

**COUNCIL MEETING
(REGULAR)
August 17, 2022**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, August 17, 2022**, at 6:00 pm at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were President Rosemary Cooley, Ron Benakovich, Ken Hickman and Toni Onken. Also present were Marshal Roger Young, Superintendent Tony Rodgers, and Clerk-Treasurer Stacy Selagy.

Kirk Quasebarth and Attorney Trent were 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: Ken Hickman made a motion to approve the REGULAR meeting minutes from Aug 17, 2022.

-Toni Onken seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

-Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried. \$208,967.91

-MONTH END RECONCILIATION REVIEW / SIGN OFF...None at this time

VISITORS: ROB & GABRIELLE, COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING...were present. Rob distributed project updates. The Request for Proposals (RFP) are almost ready to submit for bids. Flow meters have been installed in different areas of town to try and gauge what areas of town the most flow is coming from. President Cooley asked if the IDEM findings on their recent inspection meant that we would need to get a new agreed order. Rob said no, Brady Dryer is working on a response to IDEM's inspection. Right now, Commonwealth is asking for input regarding the weighted scores on the scoring sheet. This is the town's opportunity to let them know what is more important to them. Member Benakovich and Superintendent Rodgers will work on the scoring sheets.

Rob also presented the town with a General Service Agreement and Task Order to run a sewer line to the Greenwood Subdivision. The initial Notice to Proceed, which includes design, permitting and survey/field work is \$47,650. Construction costs are estimated at \$275,930 inclusive of a 10% construction contingency. Clerk Selagy will give the documents to Attorney Trent for review. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

JIM DAVIS, ALL ABOARD MAIN STREET...Jim stated that there will be a free concert in the town gazebo on Thursday, August 25th at 7:00 pm. Saturday, August 27th, will be the wacky wheels parade. They will be lining up around 5:45 pm. There will be ice cream and popsicles. Cameron Moberg, San Francisco's traveling muralist, will be here beginning the weekend of September 24th to paint a mural on the north end of the Civic Center. Residents will have the opportunity to come up, listen to music and watch the painter. The design is a surprise! He is also working to get a grant to place a permanent stage at Caboose Park, the grant would include electrical work and is due by September 30th. And finally, as a reminder, the Preservation Society meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 11:00 am and All Aboard Main Street meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm. Both meetings are held at the Civic Center, all are welcome! The Town Council expressed their appreciation to the All Aboard group and Jim for their contributions to the town.

PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS...Clean up letters have been delivered, when they are past their 30 days, we will begin mowing. There is still an issue getting large items picked up. It is unclear if residents are calling and Waste Management is not picking up, or if residents aren't calling to schedule the pickup. Marshal Young and Clerk Selagy will work together to get the word out to residents. Member Onken stated that there is a mattress on the 400 block of Race St and member Benakovich stated there is carpet by the old Annis station.

VANGUARD METER & OTHER WW INFO...Superintendent Rodgers is still looking at the numbers.

AMENDMENT TO §92.03.GARBAGE...President Cooley presented the amendment to the garbage ordinance making trash tote pickup available to businesses in addition to residents. The amendment also reflects the increase voted on at the August 3rd meeting, raising the monthly cost to \$12.90 after totes are delivered.

Ron Benakovich made the motion to pass Amendment to §92.03 Garbage.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried. **Ordinance #08-2022**

EFT & ONLINE BANKING ORDINANCE...President Cooley presented the EFT & Online Banking Ordinance for consideration. The ordinance will allow the Clerk-Treasurer to make payments to vendors and transfer funds between accounts via electronic transfer.

Ken Hickman made a motion to approve the EFT & Online Banking Ordinance
Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried. **Ordinance #2022-09**

SUPERINTENDENT TONY RODGERS...Nothing at this time.

TOWN MARSHAL ROGER YOUNG...Roger stated he has Jake signed up for academy. They have been working on policy and procedure updates.

CLERK-TREASURER SELAGY...1. Stacy stated the town has received the 2nd ARPA distribution of \$197,732.17. 2. The Park Board is interested in purchasing exercise equipment for the park. Currently they have about \$27,000 available for equipment, they need \$38,000. They want to know if the town would pay for part of that or consider making a loan to the park fund. After a brief discussion, the council felt it best to have them wait to make the purchase with next year's funds. Roger stated that Jacob Garling still has arrangements made to have the little league bathrooms repaired at no cost. Porta pot rental costs so far this year are \$2,562.00. 3. There have been several residents stating their water bills were high in July. Stacy explained how the bills are calculated using the meter readings. In July the usage was up all over town, this could be due to watering as it was very dry, kids playing in sprinklers, pools, or even more showers due to hot temperatures. A lot of times, people will think there is something wrong with the meter that it is reading more water, but aging meters work in reverse. As the meters wear out, they slow down and that results in less water being read. Most of our meters are at the end of their life cycle. We will continue to monitor the situation. 4. Stacy passed out a report showing water used at the splash pad. Last month it used 490,200 gallons. 5. Waste Management will be delivering the new trash totes on Thursday, September 1st. Residents should use their town provided tote for trash pickup on Friday, September 2nd and then the town workers will pick up the totes as they are emptied. 6. Stacy stated there is currently no trash can near the gazebo and we have been finding trash laying around it. Do we want to order a new one to match the ones we have at a cost of approximately \$1,000 or can we move the one from the front of the town hall? The council said to move the one out front. 7. At the previous meeting Vice President Benakovich stated the payment box needed cleaned up. Chris Franklin gave the payment box a new coat of paint and new stickers, looks great!

ATTORNEY REBECCA TRENT...absent.

KEN HICKMAN...Ken stated that he felt that the council president should receive a salary higher than other members because that person is responsible for more, often times having to sign legal documents or address issues in between meetings. He proposed an additional \$500.00/year for holding that position. He also would like for those who serve on boards to be paid a stipend of \$250.00 per board. There are currently 5 boards that require a town council member or town appointed representative to attend their regular meetings: White County Area Plan Commission, White County Economic Development, Monon Town & Township Library Board, KIRPC and White County Tax Abatement Board. Member Onken asked if any of those boards already paid members. Ken stated that the Area Plan Commission pays \$100.00 per meeting. Ken said he would remove Area Plan from consideration. After a brief discussion...

Ken Hickman made a motion to add \$500.00/yr to the council president salary and to pay those appointed to serve on the Economic Development Board, Library Board, KIRPC, and White County Tax Abatement Boards a stipend of \$250.00/year.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RON BENAKOVICH...1. Ron asked for an executive session regarding the Greenwood Subdivision sewer line. Clerk Selagy stated that she did not believe that was a discussion that fell under the executive session guidelines. Ron and President Cooley will work on a recommendation for the board.

ROSEMARY COOLEY...Rosie asked Superintendent Rodgers where he was at with getting the water softeners fixed so that he does not have to manually operate them. Tony stated that Peerless is coming in next week to access the situation. 2. Last week, Legal Shield was here in office presenting information to the employees about their legal services and identity theft protection. Rosie feels it would be a nice benefit if the town would pay for the identity theft protection for full time employees. The cost is approximately \$8.00/month per employee. There are currently 9 full time employees, yearly cost to town would around \$864.00.

Ron Benakovich made the motion that the town pay for identity theft protection through Legal Shield for full time employees.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried; Toni Onken abstained.

3. Rosie asked Superintendent Rodgers about the status of the Wastewater Operator contract with Wolcott. Tony stated that he was under the impression that Wolcott was going to enter into the agreement

with Monon. Clerk Selagy stated that the Wolcott Clerk Treasurer told her that she has advised her board not to sign the agreement, Tony will look into it. 4. The Township Trustee has not signed the contract with the town for fire, EMT and park services for 2022. He has paid the town to help with EMT and park services, but not fire. Marshal Young is going to ask Jacob if he plans to make that payment this year.

-Toni Onken made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

-Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned @ 7:29 pm.

*The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, September 7th, 2022 @ 6:00 pm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Rosemary Cooley

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT: Ronald B. B. B.

COUNCIL MEMBER: Ken Wilman

COUNCIL MEMBER: Joie Dyer

COUNCIL MEMBER: R. D. B. B. B.

ATTEST: Stacy Selagy