current trash ordinance only addresses residential service, but there are business offices in town who do not have enough trash for dumpster service and only need a trash tote. After a brief discussion...Attorney Trent will revise the current ordinance to allow for businesses to use if they choose, they would then be billed monthly on their utility bill. 3. Stacy presented the board with a quote from Waste Management that would include them providing trash cans to residents and maintaining them. It would raise the cost per service address from \$10.29 to 12.99 once delivered, an increase of \$2.70. To cover their costs of procuring totes for the town, they have requested a contract extension. The current trash totes are owned by the town but are nearing the end of their life span. We have been repairing them in house up to this point, but they are getting more brittle, and the repairs are needed more often. Our supplier for wheels is also having trouble getting orders fulfilled so we would need to purchase whole new totes.

Ron Benakovich made a motion to have Waste Management provide the totes.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried

Toni Onken made a motion to split the increase of \$2.70 per tote between the town and resident, raising the trash charge to 11.64/month once new totes are provided.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Stacy provided the council with information on the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water Leadership Summit.
5. Chris Melton is finishing up the sidewalk project for this year and wanted to know if the council wanted to do the approaches from the sidewalk to the street on the Webb and Hubbard properties this year. Our sidewalk budget has been exhausted for the current year, if the projects are not completed this year, they will be given priority next year.

Ken Hickman made a motion to wait until next year for the Webb and Hubbard properties.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. Stacy reminded everyone that evaluations need to be completed. Please forward them to her and she will compile. There will be an executive meeting after the regular meeting on July 20th to discuss evaluations. 7. The representative from Legal Shield will be at the Town Hall on August 20th at 11:00 AM, council members are welcome to attend.

Attorney Rebecca Trent... 1. Rebecca asked if the council had a preference on what bond counsel we used for the wastewater project. She recommended Kimberly at Barnes and Thornburg. We had previously used ICE Miller. The council will go with Rebecca's recommendation. 2. Rebecca stated the City of Monticello had reached an agreement to provide 2 full time paramedics to be stationed at the Monon Fire Department. She will redo the agreement between the town and township to reflect the changes and then present for approval.

RON BENAKOVICH... Ron stated that he really wants the town to be more proactive with our capital asset program to make sure we are replacing equipment in a timelier manner. Stacy is working on the capital asset list and will provide it to council as soon as it is complete.

ROSEMARY COOLEY... Rosie asked about if Superintendent Rodgers had found out anything about the ditch clean up. Tony stated that he spoke with Brad Ward, County Surveyor, and Brad was going to talk to the landowners on Monon Road about completing their ditch clean up. Tony will have Brad call Rosie to discuss.

-Ron Benakovich made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

-Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned @ 7:32 pm.

*The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on July 20, 2022 @ 6:00 pm with an executive meeting to immediately follow.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Rosemary Cook

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT: Rand BKA

COUNCIL MEMBER: Ken Johnson

COUNCIL MEMBER: Loni Dyer

COUNCIL MEMBER: Phasetall

ATTEST: Stacy Delany

