

**COUNCIL MEETING
(REGULAR)
January 16, 2024**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Tuesday, January 16, 2024**, at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were President Ken Hickman, Vice President Ron Benakovich, Chris Franklin, Toni Onken and Jamie Myers. Also present was Attorney Rebecca Trent, Marshal/Street Commissioner Roger Young, and Clerk-Treasurer Stacy Selagy.

-Vice-President Benakovich started our regular meeting @ 6:01 pm & led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment-of-silence.

-MINUTES, PAYROLL, BILLS & CLAIMS:

-Chris Franklin made a motion to approve the REGULAR and YEAR END meeting minutes from December 20, 2023.

-Toni Onken seconded the motion. The motion carried.

-Toni Onken made a motion to accept the bills – claims – payroll.

-Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried. \$176,140.34

Members signed off on the month end balances for December.

-MONTH END RECONCILIATION REVIEW / SIGN OFF...President Ken Hickman signed off on the December bank reconciliations.

VISITORS: TERRY SAUNDERS, RESIDENT...Terry asked the town to not clean her sidewalk in the winter, she prefers to clean it herself.

UNFINISHED OR DEFERRED BUSINESS...

COUNCIL PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT NOMINATIONS...

Toni Onken made a motion to appoint Ken Hickman as Council President.

Chris Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ken Hickman made a motion to appoint Toni Onken as Council Vice-President.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Toni Onken made a motion to appoint Ron Benakovich as Council Vice-President.

Jamie Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried with 4 ayes and 1 nay by Ron Benakovich.

COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING...Clerk Selagy stated that Rob from Commonwealth contacted her to say that the schematics for the Greenwood Subdivision sewer project were ready and he would be sending those out for the council to review.

PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS...1. Roger stated they have been trying to get a lot of contractors to clean up their project areas. 2. President Hickman asked where we were with the property at 103 N Arch Street. Attorney Trent advised that another letter be sent to the owner as a follow up to the previous hearing.

Toni Onken made a motion to order the buildings at 103 N Arch to be taken down.

Chris Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Vice-President Benakovich said there are a lot of limbs that have been put out after recent high winds that need picked up.

TOWNSHIP & FIRE DEPT AGREEMENTS...Member Myers said that the Township Trustee has a draft of a revised agreement. The Council asked that the Township Trustee email the agreement to them for review.

NEW BUSINESS...

RESOLUTION FOR YEAR END TRANSFER...Resolution 2024-01 was presented to move \$67.89 from Capital Outlays (2236-441) to Contract (2236-126) within the Rainy Day fund to balance budget appropriations for 2023.

Ron Benakovich made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-01.

Jamie Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BZA (BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS) SELECTION... There were two people who put their names in for consideration to be the Board of Zoning Appeals appointee for the Town of Monon: Robin Sutton and JJ Selagy.

Member Onken submitted a conflict of interest form due to the fact that JJ Selagy is her son in law and abstained from voting on the selection.

Ballots were passed out to the remaining members. Votes were tabulated by Clerk Selagy and validated by Vice-President Ron Benakovich. By a vote of 4-0, JJ Selagy was appointed to the BZA board.

TOWN MARSHAL/STREET COMMISSIONER ROGER YOUNG... 1. Roger stated the police department has been working on an evidence room audit and on training. 2. There will be a school board meeting on February 21st to discuss the possibility of the school creating their own police department for SRO. 3. After numerous attempts, the salt dog spreader has been repaired and is in use. 4. The water softeners at the water plant are not working. Peerless will be in this week to look at them. 5. While we have been trying to get the heaters that were never hung installed at the wastewater plant, we had a cold snap this weekend that caused a broken water line and temperatures inside the plant to plummet. Roger has Northern Mechanical working on correcting the system and the heat is back on at this time. 6. Roger stated the town mowers are in very poor shape and have not been properly maintained. 7. We still have about half of the mulch at the landfill that we are trying to get hauled. The Boy Scout Camp and Bio-Town have taken what they can use. Roger has spoken with Liberty Landfill and they are willing to take the rest. Roger asked for board approval to have VanMeter Trucking haul it to the landfill.

Jamie Myers made a motion to have VanMeter Trucking haul the remaining mulch.
Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK-TREASURER SELAGY... Nothing at this time.

PRESIDENT KEN HICKMAN... 1. Ken asked the board members to consider taking turns going to the All Aboard Main Street and Civic Preservation Society meetings. The next All Aboard meeting is on February 14th. 2. Ken stated the east door of the new Town Hall building will need to be changed to be ADA compliant.

MEMBER CHRIS FRANKLIN... Chris asked that more signage be put on the new Town Hall building and maybe a sign at the intersection of Broadway and Adams Street.

MEMBER TONI ONKEN... Toni asked if December EMT runs had been sent. Jennifer Madlung, EMT Director, stated she would send them out. Toni also asked Jennifer if she was working for an hour at the fire station every day as stated in her job description, Jennifer said she did not go every day. 2. Toni also asked if there was salt at the Fire Station for the fire fighters to put out as last year, we had a bad ice storm and they had none. Roger stated he has supplied them with salt. 3. Toni brought up that the Clerk-Treasurer is unable to lock her office because the copier shared by the office is in there and the officers need access afterhours. Clerk Selagy stated that now that the conference room is painted the copier can be moved in there.

MEMBER JAMIE MYERS... Jamie stated that he thinks communication from the town needs to be improved.

Ron Benakovich made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Chris Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned @ 7:58 pm.

*The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Ken Hickman

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT: _____

COUNCIL MEMBER: Toni Onken

COUNCIL MEMBER: *[Signature]*

COUNCIL MEMBER: _____

ATTEST: *Stacy Selig*