

**COUNCIL MEETING
(REGULAR)
December 7, 2022**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, December 7, 2022**, at 6:00 pm at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were President Rosemary Cooley, Vice-President Ron Benakovich, Ken Hickman, Toni Onken and Kirk Quasebarth. Also present were Marshal Roger Young, Superintendent Tony Rodgers, 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 November 2, 2022.

-Kirk Quasebarth seconded the motion. The motion carried.

*No minutes from November 15, 2022, meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum

-Toni Onken made the motion to accept all the bills – claims – payroll as presented.

-Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried. \$416,313.32

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

VISITORS: JOE ROGERS, WHITE COUNTY AREA PLAN...Joe presented Amendment A71 which establishes regulations and standards for renewable energy battery storage capacities. President Cooley asked if the storage facility sites took up a lot of room. Joe stated the applications he's been seeing were between 10-15 acres.

Kirk Quasebarth made the motion to approve Amendment A71.

Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. The motion carried.

MEGAN, COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING...Megan stated they had reviewed the bids for equipment. Vice President Benakovich and Superintendent Rodgers need to review and make selections. They will get with Rob Bellucci for his recommendations before the next meeting on December 21st.

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

VANGUARD METER & OTHER WW INFO...Still being evaluated. Meters will be read on Monday, December 12th and we should have an answer at the next meeting.

PARK BOARD OPENING...There were 2 applicants for the open position. Ryan McGrail and Yessica Gomez. The town council has one person to appoint, and the ordinance also states that the school board and library board can each make an appointment for a total of six members. After a brief discussion, the item was tabled for the next meeting.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS...There were three agreements presented to the board. One between the County, Town of Monon & Monon Township for emergency ambulance service, one between the City of Monticello, Town of Monon & Monon Township to provide firefighting services, and one between the City of Monticello, Town of Monon & Monon Township to provide paramedic services. Gayle Rogers, White County Auditor, presented the interlocal agreement between the County, Town, and Township. Galen Logan, City of Monticello Fire Chief, questioned the duties listed in Article III. Discussion followed. Attorney Trent will meet with the county attorney to correct the agreement. All interlocal agreements were tabled.

FIRE STATION IMPROVEMENTS...Marshall Young stated that the fire escape needs a light installed and a non-slip surface for the deck. The stairs will also need slip resistant material which will cost \$3,750. The contractors will come back in to correct drywall work, repaint, caulk around trim. The downstairs meeting room also needs to be painted. Member Quasebarth asked Brad Hahn, Monon Fire Chief, for a list of areas he wants addressed in the bottom part of the fire station. Ra-Comm will be here on December 28th to install the station alert system.

SALARY ORDINANCE...President Cooley presented the salary ordinance for first reading. After a brief discussion,

Kirk Quasebarth made a motion to suspend the rules and pass.

Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Kirk Quasebarth made a motion to approve the salary ordinance.
Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. Motion carried. **Ordinance 2022-12**

SUPERINTENDENT TONY RODGERS...1. Tony stated that he replaced the lights at the Market Street bar. 2. Bags and brush have been picked up. 3. He is getting ready to winterize the lift stations. 4. BL Anderson, Peerless and Jim Todd will all be here Thursday, December 8th to work on the softener issue. 5. Melton Construction will be here Thursday, December 8th to look at the town hall bathroom, back step and the pillar at the park. 6. January 18th, Monon will host an Alliance meeting at the civic center.

TOWN MARSHAL ROGER YOUNG...Roger stated Jacob completed the academy. Congratulations Jacob! Bob Hickman bought Jake's vest and an AED for his vehicle.

CLERK-TREASURER SELAGY...1. Stacy asked when the board wanted to do the year end meeting. It was decided it will be after the regular meeting on December 21st. 2. The updates to the ordinance books have been completed and were distributed to members. Books are needed for Member Quasebarth, Member Onken and Attorney Trent. Stacy will order more binders and get those distributed.

ATTORNEY REBECCA TRENT...Rebecca is still working with the Shidler's to reach a resolution to the sewer lining issue.

VICE PRESIDENT RON BENAKOVICH...Ron presented standard operating procedures for the municipal superintendent for the board to review. He asked that board members review them and let him know of any changes or suggestions.

BRAD HAHN, FIRE CHIEF...Brad stated the year end paperwork has been completed and invoices have been sent to the town and township. He is working with the insurance company on the ISO rating. Brad asked Superintendent Rodgers to black bag the hydrants that are out of order.

MEMBER TONI ONKEN... Toni asked Superintendent Rodgers about the hydrant at the corner of 2nd and Race, it is sunken halfway down into the ground. Tony said he would look into it.

PRESIDENT COOLEY...Rosie stated that White County Economic Development has \$40,000 for infrastructure projects to distribute next year and asked for input on projects to submit for funding consideration. 2. Rosie has had citizens asking to use the civic center for coffee. This practice was stopped when the new restaurant opened, but the restaurant does not open until 9 AM and the group wanted to meet earlier than that. Jim Davis stated that on behalf of the Monon Civic Preservation Society, the coffee club was not enough of a fundraiser for them to continue. He also did not want to be in competition with the new restaurant.

Kirk Quasebarth made a motion to discontinue the use of the civic center for coffee club.
Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

-Ron Benakovich made the motion to adjourn the meeting.
-Kirk Quasebarth seconded the motion. The motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned @ 6:59 pm.

*The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 21st, at 6:00 pm with the year end meeting to follow immediately after.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Rosie Cooley

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT: Ronald Beck

COUNCIL MEMBER: Ken Johnson

COUNCIL MEMBER: Toni Onken

COUNCIL MEMBER: Kirk Quasebarth

ATTEST: Stacy Selagy