

**COUNCIL MEETING  
(REGULAR)  
April 19, 2023**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, April 19, 2023**, immediately following the public hearing at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were President Rosemary Cooley, Ken Hickman and Toni Onken. Also present were Marshal Roger Young and Clerk-Treasurer Stacy Selagy.

Vice-President Ron Benakovich and Member Kirk Quasebarth were absent.

-President Cooley started our regular meeting @ 5:55 pm & led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment-of-silence.

**-MINUTES, PAYROLL, BILLS & CLAIMS:**

-Toni Onken made a motion to approve the REGULAR meeting minutes from April 5, 2023.

-Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

-Toni Onken seconded the motion. The motion carried. \$99,483.05

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

**VISITORS: DIANNA TRIBBETT, PARK BOARD MEMBER...**Dianna wanted to know when the water will be turned on at the park and if they could get new flags for the park. Superintendent Rodgers said he would be turning on the water this week and he will ask Devon Query for new flags.

**GABRIELLE, COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING...**Gabrielle presented an amendment to the wastewater improvement project. This amendment is a zero-dollar amendment that shuffles money from the Survey line item to the Geotech line item. The subconsultant fee for the soil borings (Geotech) came in slightly higher than expected. There is a budget within the survey line item to cover the additional cost. Ken Hickman made a motion to approve the amendment to the wastewater improvement project. Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS...**President Cooley said she had gotten a request to have the Herrera property cleaned up, Marshal Young said he would look at it. We received a request from Keith Austin who was concerned about the old fertilizer plant located by the fire station. The building is in serious disrepair. President Cooley stated that she had been contacted by a company possibly wanting to buy the property and tear it down and rebuild, but they could not reach the owner. Marshal Young said that he would try to reach the owner and find out if they are interested in selling it or if they have plans to clean it up.

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

**SECOND READING-ORD. 2023-02, WATER UTILITY INCREASE...**President Cooley presented the water rate increase for second reading.

Toni Onken made a motion to approve the 6% water rate increase.

**Ordinance 2023-02**

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**SECOND READING-ORD. 2023-03, SEWER UTILTY INCREASE...**President Cooley presented the sewer rate increase for second reading.

Ken Hickman made a motion to approve the 6% sewer rate increase.

**Ordinance 2023-03**

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**AIM MEDICAL TRUST PROPOSAL...**Council Members Hickman and Onken and Clerk-Treasurer Selagy had a Zoom meeting on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> with Jarrod Limbaugh from AIM and Jim Mann, City of Monticello. Jarrod explained the way the Medical Trust works in more detail to the council members and Jim was able to speak to how the Trust has worked for the City of Monticello as they have been with the Trust for the past 12 years. AIM gave us an 18-month proposal that would start July 1<sup>st</sup>, for a plan comparable to our current one. The major difference in the plan is that the out-of-pocket maximum on the AIM plan is \$2,000 higher than our current plan through IPEP. After discussion, the council chose to hold off and revisit this option at the end of this year when our current plan is up for renewal.

**SUPERINTENDENT TONY RODGERS...**Nothing at this time.

**TOWN MARSHAL ROGER YOUNG...** Roger stated that police cars have become harder to find due to dealer shortages. Robert Hickman found a 2021 Durango at a dealership in LaPorte with 17,000 miles for \$35,000. The vehicle would still need to be outfitted with lights and sirens, the quote for that is \$6,785.21. Adding another police vehicle to the fleet would allow them to have an officer on duty during school hours. SRO Deputy Morrow takes the Ford Explorer to the school when he is on duty, but that leaves Deputy Marshal Miller without a vehicle for patrol work.

Toni Onken made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2021 Dodge Durango for \$35,000 and installation of lights and sirens for \$6,785.21.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**CLERK-TREASURER SELAGY...** 1. Dan Sublette is requesting permission to set up his food stand on South Market Street again this year.

Ken Hickman made a motion to allow Dan Sublette to set up his food stand this year.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Nathan Baker, White County Veteran Service Officer, has been trying to find a way to refurbish our veteran monument that is displayed outside the Monon Town Hall. Unfortunately, due to the age of the monument they are unable to refurbish it without damaging it. Nathan has gotten a quote from Allen Monuments to replace and install the monument. The monument costs \$2,383.96 and installation is \$665.00. The Veteran Service office will pick up the installation cost but is asking the council to pay for the monument. He will also do a dedication ceremony when installation is complete.

Ken Hickman made a motion to approve the purchase of the monument.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Chris Melton, Melton Construction, had contacted Stacy to ask if there had been any discussion of which sidewalks they might want to look at for this year. After discussion, the consensus was to finish the east side of South Market St, the two approaches to the street on the Hubbard and Webb properties and Fifth Street between Arch and Race on the north side. These should be relatively small projects for this year, and we can hopefully get a bigger area done next year.

**MEMBER TONI ONKEN...** Toni stated she was approached by the resident at 313 N Arch Street because he has sewage coming into this basement. Superintendent Rodgers said this is an internal problem and needs to be fixed by the homeowner.

**PRESIDENT ROSEMARY COOLEY...** Rosie asked about the water meter installations for North White. Tony stated the two large meters were installed by EJP. There are four smaller meters that will be installed by the town.

Ken Hickman made a motion to adjourn.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned @ 6:36 pm.

\*The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:00 pm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Rosemary Cooley

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL MEMBER: Ken Hickman

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ATTEST: Stacy Selagy