

**COUNCIL MEETING
(REGULAR)
February 1, 2023**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, February 1, 2023**, at 6:00 pm at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were Vice-President Ron Benakovich, Ken Hickman and Toni Onken. Also present were Marshal Roger Young, Superintendent Tony Rodgers, and Clerk-Treasurer Stacy Selagy.

President Rosemary Cooley, Member Kirk Quasebarth and Attorney Rebecca Trent were 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 meeting minutes from December 21, 2022, YEAR END meeting minutes from December 21, 2022, and REGULAR meeting minutes from January 18, 2023.

-Toni Onken seconded the motion. The motion carried.

-Ken Hickman made the motion to accept all the bills – claims – payroll as presented.

-Toni Onken seconded the motion. The motion carried. \$292,793.71

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

VISITORS: BOB TODD, RESIDENT...Bob was present at our last meeting to ask if the coffee club could begin using the civic center for coffee again. Because there was not a quorum at the last meeting, a decision was tabled. After a brief discussion,

Ken Hickman made a motion to allow the coffee club to begin using the civic center again in the mornings.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. The motion carried.

GABRIELLE, COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING...Gabrielle stated that all drawings have been received for the selected equipment. Preliminary design has begun on the sewer extension project for the Mabel Horton subdivision.

TERRY SANDERS, RESIDENT...Terry stated that she had asked Marshal Young to talk to her neighbor about a trailer of trash sitting behind his home. Marshal Young stated that it is not trash, it is construction materials from their remodeling. He will look at it.

PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS...Member Onken stated that her end of town has a lot of properties that need cleaned up.

WHITE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (WCED) CONTRIBUTION...Clerk Selagy stated she had received the invoice from WCED asking for our annual contribution of \$500.00.

Toni Onken made a motion to pay \$500 to WCED for our 2023 contribution.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CIVIC CENTER USE (COFFEE CLUB)...Bob Todd was present to ask if the coffee club could begin using the civic center for coffee again. The group will donate part of their collections to the town to help with the upkeep of the building. After a brief discussion,

Ken Hickman made a motion to allow the coffee club to begin using the civic center again in the mornings.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. The motion carried.

TOWNSHIP AGREEMENTS...Attorney Trent has made revisions to the Town and Township agreements for Fire, EMS and Park services. Copies of the revised agreements were distributed to each member for review.

PART TIME EMT...Clerk Selagy stated she had not received any applications from the newspaper ads, she will post an ad on Indeed. EMS Director Jennifer Madlung was present and stated she has a meeting with Monticello EMS on Thursday, February 3, and she will ask if they have anyone who might be interested.

RECOVERY HOUSE DONATION...Back in December, the residents at the Recovery House in Jasper County painted the new living quarters and meeting room at the fire station. Marshal Young had previously asked the council to consider a donation to the Recovery House for their program. Clerk Selagy stated the town has received funds from the State for the Opioid Settlement that can be used to support recovery programs. Marshal Young suggested a \$1,000 donation from these funds. Ken Hickman made a motion to pay Recovery House \$1,000 from the Opioid Settlement Restricted Fund. Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ELECTRONIC MEETING RESOLUTION...Clerk Selagy distributed copies of the proposed resolution to members for review. The resolution would allow members to participate in meetings electronically under certain circumstances.

SUPERINTENDENT TONY RODGERS...1. Tony stated that he has been interviewing applicants. 2. There is an electrical issue in the blower building, Tribbett Electric is working on it. 3. The fire department has asked for another trash receptacle, Clerk Selagy had ordered one from Waste Management, but Marshal Young thought he could get a cheaper one from On Point.

TOWN MARSHAL ROGER YOUNG...1. Roger stated that he will probably install the flock camera at the intersection of St Rd 38 and St Rd 16. 2. Roger stated that their sidearms were over 10 years old and he would like to purchase three 9MM. With trade in, the cost would be \$1,872.00. Ken Hickman made a motion to approve the purchase of three guns. Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. The take home vehicle policy approved on December 21,2022, states that town owned vehicles cannot be used for personal use outside of White County. Several officers from surrounding communities are contracted with Purdue University to work at athletic events. Roger asked the board to grant permission to take the police cars to Purdue on these occasions so they can work traffic detail and so that if he gets a call for us that he can get back quickly.

Ken Hickman made a motion to revise the take home policy to allow police cars to be driven to Purdue University to work events. Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Roger stated that the grinder pump at the fire station froze up in the upstairs bathroom. Scheurichs will be giving us a quote to reconfigure the plumbing so that water is not always sitting in the pipe. He is also working to get a quote for automatic lights in the meeting room.

CLERK-TREASURER SELAGY...1. Melton Construction has started work on the bathroom. They have proposed adding a false ceiling to the back room. The back room is currently open to the roof with no insulation, so any heat is lost through the roof. Chris Melton said the cost to do the ceiling would not exceed \$3,000 and they could do it while they were here.

Ken Hickman made a motion to have Melton Construction construct a false ceiling. Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Stacy stated that the new billing/payment platform (Invoice Cloud) was up and running. So far, the response has been good. 3. On Monday, February 6th, there will be a Zoom call with INDOT to discuss putting a four-way stop sign at State Road 16 and State Road 421 intersection.

MEMBER KEN HICKMAN...1. Ken stated that Area Plan is having a meeting to discuss housing needs on February 23rd. 2. Ken stated that KIRPC has a grant for artists, artwork and signage. If anyone has projects that fit into those areas, they can contact Shawn Cain or Edwin Buswell.

-Toni Onken made the motion to adjourn the meeting.
-Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned @ 7:01 pm.

*The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 15th, at 6:00 pm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: _____

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT: RO RD _____

COUNCIL MEMBER: Ken Hickman _____

COUNCIL MEMBER: Joni Oakes

COUNCIL MEMBER: _____

ATTEST: Stacy Slaggs