

**COUNCIL MEETING  
(REGULAR)  
July 18, 2023**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Tuesday, July 18, 2023**, at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were President Rosemary Cooley, Vice-President Ron Benakovich, Ken Hickman, Toni Onken and Chris Franklin. Also present were Attorney Rebecca Trent, Marshal Roger Young and Clerk-Treasurer Stacy Selagy.

Superintendent Tony Rodgers 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 July 6th, 2023, and the BUDGET HEARING meeting minutes from July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

-Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

-Toni Onken made a motion to accept the bills – claims – payroll.

-Chris Franklin seconded the motion. The motion carried. \$188,984.62

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

**VISITORS: LINDA MELTON, RESIDENT...**Linda stated that 106 W 5<sup>th</sup> has two trash cans, but they are always overflowing, and animals get into it. The question was asked why they would have two trash totes, Clerk Selagy explained that a second tote can be obtained by calling Waste Management and paying them directly. Marshal Young will talk to the property manager about getting a larger container.

**GABRIELLE, COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING...**1. Gabrielle stated the IDEM permit has been submitted and we are waiting for approval. 2. Member Hickman asked if there was any news from SRF (State Revolving Fund). Gabrielle said they are still waiting, but they have been in talks with Baker Tilly. 3. One of the items expects to be addressed relates to repair/replacement of that last remaining blower at the wastewater treatment plant. This last blower is necessary to ensure that sufficient aeration is available to operate the plant in the event one of the four blowers currently in operation breaks down. Member Hickman asked if the blower can be transferred to the new plant. The blower will not be used in the new plant, but IDEM expects us to address the issue now. It was suggested that maybe it could be sold when no longer in use.

American Pump Repair presented a quote for two options: \$12,258.00 for a new blower that is in stock, and \$9,600.00 to repair the current blower with an expected delivery time of 38-40 weeks.

Ron Benakovich made a motion to purchase a new blower at the price of \$12,258.00.

Chris Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS...**1. Marshal Young stated that he is in the process of sending out notice letters. 2. Member Onken asked about the property at 103 N Arch that was brought up at the last meeting. Roger said there is a tree on the property that needs to be removed. Resident Diane Tribbett asked if she could take care of removing the tree for the homeowner – thank you Diane! 3. Roger brought up that there are several building code violations happening throughout town. He has been in contact with Joe Rogers, Area Plan Director, to figure out the best way to handle this. The White County Building Inspector will be meeting with Roger later this week. 4. Member Franklin asked about 615 N Race and 519 Market St. Roger will address both of those.

**TOWNSHIP & FIRE DEPT AGREEMENTS...**The agreements between the town and township have still not been signed by the Township. Nor has the town received any payments for fire, park or EMS services. Given the current circumstances, discussion was had that the town may not want to pursue an agreement with the township and instead only have agreements with the fire and EMS. The town would pay for their half of the invoices and forward it to the township to pay the vendor directly for the other half. This would make it easier for the town to budget. Attorney Trent will send a letter to the Township Trustee requesting payments for 2023.

**OLD FERTILIZER PLANT...**Nothing at this time.

**BUILDING DONATION...**The purchase agreement has been signed by all parties and Attorney Trent is now doing the title search.

**SUPERINTENDENT TONY RODGERS...Absent.**

**TOWN MARSHAL ROGER YOUNG...**Roger talked to VanMeter Trucking and they will haul the mulch from the brush pile to the Buffalo Boy Scout Camp for \$250 per load. We estimate 10-12 loads.

Ron Benakovich made a motion to have VanMeter Trucking haul the mulch.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CLERK-TREASURER SELAGY...**Stacy stated that she and Marshal Young had have their initial meeting with FEMA representatives and they will be back on Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM to discuss storm relief. 2. August meetings will continue to be held on Tuesdays in August. 3. The deadline for the November 2023 election has passed. There are seven candidates for town council.

**MEMBER CHRIS FRANKLIN...**Chris said the meter at the new Auto Wares store needs to be cleaned up. 2. Chris also asked about the town welcome sign coming into town from the east. Brief discussion on who normally takes care of those, All Aboard, Chamber, town? 3. Chris was made aware that Chevy transmission fluid was put into the Ford F350. He suggested that if we don't have employees who are familiar with vehicle maintenance, we should probably send the vehicles out to get the work completed.

**MEMBER KEN HICKMAN...**Ken stated that he was asking if the Civic Center was being torn down. This is a rumor that has not been discussed. Edwin Buswell, KIRPC, told him there is a T-Mobile Hometown grant that is available that could be used to revitalize the Civic Center.

**PRESIDENT COOLEY...**Rosie stated she was made aware of a problem at the Civic Center where they said they did not have hot water. Young and Sons was called in to investigate the issue. It turned out that there was nothing wrong. Instances like this should be assessed to see if they can be handled by our employees before paying a contractor.

Ron Benakovich made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned @ 6:46 pm.

\*The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 pm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Rosemary Cooley

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT: Ron Benakovich

COUNCIL MEMBER: Ken Hickman

COUNCIL MEMBER: Seni Oake

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ATTEST: Stacy Selagy