

**COUNCIL MEETING
(REGULAR)
July 6, 2023**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Thursday, July 6, 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 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:

-Ken Hickman made a motion to approve the REGULAR meeting minutes from June 20, 2023.

-Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

-Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried. \$123,892.03

-MONTH END RECONCILIATION REVIEW / SIGN OFF... President Cooley reviewed the June bank statements and validated them.

VISITORS: JOE ROGERS, WHITE CO AREA PLAN... 1. Joe shared information about a repurposing opportunity for contractors. This is a county program for projects that convert structures previously or currently used for commercial or industrial into residential properties. 2. Joe presented Subdivision Ordinance Amendment #(S)A8. This is the second part of a two-part amendment effort to streamline the lot creation process and to clarify various aspects of the Subdivision Ordinance for administrative purposes.

Ron Benakovich made a motion to approve S(A8).

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Joe presented Subdivision Ordinance Amendment #(S)A10. This amendment provides for Drainage Board oversight any time a new subdivision includes a water or detention/retention pond element. It also requires the subdivider of the land on which said element(s) are located, to create an ownership mechanism for the land more definitive and lasting than that of designating an HOA as the owner or in leaving the land in the developer's personal or professional name.

Toni Onken made a motion to approve (S)A10.

Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Joe presented Amendment to Zoning Ordinance #A73. This is a proposal to establish regulations and standards for renewable energy battery storage capacities in line with the State requirements provided for in HB1173 and signed into law by the Governor.

Ken Hickman made a motion to approve Amendment #73.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GAYLE ROGERS, FORMER WHITE COUNTY AUDITOR... Gayle came to let the council know about the Economic Development Reserve Fund. This fund was established by the White County Board of Commissioners last year for monies received by White County from various Economic Development Agreements such as wind and solar farms. 40% of the fund is designated for the Commissioner's operating fund and 60% will go to a reserve fund that is to be used for community economic development projects in tandem with a county town, township, or city. Expenditures may be in the form of a grant or a loan at the discretion of the Commissioners. Requests for funding from this fund need to be presented to the County Commissioners.

ROB, COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING... 1. Rob brought the final drawings and specs for Superintendent Rodgers. The preliminary design is complete. The IDEM permit is ready for town signature.

Toni Onken made a motion to give Rosie Cooley permission to sign the permit application.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosie signed the IDEM permit.

2. Rob asked for approval to move forward with installation of the temporary sludge dewatering system using Blue River Technologies. Initial set up cost is estimated to be \$3,640, inclusive of equipment, installation and (2) 25-gallon polymer bags. Fees for the 30-yard roll-off dumpster through the end of the year are estimated to be \$2,800. Monthly rental fees for equipment will be \$980 plus as-needed polymer replacement (\$140 per 5-gallons) and additional dewatering bags (\$700/ea).

Ron Benakovich made a motion to install the temporary sludge dewatering system.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

JENNIFER MADLUNG, EMT DIRECTOR...Jennifer was present to turn in information on EMS runs for the year. She stated everything is running smoothly.

PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS...1. Marshal Young stated that he is in the process of sending out notice letters.

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

OLD FERTILIZER PLANT...Nothing at this time.

BUILDING DONATION...Clerk Selagy stated that she had confirmed with Attorney Trent's office that they have received the signed purchase agreement from the donors.

APPOINT NEW COUNCIL MEMBER...There were two residents who expressed interest in filling the town board vacancy, Jamie Myers and Chris Franklin. President Cooley read their letters of interest and each candidate gave a short introduction. Clerk Selagy passed out paper ballots and the town board members voted. Clerk Selagy tabulated the vote. By a vote of 3-1, Chris Franklin was chosen to fill the vacancy. Clerk Selagy administered the oath of office to Mr. Franklin.

SUPERINTENDENT TONY RODGERS...Absent.

TOWN MARSHAL ROGER YOUNG...Nothing at this time.

CLERK-TREASURER SELAGY...Stacy stated that she and Marshal Young will be meeting with FEMA representatives on Wednesday, July 12th at 9:00 AM to discuss the storm damage that occurred on March 31, 2023. Stacy also reminded the council of the budget meeting on Tuesday, July 11th at 5:00 pm.

PRESIDENT COOLEY...Rosie asked if we had received payment for the bulk water sales, Clerk Selagy said that we did. Rosie also stated that White County Commissioner Jim Davis had asked her what payments had not been received from the Township Trustee by the town. The Township Trustee did not make their contribution of \$8,000 for fire services in 2022. The town has also not received any of the contributions for 2023, including \$8,000 for fire service, \$9,000 for park services, and \$15,000 for EMT services.

The meeting was adjourned @ 6:00 pm.

*The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 18th, at 6:00 pm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Rosemary Cooley

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT: Ronald Bell

COUNCIL MEMBER: Ken Johnson

COUNCIL MEMBER: Traci Decker

COUNCIL MEMBER: [Signature]

ATTEST: Stacy Selagy