

**COUNCIL MEETING
(REGULAR)
December 5, 2023**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Tuesday, December 5, 2023**, at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were Vice-President Ron Benakovich, Ken Hickman, Chris Franklin, and Toni Onken. Also present was Attorney Rebecca Trent, Marshal Roger Young, and Clerk-Treasurer Stacy Selagy.

President Rosemary Cooley was absent.

-Vice-President Benakovich started our regular meeting @ 6:12 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 and EXECUTIVE meeting minutes from November 21, 2023.

-Toni Onken seconded the motion. The motion carried.

-Chris Franklin made a motion to accept the bills – claims – payroll.

-Toni Onken seconded the motion. The motion carried. \$176,585.57

-MONTH END RECONCILIATION REVIEW / SIGN OFF...None at this time.

VISITORS: JENILYNNE HALL, WHITE COUNTY AREA PLAN DIRECTOR...Jenilynne presented Amendment to Zoning Ordinance #A72. Amendment A72 is a proposal to establish regulations and standards for carbon sequestration projects. This amendment addresses areas such as facility locations, infrastructure development, carbon storage and pipeline transmission, application requirements, pre-application and application agreement requirements pertaining to roads, road maintenance, drainage, decommissioning and economic development.

Ken Hickman made a motion to approve Amendment A72.

Chris Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ALICIA HUFFORD, HOWE INSURANCE AND JULIE SARTORI, GUTWEIN RISNER

INSURANCE...Both companies presented their bids for the Town of Monon package and worker's comp insurance. The board members will review the proposals submitted.

JIM DAVIS, ALL ABOARD MONON...Jim reminded everyone the Christmas Parade is on Saturday, December 9th at 2:00 PM. Jim stated he would like to sit down with the board to discuss future plans for the Town of Monon and encouraged board members to attend the All Aboard Monon and Preservation Society meetings.

GABRIELLE TABER, COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING...1. Gabrielle stated that Commonwealth has met with Dustin Standish and they are working together on the project. Dustin has been given a copy of the design plans. 2. Commonwealth is getting costs for the automatic sampler. 3. They are also working with Dustin to draft a response to the last IDEM inspection.

UNFINISHED OR DEFERRED BUSINESS...

PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS...Roger stated that the dumpster for the clean up project they are working on will be here tomorrow.

TOWNSHIP & FIRE DEPT AGREEMENTS...Nothing at this time.

SERVLIN/LEAK PROTECTION PROPOSAL...The representative from Servline will be at the December 19th meeting to provide more information.

NEW BUSINESS...

INSURANCE BIDS...The only quote received for health insurance was from Howe Insurance. Gutwein Risner was unable to provide a competitive quote and withdrew. The rates and plan options were reviewed.

Toni Onken made a motion to go with the \$1,000 deductible plan for 2024.

Chris Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2023 SALARY ORDINANCE-AMENDED-1ST READING...The 2023 salary ordinance was amended to add compensation for the Assistant Fire Chief and the Street Commissioner positions.

Ken Hickman made a motion to suspend the rules and forego the second reading.

Chris Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Toni Onken made a motion to approve the 2023 Amended Salary Ordinance.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried. ORDINANCE 2023-12

ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH STREET COMMISSIONER-1ST READING...

Chris Franklin made a motion to suspend the rules and forego the second reading.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ken Hickman made a motion to approve the Ordinance to Establish the Street Commissioner position.

Chris Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried. ORDINANCE 2023-13

2024 SALARY ORDINANCE-1ST READING...

Chris Franklin made a motion to suspend the rules and forego the second reading.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Toni Onken made a motion to approve the 2024 Salary Ordinance

Chris Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried. ORDINANCE 2023-14

TOWN MARSHAL ROGER YOUNG...1. Roger stated the Durango is getting decaled. 2. The boiler is up and running at the wastewater plant. There are four smaller heaters that need installed. 3. The air compressor at the water plant needs repaired. 4. Roger would like to get two radios for the town laborers to use while plowing snow so they do not have to be on their phones. The cost would be \$1,070.42 for JK Communications. 5. Roger would like to stop brush and leaf pickup for the winter. The board members were in agreement with this. They will pick up anything that is currently out there and then stop for the winter. 6. Roger stated he was contacted by Vanguard regarding a solar company that wants to put solar fields near the old Hedges property south of town. They contacted Vanguard for an easement, but Vanguard does not want to grant the easement if it will negatively affect the town.

CLERK-TREASURER SELAGY...1. Stacy thanked everyone who helped to move them to the new office. To the family members who donated their painting services, to the board members who helped with the move, to Roger, Auner and Tracy who helped with the move and have worked to get things settled at the new office. Thank you!! 2. The year end meeting will be held immediately following the next regular meeting on Tuesday, December 19th. Please be thinking about which board appointments you can fill next year.

Chris Franklin made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned @ 7:12 pm.

*The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, December 19th, 2023, at 6:00 pm. Year End meeting to follow immediately.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: _____

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT: Ronald B. Auner

COUNCIL MEMBER: Ken Hickman

COUNCIL MEMBER: Toni Onken

COUNCIL MEMBER: Chris Franklin

ATTEST: Stacy Selagy