

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

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, July 20, 2022**, at 6:00 pm at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were President Rosemary Cooley, Ken Hickman, Ron Benakovich, Toni Onken and Kirk Quasebarth. Also present were Marshal Roger Young, Superintendent Tony Rodgers and Clerk-Treasurer Stacy Selagy.

Attorney Rebecca Trent 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 July 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. \$178,695.55

**-MONTH END RECONCILIATION REVIEW / SIGN OFF...**President Cooley reviewed and signed off on June bank reconciliations.

**VISITORS: LINDA MELTON, RESIDENT...**was present. Linda expressed concern about the intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Arch. There is not a stop sign if you are traveling on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and there are often a lot of young children playing around that intersection. Linda stated she had seen some close calls where children could have been injured by vehicles. After a brief discussion...

Kirk Quasebarth made a motion to make the intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Arch a four way stop.

Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kirk also suggested some "Children at Play" signs may be needed in that area. Tony will work on getting signs.

**ROB, COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING...**was present. Rob handed out the project status report to the board. They are currently working on equipment proposals. We are still waiting to hear from SRF, we may have to go Rural Development because we have come in under the SRF threshold. Brady Dryer has delivered the IDEM compliance plan, and it needs to be approved by the board.

Kirk Quasebarth made a motion to approve the compliance plan.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Selagy will issue a check to IDEM for the negotiated fine of \$3,618.00.

**EGUARDO & KEVIN MARTINEZ, RESIDENTS...**were present. Kevin was here to introduce himself and to express an interest in joining the Monon Volunteer Fire Department. He will speak to Fire Chief Brad Hahn to find out how what needs to be done to get started. President Cooley thanked him for his interest and shared how beneficial it will be to the town to have someone who speaks Spanish on the department.

**PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS...**Marshal Young stated all property clean up letters will be mailed out tomorrow. The trailer court has been working on mattress clean up, as there have been several laying out on the curbs.

**VANGUARD METER & OTHER WW INFO...**Superintendent Rodgers stated he had the readings from the meter and would get the billed usage to compare. He will have that information at the next meeting. In the last 13 days, the flow was 20,000 gallons.

**UTILITY BILL PAY PROPOSALS...**Clerk-Treasurer Selagy presented the council with the survey responses she has received so far. Only 10% have responded to the survey so we will let it run for a few more weeks and see if more come in.

**SHIDLER SEWER TAP ISSUE...**Superintendent Rodgers has spoken with Attorney Trent and she has advised that the town is responsible for the cost of the new line and the septic tank clean out. Those expenses totaled \$2,053.77. From the time the tap was lined over and when it was corrected, the Shidler's were billed for \$1,466.00 in sewage charges. Because they were not hooked up and using the system, Clerk Selagy asked if the board wanted to refund those charges.

Ron Benakovich made a motion to compensate Robert and Darlene Shidler, \$3,519.77. This includes the new sewer line and septic tank clean out and the sewage charges.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CORRECTION TO ORDINANCE 2016-11-PARKING CODE...**In 2016 the board passed amendment 2016-11 to the parking code which repealed Section G. The amendment should have repealed Section E, not G. This corrects the amendment.

Ken Hickman made a motion to approve the correction to the 2016-11 ordinance.

Kirk Quasebarth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Ordinance #2022-07**

**SUPERINTENDENT TONY RODGERS...**1. Tony stated the bench for the gazebo has been installed in memory of Dick Stimmel, they are still waiting on the swing. 2. Tony will be at the Alliance Leadership conference July 27-29. 3. Tony went and looked at a street sweeper in Fort Wayne. He will send out the information to the board for review. Tony stated the street sweeper is the most needed piece of equipment, followed by needing a dump truck. 4. Central Paving is scheduled to start paving on Friday. Tony will get the information to Clerk Selagy to send out a notification. Marshal Young said he would help to notify residents also. 5. Melton Construction will provide an estimate for the town hall restroom repairs, including updating the heating/cooling in the restroom. 6. Tony is going to ask Hanson Aggregates if they will donate limestone for the ball diamonds. 7. Tony also stated he is finishing up evaluations for his employees.

**TOWN MARSHAL ROGER YOUNG...**Roger stated he recently completed firearms training and will be able to sign Deputy Marshal Miller up for the academy on August 15<sup>th</sup>. 2. Roger stated there have been a lot of juveniles running around golf carts. Because the town does not have an ordinance on golf carts, we follow the state statute which states that operators must be at least 16 years old and a licensed driver. 3. Roger has contacted Arbor Metrics about the tree to the north of the town hall and they are going to cut it down for us. The town will be responsible for removal. 4. Bowsher IT has started work on the town hall networking and camera installation.

**CLERK-TREASURER SELAGY...**1. Stacy provided an asset report to the board for review. 2. Chris Franklin and John Denton have put some red mulch around the bell and memorials in front of the town hall and wanted to know if the board wanted to put red mulch up against the building at the ramp. The consensus was to proceed with the mulch on the ramp area.

**ROSEMARY COOLEY...**Rosie asked if the board had any interest in looking into purchasing the building next to the town hall that recently came up for sale. After a brief discussion, the consensus was to not pursue this purchase. Rosie stated that the work session regarding the staffing of the fire department with full time paramedics went well. The county will continue to provide the town \$16,000/year to help pay for one full time EMT, as they felt it would be beneficial to have an EMT for backup.

-Ron Benakovich made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

-Kirk Quasebarth seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned @ 6:54 pm.

\*The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on August 3rd, 2022 @ 6:00 pm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Rosemary Cooley

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT: Ronald Benakovich

COUNCIL MEMBER: Louie Drake

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ATTEST: Stacy Selagy