

**COUNCIL MEETING
(REGULAR)
December 20, 2023**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, December 20, 2023**, at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were Vice-President Ron Benakovich, Ken Hickman, Chris Franklin, and Toni Onken. Also present was Marshal Roger Young, and Clerk-Treasurer Stacy Selagy.

President Rosemary Cooley was absent.

-Vice-President Benakovich 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 and EXECUTIVE meeting minutes from December 5, 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. \$112,787.01

-MONTH END RECONCILIATION REVIEW / SIGN OFF... Vice-President Benakovich signed off on the November bank reconciliations.

VISITORS: TERRY SAUNDERS, RESIDENT... Terry asked if it was the board's intent to hire a Town Superintendent. She also questioned the timing on the Street Commissioner ordinance and the amended salary ordinance. Clerk Selagy said she would investigate. Terry also expressed concerns about the noon whistle not being used.

JAMIE MYERS, RESIDENT... Jamie asked why the previous Town Superintendent was terminated. Member Hickman stated that the board cannot discuss personnel matters.

JENNIFER GREGORASH, NON-RESIDENT... Jennifer expressed concerns regarding an interaction she had with the Town Marshal.

ROB BELLUCCI, COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING... 1. Rob returned the daily reports that they have scanned and put on a drive. 2. Rob provided two quotes for the automatic sampler from Gripp Inc, one to lease and one to buy. The lease cost was \$6,007.00 per month. The purchase price was \$10,798.00.

Chris Franklin made a motion to purchase the automatic sampler for \$10,798.00.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Rob's recommendation for the Greenwood Street sewer expansion was to install grinder pumps instead of a gravity feed system. He stated this would only require a 2" force main as opposed to a 12". He felt that financially this would be a better option. Board members expressed concern that if expansion continued on that side of town that this option would not be sufficient. After a brief discussion, board members agreed that they would rather do the job right the first time and pursue a gravity feed sewer and a bigger lift station. Rob will get an updated cost statement for a gravity feed sewer.

UNFINISHED OR DEFERRED BUSINESS...

PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS... Roger stated there was mattress at 314 Spruce Street that is bagged for pickup. Clerk Selagy will call it in.

TOWNSHIP & FIRE DEPT AGREEMENTS... The Town agreements between Monon First Response and Monon Volunteer Fire Department were presented for approval.

Ken Hickman made a motion to approve the 2024 Fire Department agreement.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ken Hickman made a motion to approve the 2024 EMS Agreement.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SERVLIN/LEAK PROTECTION PROPOSAL... After a brief discussion,

Toni Onken made a motion to enter an agreement with Servline for residential leak protection up to \$500.00 for water and sewer at a cost of \$3.00 per month to the resident.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Selagy will ask Attorney Trent to prepare an ordinance.

INSURANCE BIDS...At the December 5th meeting, Howe Insurance and Gutwein Risner Insurance presented quotes for worker's compensation and liability insurance. Gutwein Risner came in at \$9,558.00 for work comp insurance and Howe's came in at \$10,029.00. On the liability side, Gutwein came in at \$63,413.00. Gutwein quoted higher limits than Howe at \$2,000,000 per occurrence and \$4,000,000 coverage part aggregate. Howe's quote is \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000 coverage part aggregate and came in at \$43,287.00.

Toni Onken made a motion to go with Howe Insurance for worker's compensation and liability insurance.

Chris Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS...

RESOLUTION FOR YEAR END TRANSFERS...Resolution 2023-04 was presented for approval. The total transfer amount is \$29,100.00.

Ken Hickman made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-04.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TOWN MARSHAL/STREET COMMISSIONER ROGER YOUNG...1. Roger stated the old fertilizer plant has been sold and he has been in communication with the new owners as to what is expected regarding clean up. 2. There is a water main break on Shields that will be fixed tomorrow. 3. The salt spreader needs a new controller and wiring harness. 4. At the wastewater plant there are heaters to be installed and he is trying to get Tribbett Electric to come in and fix some electrical issues.

CLERK-TREASURER SELAGY...Dustin Standish gave Stacy information regarding the drying bags at the wastewater plant. Dustin would like to stop using the drying bags and instead use Wealing Brothers to haul the sludge out. Wealing submitted a quote for removal at \$.19/gallon that is good for all of 2024. Clerk Selagy stated that the hauling fees for the drying bags has been expensive due to fees imposed by Waste Management.

Ken Hickman made a motion to use Wealing Brothers for sludge removal.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

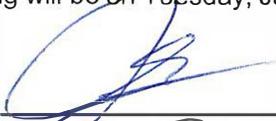
MEMBER CHRIS FRANKLIN...Chris stated it looks like there is a sump pump being used on the 200 block of the west side of Market Street. Roger will look into it.

Toni Onken made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

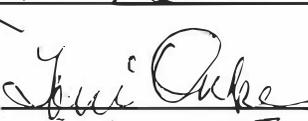
The meeting was adjourned @ 6:51 pm.

*The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: 

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT: 

COUNCIL MEMBER: 

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