

**COUNCIL MEETING
(REGULAR)
February 6, 2024**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Tuesday, February 6, 2024**, at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were President Ken Hickman, Toni Onken and Jamie Myers. Also present was Attorney Rebecca Trent, Marshal/Street Commissioner Roger Young, and Clerk-Treasurer Stacy Selagy.

-Ron Benakovich and Chris Franklin were absent.

-President Hickman started our regular meeting @ 6:00 pm & led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment-of-silence.

President Hickman read a letter from Gayle Rogers, Board of Zoning Appeals alternate for the Town of Monon. Gayle has resigned for her position effective immediately.

-MINUTES, PAYROLL, BILLS & CLAIMS:

-Toni Onken made a motion to approve the REGULAR and EXECUTIVE meeting minutes from January 16, 2024.

-Jamie Myers seconded the motion. The motion carried.

-Jamie Myers made a motion to accept the bills – claims – payroll.

-Toni Onken seconded the motion. The motion carried. \$171,023.07

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

VISITORS: TERRY SAUNDERS, RESIDENT...Terry said that while she appreciates the open communication coming from the town, she does not feel that social media is the place for it.

UNFINISHED OR DEFERRED BUSINESS...

COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING...1. Gabrielle stated that the autosampler has been delivered and they are working on getting it installed. 2. Commonwealth is waiting on confirmation from the Town's SCADA (SCADATA) vendor as to whether or not the re-calibration of the existing raw sewage pump magnetic flowmeter output data has been complete. 3. Gabrielle also provided the Greenwood Street sewer extension layout drawings to the board. 4. Commonwealth will be resubmitting us to SRF for the next round of grants, hopefully the changes that we have implemented at the wastewater plant will result in an award. 5. Gabrielle also stated that every Town is required to provide a lead service line inventory to the State by October. There is a grant that the town is eligible for to help with the cost of preparing the inventory list. Clerk Selagy will reach out to Dustin to see what his thoughts are. The deadline to submit for the grant is February 28th.

PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS...Marshal Young presented the board with his property inspection sheets for issues he has identified in town. Member Onken will review them and then return to Roger.

TOWNSHIP & FIRE DEPT AGREEMENTS...Jacob Garling, Township Trustee, was present to discuss the agreement he prepared. Under the agreement, the township would pay the town \$10,000 a year. Instead of the Monon Fire Department billing the town and township for their runs and meetings separately, they will all be billed to the town and the town would pay for town and township runs using the lump sum payment. Expenses related to building and equipment would be split between the Town and Township. Attorney Trent would like to revise the contract to add language regarding expenses related to the jointly owned building and change the language regarding the enforcement of the agreement and reimbursement of attorney fees. There was also a question about who is to pay for worker's compensation insurance. Jacob said he would have his attorney contact Attorney Trent.

NEW BUSINESS...

FLUORIDE STATUS...At the recommendation of our water and wastewater operator, the town is considering removing the added fluoride from our water system. President Hickman stated he was contacted by Dr. Bondi, DDS, who was very upset that the town would consider this. Dr. Bondi cited concerns about lower income families that may not have access to routine dental care and felt that removing the fluoride would have a negative effect on the children. The board will take this into consideration. Clerk Selagy will also reach out to Dustin Standish and see if he can provide more information on his recommendation to remove the fluoride.

ADA COORDINATOR REVISION – 1st READING...The purpose of this ordinance is to remove Rosemary Cooley and appoint Roger Young as ADA Coordinator. **Ordinance 2024-01**

Jamie Myers made a motion to suspend the rules and pass on the first reading.
Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Toni Onken made a motion to approve the ADA Coordinator Revised Ordinance.
Jamie Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BULK WATER SALES...Clerk Selagy stated the utility office has been inundated with requests from companies wanting to purchase bulk water. While this used to be something that was only seen by companies working in this area, it has grown to outlying areas looking to purchase water and transporting out of county. Last year the town sold over two million gallons of bulk water. Concerns were expressed about the water tables and how this could negatively affect the town down the road. The Fire Chief and Assistant Chief also expressed concerns about semis waiting to fill up with water blocking the emergency vehicles at the fire station.

Jamie Myers made a motion to stop selling bulk water to outside contractors.
Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TRI-KAPPA PROCLAMATION...Clerk Selagy proclaimed February 19-23, 2024 as Tri-Kappa week.

MEETING SCHEDULE...Due to scheduling conflict of council members, it has been suggested moving the council meetings from Tuesday to Wednesday.

Toni Onken made a motion to move the council meetings to the first and third Wednesdays of the month.
Jamie Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TOWN MARSHAL/STREET COMMISSIONER ROGER YOUNG...1. Roger stated he and his deputies have been completing training. 2. Handheld radios have been purchased for the town employees and they are in use. 3. Roger used the street sweeper and didn't quite make it all the way through town before it broke down. He believes it is the alternator. Roger presented the board with a quote for \$11,518.07 for a sweeper attachment for the bobcat. Member Onken asked him to try to get one more quote for comparison. 4. Roger stated he may have a location outside of town that we could use for brush removal.

CLERK-TREASURER SELAGY...1. Stacy stated she was working on the annual report and hoped to have it to the board in the next few weeks. 2. The Town received \$26,286.81 from FEMA for expenses incurred to clean up the storm damage from March 2023. 3. Notices will start going out to residents in April regarding the Servline program. The start date of the program will be June 1, 2024. 4. Mulhaupt has been to the new building to look at replacing the front door and making the front entrance accessible. They will be giving us a quote. 5. Stacy stated the board has \$50,000 for sidewalk work this year. Member Hickman suggested Race Street on both sides from 2nd Street to the railroad tracks and Park Road to the park entrance. Roger would like to see a sidewalk put in in front of the school going to the church and then to the clinic. 6. Stacy stated it's also time to think about street paving. There will be a second round of Community Crossing Grants this year that the town could potentially apply for.

ATTORNEY REBECCA TRENT...1. Rebecca stated that she did look into the Facebook question and the town could turn off or limit comments on a town page. 2. Rebecca is working on an ordinance to stagger elections of council members. This would be effective with the 2027 election. She will send it to council member for review when completed.

MEMBER TONI ONKEN...Toni asked about the meter at the school that still needs to be replaced. There is a question of where the shut off valve for that meter is located. It is not on any of the maps that we have and until we know where it is that will be on hold.

MEMBER JAMIE MYERS...Jamie stated that he felt Roger was doing a good job on communicating with the public via Facebook. He would like for the ordinances to be online. Clerk Selagy stated she has a quote from American Legal Publishing to manage that, she will bring it to the next meeting. 2. Jamie thanked Jennifer Madlung and Sean Garrett for providing the EMS and fire runs in a timely manner. 3. Jamie asked how much we are spending on utilities and repairs at the old town hall. He questioned if keeping the building was cost effective and suggested that grants may be available to build something that would be more accessible and could be used for meetings and possibly the fire department.

PRESIDENT KEN HICKMAN...Ken stated that in talking to the workers he feels it would be beneficial to them if Dustin could come in once a week for an hour to answer any questions they may have. Right now, Dustin is usually there when the workers are not. Clerk Selagy will talk to Dustin to see if this is an option.

Toni Onken made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Jamie Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned @ 7:33 pm.

*The next regular meeting will be on **Wednesday**, February 21, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Ken Hickman

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT: Ronald BKL

COUNCIL MEMBER: Toni Onken

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ATTEST: Stacy Selagy