

**COUNCIL MEETING
(REGULAR)
October 2, 2023**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, October 2, 2023**, at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were President Rosemary Cooley, Ken Hickman, Vice-President Ron Benakovich, Toni Onken and Chris Franklin. Also present were Attorney Rebecca Trent, Marshal Roger Young, and Clerk-Treasurer Stacy Selagy.

-President Cooley started our regular meeting @ 5:57 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, BUDGET HEARING and PUBLIC HEARING meeting minutes from September 18, 2023.

-Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

-Ron Benakovich made a motion to accept the bills – claims – payroll.

-Chris Franklin seconded the motion. The motion carried. \$143,069.30

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

VISITORS: LINDA MELTON, RESIDENT...Linda asked why the school was charging an admission to get into the park for the cross-country events, when the park is free to use. President Cooley said she would talk to the athletic director.

JIM DAVIS, ALL ABOARD MONON...Jim stated they would be doing the Wacky Wheels event on Saturday, October 7th at 6:00 pm. Trunk or Treat will be on Tuesday, October 31st, from 5:00-7:00 pm on the west side of Market Street.

LARRY BROWN, WHITE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVE...Larry introduced Randy Strasser to the board. Randy is the new Economic Development Director for White County.

UNFINISHED OR DEFERRED BUSINESS...

COMMONWEALTH ENGR..WW PROJECT...Commonwealth sent an update on the wastewater projects. Of the five permits submitted, three have been approved. Commonwealth will be issuing the quarterly Agreed Order Compliance Plan Update in a submittal to IDEM this week and will notify the Town upon completion.

PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS...Nothing new at this time.

TOWNSHIP & FIRE DEPT AGREEMENTS...The Monon Volunteer Fire Department is getting the run information requested by the Monon Township Trustee.

OLD FERTILIZER PLANT...Nothing at this time.

NEXUS HEALTH CONNECT SERVICE...Clerk Selagy stated a representative from Nexus Health Connect Service will be at the October 16th meeting to provide more information to the board members.

TOWN HALL ROOF ESTIMATES... We are still waiting for a third estimate.

800 ADAMS ST ESTIMATES...Clerk Selagy presented two quotes for work to be completed inside the building. Work includes adding a wall, removing a wall, adding a service window, and removing the plumbing fixtures. We received two quotes. MMM Construction submitted a quote for \$3,500.00. Melton Construction submitted a quote for \$13,726.73. Melton's quote also included making concrete repairs to the front and side entries. Clerk Selagy requested a revised quote from Melton's for only the inside work but did not receive it. We will bid the concrete work out separately.

Ron Benakovich made a motion to approve the quote from MMM Construction.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS...

BRUSH/LIMB PICK UP... Clerk Selagy gave the current guidelines for brush/limb pick up to the board. The board discussed what guidelines they wanted for pickup going forward. No branches larger than 6" diameter or longer than 6' will be picked up by the town. No contractor material is allowed. Any tree removal will be the homeowner's responsibility. The town brush pile will be closed and locked. Stacy will revise the form and submit it to the council for review before distributing it to residents.

SERVLINE/LEAK PROTECTION PROPOSAL... Clerk Selagy gave an overview of the program. Currently the town writes off approximately \$13,000 a year in adjustments due to water leaks. Implementing this program would eliminate that loss of revenue because any high water bills would be paid to the town by Servline. The cost of the program would be billed to the resident on their water bill, at a cost of \$4.00 or less per month. Residents can opt out of the program, but they would then be responsible for the full amount of any high bills due to a water leak. If the resident has a water leak, they turn in a claim to Servline. The question was asked if Servline would do the repair work. Stacy stated she did not think so, but she would check.

STANDISH CONSULTING... While the Town Superintendent is on leave, the Town must have a certified water/wastewater operator to run the facilities to be compliant with IDEM regulations. Standish Consulting has presented a quote for consulting services. The cost will be \$4,500.00 per month.
Toni Onken made a motion to approve the contract with Standish Consulting.
Chris Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TOWN MARSHAL ROGER YOUNG... Nothing at this time.

CLERK-TREASURER SELAGY... The park board has approved a quote from Brothers Construction to repair the concession stand. The contractor has requested fifty percent down to pay for the materials. The total quote is \$9,500.00, with a down payment of \$4,750.00.
Ken Hickman made a motion to approve a 50% down payment of \$4,750.00.
Chris Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY REBECCA TRENT... Rebecca will work on an agreement for park use.

MEMBER KEN HICKMAN... The White County Commissioners would like to start meeting with representatives from town boards, township trustees and County Council members on a quarterly basis to update everyone on what is going on in the county and to understand the needs of each community. Ken will represent the Town of Monon at the October 19th meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT RON BENAKOVICH... Ron asked Clerk Selagy to schedule a pickup for a couch at 815 N Lincoln. Ron also stated that in the past when the school used the park for events, they would donate to the park.

Chris Franklin made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Ken Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned @ 6:41 pm.

*The next regular meeting will be on Monday, October 16th, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: _____

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT: Raul B...

COUNCIL MEMBER: Ken Hickman

COUNCIL MEMBER: Toni Onken

COUNCIL MEMBER: Chris Franklin

ATTEST: Stacy Selagy