

**COUNCIL MEETING
(REGULAR)
February 15, 2023**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, February 15, 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, Attorney Rebecca Trent and Clerk-Treasurer Stacy Selagy.

President Rosemary Cooley and Member Kirk Quasebarth 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 & EXECUTIVE meeting minutes from February 1, 2023.

-Toni Onken seconded the motion. The motion carried.

-Toni Onken made the motion to accept all the bills – claims – payroll as presented.

-Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried. \$125,228.08

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

VISITORS: JIM DAVIS, ALL ABOARD MAIN STREET...Jim stated the Food Fest would be on June 3rd, 2023, from 10 am to 5 pm. He was present to ask for permission to have a beer garden again this year.

Ken Hickman made a motion to approve a beer garden at the 2023 Food Fest.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jim also stated that we are approaching our 150th anniversary and they would like to plan something special for the occasion. More info to come..

GABRIELLE, COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING...Gabrielle stated everything was still running on schedule. Jim Davis asked if there was a timeline for the Mabel Horton Subdivision expansion. Gabrielle said she would have to check on it.

MONON FIRE DEPT...Brad Hahn, Monon Fire Chief, stated they had 33 response calls in January, 28 ambulance calls and 5 fire calls in January. Trey Cobb, volunteer fireman, presented a quote to the board from Municipal Emergency Services for new nozzles. The current nozzles don't flow over 100 gpm, the National Fire Protection Association suggests that you be able to flow 150-160 gpm to be able to effectively put out a single-family dwelling fire. The new nozzles would put less stress on the fire pump, which could expand the life of the pump. The department needs a minimum of 5 to safely continue, they are asking the board to consider purchasing 8 so they can update everything across the board. The nozzles are \$721.41 each, 8 would be a total cost of \$5,771.28. Member Hickman asked if the nozzles would fit on any hose, Trey said yes.

Ken Hickman made a motion to purchase 8 new nozzles.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Brad also mentioned that Trey will be leaving us at the end of February. In addition to serving on our fire department, Trey has also been our full-time EMT for the past year. He will be taking a full-time position with the Zionsville Fire Dept. We wish him the best!

PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS...Marshal Young stated that they have been dealing with contractors who are not cleaning up after themselves and tagging cars. Superintendent Rodgers stated that tires have been being thrown into the brush pile.

TOWNSHIP AGREEMENTS...Attorney Trent has revised the Town and Township agreements for Fire, EMS, and Park services. She has also revised the agreement between the town and the fire dept to include the State statute limits for mileage and clothing allowances.

Ken Hickman made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Agreement Between the Town and Township for Park Services.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Toni Onken made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Agreement Between the Town and Township for EMT Services.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ken Hickman made a motion to approve the 2023 Agreement Between the Town and Monon Volunteer Fire Dept.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ken Hickman made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Agreement Between the Town and Township for Fire Services.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

*At this time, the above agreements have only been signed and approved by the Town.

RECOVERY HOUSE DONATION...At the February 1st meeting the board voted to donate \$1,000 from the Opioid Settlement Fund to the Jasper County Recovery House for painting the fire station. Clerk Selagy stated that after the meeting she realized that because we had not received those funds when she was preparing the 2023 budget, she did not appropriate any of those funds. Funds cannot be spent without an appropriation. Stacy stated we could do an additional appropriate for the Opioid fund, but we would have to pay for the advertising costs. She recommended that the board approve the use of Riverboat funds instead.

Ken Hickman made a motion to pay \$1,000 to the Jasper County Recovery House from the Riverboat funds.

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.

Toni Onken made a motion to approve the Electronic Meeting Resolution.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Resolution #2023-02

BAD DEBT RESOLUTION...Clerk Selagy stated that the utility accounts have not been purged going back as far as 2014. Utility accounts with past due balances are reported to TRECS (Tax Refund Exchange and Compliance System), but if the person does not have a state tax refund or moves out of state then we do not collect any money. This resolution would allow Clerk Selagy and Deputy Clerk Beasley to identify uncollectible past due accounts and present a list of those to the council for review and approval to write off the debt.

Toni Onken made a motion to approve the Bad Debt Resolution.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Resolution #2023-01

SUPERINTENDENT TONY RODGERS...1. Tony stated that Benecorp will replace two of the large meters at the school over spring break, and the town workers will replace the smaller ones. 2. There are three doors at the softball field that have been kicked in. Chris Melton is getting a quote to replace those with steel doors. 3. There is a blower down in the aeration plant. 4. The fuel tank in the bucket truck needs to be replaced. 5. Tony is getting information together for IDEM for the water and wastewater plants. 6. Tony stated his new employee, Tracy Anderson, is doing very well. He expects to have another new employee by next week.

TOWN MARSHAL ROGER YOUNG...1. Roger stated that he and Deputy Miller will be going to training in Monticello next week. 2. The union guys are still planning on repairing the bathrooms at the little league diamond, they should be done before the season starts.

CLERK-TREASURER SELAGY...1. Stacy stated it has been three years since our last rate increase on water and wastewater and it is probably time to review. She is working on getting rates from surrounding communities for board review and should have more information at the next meeting. Jim Davis said he still has 30 rain barrels available if any residents are interested in collecting rain water to help with utility costs. 2. Invoice Cloud is up and running! In just the first fifteen days, fifty-two customers registered for the site. The utility office will continue their efforts to get the word out to customers about the benefits of the site.

MEMBER TONI ONKEN... Toni asked Superintendent Rodgers if the water softeners were finished. Tony said he still needed to install a new check valve. 2. Toni asked how often the water plant is inspected, Tony said every three years. Member Onken asked for a copy of the last inspection report, Superintendent Rodgers said he would get it for her.

Toni Onken made a motion to adjourn.
Ken Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned @ 6:51 pm.

*The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 1st, at 6:00 pm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Rosemary Cooley

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT: Rod Bell

COUNCIL MEMBER: Ken Hickman

COUNCIL MEMBER: Toni Onken

COUNCIL MEMBER: _____

ATTEST: Stacy Selby