

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

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Tuesday, June 20, 2023**, at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were President Rosemary Cooley, Vice-President Ron Benakovich, Ken Hickman and Toni Onken. Also present were Marshal Roger Young, Superintendent Tony Rodgers, and Clerk-Treasurer Stacy Selagy.

Member Kirk Quasebarth was absent.

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

-MINUTES, PAYROLL, BILLS & CLAIMS:

-Ron Benakovich made a motion to approve the REGULAR meeting minutes from June 6, 2023.

-Toni Onken seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Member Onken asked what the Mug-a-Bug claim was for, Superintendent Rodgers explained it was the annual certification on the mosquito sprayer. There was discussion on a claim for Melton Construction, \$850.00 to install a swing down at the park. The board requested that Tony always get a quote from Melton before every job.

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

-Toni Onken seconded the motion. The motion carried. \$166,038.34

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

VISITORS: TERRY SAUNDERS, RESIDENT...Terry stated that the property next door to her still has an open sewer line. Superintendent Rodgers said Kyburz Excavating will be doing the repair work, but they have not been able to get there yet.

SEAN GARRETT, MONON FIRE DEPT...Sean was present to explain the claim for Penguin Management for \$1,572.00 that was not approved at the previous council meeting. The Monon Township Trustee had indicated he would not pay half of the invoice, so the council was advised that if they paid it, they may be responsible for the full amount from town funds. Sean explained that this is for the E-Dispatch system. It takes the signal from dispatch to scanner and then to phones. This is needed for times when fireman cannot carry a pager, or are out of pager range, allowing them to get an alert on their phones. There was a period when the system was not working well due to a tower issue, but the issue has been resolved and it is working well now. Sean will speak with Jacob Garling, Township Trustee, to explain the improvements that have been made to the system.

Ken Hickman made a motion to process payment for the E-Dispatch system. If the Township refuses to pay their half, the total amount will be paid from the Town's fire budget.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BRAD HAHN, MONON FIRE CHIEF...Brad stated there was a water leak down at the fire station. Superintendent Rodgers said he would get it fixed. Brad also asked about getting better lighting in the bay area. Marshal Young said he had asked Tribbett Electric for a quote for putting new motion sensor lighting in the bay. He will follow up with them.

GABRIELLE, COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING...Gabrielle stated that there will be a meeting with IDEM at the wastewater plant Wednesday, June 21st at 10:00 AM. The final plan drawings will be done this week and submitted to IDEM by the end of next week.

PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS...1. Marshal Young stated that he gave the list of bulk items that need to be picked up to Clerk Selagy and she has scheduled them for pickup this Friday. 2. The property at 513 E 4th Street is allowed to have chickens because they are grandfathered.

TOWNSHIP & FIRE DEPT AGREEMENTS...No update currently.

OLD FERTILIZER PLANT...Vice-President Benakovich stated that he has spoken with the owners, and they have talked about turning the site into a welding business. They are still pursuing avenues to help pay for testing and possible contamination clean up.

BUILDING DONATION...No update currently.

SUPERINTENDENT TONY RODGERS...1. Tony stated that he is still waiting to get a start date from Town and Country on street paving. In the meantime, they will use cold patch to fill some of the potholes. 2. Park-Melton Construction has begun rebuilding the babe ruth dugout. There are benches at the park that have missing boards, Tony will work with Roudebush Company to get those fixed. 3. The Town of Reynolds is going to let us borrow their bush hog to do cleanup along Railroad Street. 4. There is a section of fence at the wastewater plant, that is shared with Vanguard, that needs to be replaced. Tony will check with Attorney Trent to see if the cost should be shared with Vanguard and how to proceed. He will also try to get in contact with Randy Blanchette at Vanguard.

TOWN MARSHAL ROGER YOUNG...1. Roger stated they have received their handguns and he and Jake will be getting qualified on them. 2. The emergency lights on the Durango have been installed and Roger will be picking it up this week.

CLERK-TREASURER SELAGY...1. New meters were installed at the high school and primary buildings and are working well. For the first full month in use, the high school meter read 110,700 gals. The average reading on the old meter, installed in 1973, for the last three months was only 18,033. While meter replacement can be expensive, this is a good example of why it is important to make sure old meters are replaced. 2. The County used to issue peddler permits from their office that were good to use in the Town of Monon. The County has changed their practice and will no longer be issuing permits. Stacy asked how the council would like to handle this. After a brief discussion, it was decided to have all peddlers register at the town hall where they will be given a permit that will be good for 30 days. 3. The town has two CDs that are maturing in July. Stacy asked if the council would like to renew the CD's or transfer the funds to TrustIndiana. After a brief discussion...
Ken Hickman made a motion to move the funds to TrustIndiana.
Motion died for lack of a second.

Toni Onken made a motion to renew the CDs with Alliance Bank for 11 months.
Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MEMBER TONI ONKEN...Toni asked if there was a camera on the log cabin at the park. Superintendent Rodgers said the cameras that were there had been taken down, he will put them back up. Toni also stated she thought the town had their own bush hog; Superintendent Rodgers said it was sold a few years ago.

VICE-PRESIDENT RON BENAKOVICH...Ron stated that the yellow piping around the baseball diamond needs to be replaced. Superintendent Rodgers will check with FRATCO to see if they might donate some. Ron also expressed concern about kids walking to and from the park on the north side of the park. There is not a sidewalk on the south side of Park Road and kids often walk in the roadway. We will look at this area next year when we get ready to do sidewalk planning.

The meeting was adjourned @ 7:03 pm.

*The next regular meeting will be held on **Thursday, July 6th**, at 6:00 pm. **Note date change due to holiday.**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Rosemary Cooley

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT: Ronald Bero

COUNCIL MEMBER: Ken Hickman

COUNCIL MEMBER: Toni Onken

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ATTEST: Stacy Selagy