SEPTEMBER 4th, 2024 WEDNESDAY

SPECIAL MEETING...

PUBLIC BUDGET 2025 HEARING

FOR THE TOWN OF MONON

6:15 PM in theTown Hall Conference Room

The Council of the Town of Monon met on Wednesday, September 4th, 2024 @ 6:15 pm in the upstairs conference room at the Monon Town Hall.

Members present were President Ken Hickman, Toni Onken, Ron Benakovich, Jamie Myers and Chris Franklin. Also present were Clerk Treasurer Annette Sipkema, Attorney Rebecca Trent, and Marshal Roger Young.

President Hickman called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

The Public Hearing of the 2025 Budget started. Council Member Jamie Myers questioned why the budget was so low. The 2025 Budget was advertised as \$1,674,435.00. CT Sipkema stated that there is a limited amount of tax dollars that are brought in to fund the budget and that the town needs to spend the money wisely. CT Sipkema went on to say that the specific needs for 2025 should have been presented at the Budget Workshop that was held on July 10, 2024. The information provided at this meeting was taken into consideration during the budget process. Member Benakovich expressed concern that the current inflation rate will outpace the town's budget. Attorney Trent stated that she will look into whether there is a process to increase the budget after notices have been posted in Gateway.

Terry Saunders, resident, inquired where the money comes from for the Law Enforcement Continuing Education Fund. CT Sipkema explained that the amount collected comes from fees collected by the Police Department for activities such as, accident reports, VIN checks, court costs, etc. Spending from this fund is restricted to continuing education and training of law enforcement officers employed by the town.

<u>Toni Onken made the motion</u> to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 pm. <u>Jamie Myers seconded the motion</u>. The motion carried.

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