

COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 4, 2016

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday**, May 4, 2016 at 5:30 pm at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were Ken Hickman, Stacy Selagy, Kirk Quasebarth and Vice President Dave Stimmel. Also present were Council President Rosemary Cooley, Clerk Tim Brown, Superintendent Tony Rodgers, Attorney Dow Dellinger and Marshal Roger Young.

No one was absent...

President Rosemary Cooley @ 5:29 pm led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

MINUTES, PAYROLL, BILLS & CLAIMS:

Ken Hickman made the motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on April 20, 2016.

Dave Stimmel seconded the motion for the minutes. The motion carried.

Stacy Selagy made the motion to accept the bills – claims – payroll as presented.

Kirk Quasebarth seconded the motion.

Motion carried. Claims totaled \$ 25,417.61

VISITORS: -there were no visitors present tonight.

WW STUDY GRANT... Wessler Engineering has finally completed and submitted the paperwork.

FUTURE WATER / WASTEWATER FINANCES... Clerk Brown presented the figures for April. We are still lagging behind on money spent vs. money received for the month. The FUND REPORT was passed out showing YTD figures plus what is anticipated for the upcoming months. Clerk Brown still states that a 20% increase is a must...but if we want to start accumulating a savings account amount, 25% to 30% would be better. *Comparison of utility rates figures from surrounding towns around our same size were passed out. After some discussion...

Dave Stimmel made the motion to increase the water & wastewater rates 20%.

***THERE WAS NO SECOND! The motion died for a lack of a second.

*Clerk Brown, per suggestions will make more presentations at following meetings with line graphs, etc...

SOUTH WATER TOWER PAINT & LOG... The painting and logos on the north and south sides are complete. Resident Harold Harvey, the designer of the logo, is very happy with how it turned out. The only criticism was from a council member that the north logo is slightly rotated to the west. We will NOT have them come back and re-paint it.

SEWER BOND PAYMENT DECREASE... Attorney Dellinger stated that the Ice Miller firm came in with a \$15,000 bid...\$2500 lower then the bid from Barnes & Thornburg.

Dave Stimmel made the motion to accept the \$15,000 bid from Ice Miller to start on our bond decrease.

Kirk Quasebarth seconded the motion. The motion carried.

MONON FOOD FEST... will be Saturday, June 4, 2016 at the Monon Town Park. There will be a car show, ballgames, food and crafts vendors and entertainment. Plus for the first time we will have a pet parade at noon. Rose Acres will sponsor a giant slide and a bouncy house! *Two items need to be addressed. First we need to check with Howe Insurance about insurance coverage for the day and also we have an electrical problem at the park that needs to be checked out.

STREET FLOWER PLANTING... will be Saturday, May 14, 2016 at noon at Town Hall. Everyone is welcome.

FLOWER WATERING FOR THE SUMMER... It was brought to our attention that the watering person from last year, Hannah Young, is still interested in doing the watering this summer. She will also still dump the trash barrels. Instead of putting gas in their truck from time to time, it was suggested that the weekly payment will go from \$125 a week to \$140 a week to cover the fuel costs.

Ken Hickman made the motion that Hannah Young be given the watering contract for the summer of 2016 at \$140 per week, which includes dumping the trash barrels.

Stacy Selagy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Superintendent Tony Rodgers... 1. Tony will talk to the west stone quarry supervisors to see if they would like to come and push our brush pile back again. In the past they have done this for us. 2. There was a new shop vac purchased recently to use at the shop. 3. Tony Hunnicut's flooding back yard problem was again discussed. It will still be looked at in the future. *Rosemary asked the same question about Kirk Quasebarth's father's property on Highway 16. Tony stated that maybe the moving of the brush pile may help this situation. The big equipment may make a drainage area for the property. 4. Tony will be at the yearly SKEETER SCHOOL tomorrow. Not only will Tony receive instruction, our spraying unit will also get certified. Plus Tony will check on buying some granular packets to throw on standing water. 4. Tony is keeping the boys busy with cleaning stormwater manholes, picking up brush, etc...

Marshal Roger Young... 1. Here are some of the properties that Roger has been or will tag. The Sharon Fisher property, properties on Race St, Oak St., Walnut St., Arch St. and Brook & Market St. corner. There will be 17 properties altogether and 15 vehicles to be tagged. 2. The park's big ball field lights are in need of repair. The problem is that the price tag is \$20,000. 3. The girls softball repairs are almost complete. 4. Finally, Roger said Trustee Horner may have some extra money to give to the Park Grant program.

-Clerk Tim Brown... 1. We received a (1) payment of LOIT money from the state. The amount is \$70,000 and at least 75% of this money must be used for road repair. Per the state, one of the options was to deposit the money into our our Rainy Day account, which we did. This money will be allocated next year for road repair. 2. The cost for re-covering the Civic Center chairs, both pieces is \$30 total. VP Stimmel is going to get an accurate count on how many chairs need repaired so the fabricate people can have a good count. 3. The National Day of Prayer local gathering will be this Thursday at noon at the fire station. 4. On Saturday 5-14 @ 8:00 am volunteers are needed to help with flag installation at the Monon Cemetery on Highway 16. 5. We will continue on with Wednesday meeting through June 8th. 5. Our "circuit breaker" budget cuts were discussed for 2016. The amount for this year is \$32,000, up \$5000 from 2015. We will not cut our budget numbers but Clerk Brown will monitor our tax money closely the rest of the year. 6. There were 2 water issues over last weekend. On Saturday morning, the water pressure in town went way down and at Sunday noon there was a main break between the Methodist Church and the Family Express station. Superintendent Tony explained what went on for both issues. 7. The Indiana Drinking Water Needs report will be due on May 27th.

-Attorney Dellinger... only comment here was about the WW bond reduction.

-Member Stacy Selagy... 1. Her first issue is that we need to fix some pot holes on Brook Street. 2. Next Stacy stated that there are problems with traffic, parking and children in the street at the church on Highway 16 and Maple Street. Marshal Young said he will talk to someone there and maybe post something on their building. Stacy then said she may check with APC on the zoning of the property to see if they are in compliance.

-Member Ken Hickman... 1. Ken stated that he attended the Economic Development meeting in Monticello on Monday. One of the main topics at this meeting was that the Lilly Endowment Group may be giving out grants soon to a 10 county region that includes White County which Monon could get some. 2. The Twin Lake's group that has the issues with the muscles in the lakes will have a meeting at Sportsman Inn next Monday.

-President Rosemary Cooley... first asked Marshal Young about our ordinance on trailer type vehicles being parked for an extended time on our streets. Roger stated that he usually gives a day or two to the residents to get there items out of the trailers. Any longer Roger will get with the owners to see when the trailer can be moved. Rosie then asked that all council members to think about the idea of changing our non-elected workers residency requirements about living at least within our township boundaries.

Stacy Selagy made the motion to adjourn the meeting.
Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

*Our next regular meeting will be on **Wednesday May 18**, 2016 at 5:30 pm in Town Hall.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Rosemary Cooley
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ATTEST: Emily L. Brown