**COUNCIL MEETING**

**(REGULAR)**

**August 19, 2020**

The council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, August 19, 2020** at 6:00 pm at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were President Rosemary Cooley, Vice President Stacy Selagy and Ken Hickman. Also present were Marshal Roger Young, Superintendent Tony Rodgers, Attorney Dow Dellinger and Clerk-Treasurer Tim Brown.

-Member Kirk Quasebarth and Ron Benakovich 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 July 15, 2020.

Stacy Selagy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

\*A question was asked about a bill. Member Hickman inquired about the amount of a bill for Kyburz Construction. Clerk Brown supplied the documents. The amount was for the clean up and removal of 70 loads from our brush pile for $14,000. Superintendent Rodgers explained the bill and that answered the question.

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

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried. $264,562.22

**MONTH END RECONCILIATION REVIEW / SIGN OFF… none this time.**

**VISITORS: Terry Saunders, resident asked a question.** When we do new sidewalks in town this year, could the west end of the sidewalk on the north side of the old pharmacy be repaired? Superintendent Rodgers said he would investigate the matter.

**PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS…** 1. 105 N. Market and 205 4th Street will be cleaned soon, and Roger will give the lien info to our attorney. 2.The Blount property in the south end of town is undergoing a major cleaning. Mr. Blount is paying for the dumpster and other items. There are 2 old drains on the property and Roger will cap them. 3.Member Hickman also inquired about 2 properties. One at 416 Linden concerning grown up brush and trash, the other at 315 Spruce dealing with mostly trash. 4.President Cooley brought up again the property right north of the park; the property west of the Casey’s Store and the property by the r/r tracks on Race Street. Roger will check them again. \*The park property, since grandfathered in for agriculture is a different problem. Attorney Dellinger suggested that the neighbors maybe sue to see if anything might change.

**WEST HWY 16 DRAINAGE SOLUTION…** Jon Borgers needs to get back to us with some info and, we need to get a new Vanguard contact to talk to. Our last contact person no longer works there.

**WASTEWATER FLOW PROBLEM…** Jon Borgers has drafted a letter to Vanguard stating that we need them to put on a meter on the drain leading into town from one of their lift stations. This letter has also been sent to Dow our attorney and he made a change or two and sent it back to Jon. No new news on this issue…

VP Selagy asked how much money has been spent over the years on this matter. Dow stated there is no way to tell because this has been ongoing for years and years. Plus, if Vanguard is the cause of the flow problem and if this could get fixed we could get off of the town’s sewer ban.

**TIF DISTRICT UPDATE…** Attorney Dellinger suggested that maybe the County Commissioners may be a good next step on this matter.

**CIVIC CENTER OUTSIDE STUCCO REPAIR…** The repair has started on the northeast corner of the building has been completed. More repairs should be done on the building but at this time we are not moving forward with the expensive repair.

**BUDGET FOR 2021…** The Gateway state website that we enter all our numbers into has been down for maintenance which is making this process exceedingly difficult. Our 2 public meeting dates will be September 16 and October 7.

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**MONON MAINSTREET GROUP…** The group will be having a town wide golf cart parade on Saturday, September 19, 2020. The parade will start at the park and go all over town and then end at the park. There will be a cookout at the park following the event.

**SUPERINTENDENT TONY RODGERS…** 1.Tony’s fall conference has been cancelled because of Covid. He still needs more certification hours for this year, and he may have to get them on-line. 2.Tony discussed the brush pile clean up again plus he is getting closer to finding another area where we can use to dump the branches. 3.On Walnut Street during the last big storm a big tree got totally blown over and the roots pulled up a drain tile. Once the roots are removed Tony will repair the tile if needed. It may be an old tile and maybe nothing needs to be repaired. 4.Member Hickman told Tony there are a big pile of branches in this alley that runs north back of town hall. 5.The brush grinding company for the brush area may show up here in the next couple of weeks.

**MARSHAL ROGER YOUNG…** 1.The school’s resource officer duty has started up again. One of our existing officers has transferred to Twin Lakes. Roger will be sending Deputy Rusk for SRO training here soon. 2.The first day of school was bad because of a huge traffic backup around the schools. Roger is working with the school officials to come up with a better traffic flow plan. 3.Roger stated that the state is continuing no one going to jail except to OWI and felony arrests. 4.The vagrant person in town that has been causing a little trouble recently will be served with trespassing papers. He has been sleeping in the park and that needs to stop.

**CLERK-TREASURER TIM BROWN…** 1.This Saturday and next Monday there will be a 2-day cross country meet at the park. 2.Clerk Brown warned all the council people about an incident that happened in a small town about an hour away from here. A town resident attacked a council member while they were out in public putting the council member in the hospital. Our council members were advised just to deal with residents over the phone…not in person. 3.Last month’s water charts were passed out. The last 5 months our income has been gradually going down. We can finally start penalties at the end of the month plus we can start shut offs again. 4.The shelter / gazebo area that was supposed to be built north of town hall may be back on. We will keep everyone updated on the project. 5.Remodeling at town hall is almost complete. We have 3 new exterior doors installed. The west door on the ramp area has been removed. The whole roof is having a rubber roof installed as we speak, and Tony has installed a new toilet for us. 6.The “door to door” section on the 2020 census has started. It will last into September. 7.Tony is checking with the sidewalk man to see when he can get started. 8.I gave the update on Debbie’s medical condition. She may be here in a week or 2 start working a couple of days a week when her doctor releases her to do so.

**PRESIDENT COOLEY…** asked if anybody had an update on the park’s splashpad. Tony was at the last meeting and hopefully they will get some bids in here soon. That is the wait now…

The meeting adjourned @ 6:43 pm. Ken Hickman made the motion to adjourn.

Stacy Selagy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

\*Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday September 2, 2020 in our conf. room @ 6:00pm.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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