

**COUNCIL MEETING
(REGULAR)
October 16, 2023**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Monday, October 16, 2023**, at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were Ken Hickman, Vice-President Ron Benakovich, Toni Onken and Chris Franklin. Also present were Marshal Roger Young, and Clerk-Treasurer Stacy Selagy.

President Rosemary Cooley and Attorney Rebecca Trent were absent.

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

-MINUTES, PAYROLL, BILLS & CLAIMS:

-Chris Franklin made a motion to approve the REGULAR and BUDGET ADOPTION meeting minutes from October 2, 2023.

-Toni Onken seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

-Chris Franklin seconded the motion. The motion carried. \$177,317.62

-MONTH END RECONCILIATION REVIEW / SIGN OFF... Vice-President Benakovich reviewed the September bank reconciliations and validated them.

VISITORS: ALAN MC CLOSKEY, NEXUS HEALTH CONNECT... Alan was present to give an overview of the services offered by the new clinic in Monticello. Along with patient care, they also offer labs and some medication dispensation. They offer in-person, virtual and after-hours service. Membership in the clinic can be cancelled at any time. Membership costs for employees start at \$75.00 a month.

JENNIFER GREGORASH, NON-RESIDENT... Jennifer expressed concern over the Town's handling of communicating information to the residents regarding the charges filed against the Municipal Superintendent. It was explained that the Town was not involved in the investigation and was not privy to the details of the charges.

LINDA MELTON, RESIDENT... Linda questioned if the Town Council President signed off on the certified operator's reports. President Cooley does not sign off on any reports associated with water or wastewater testing.

JACOB GARLING, MONON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE... Jacob stated the property at 702 Meridian has three storm basins on it that have been filled in, causing watershed to go onto the property at 809 Meridian. Member Franklin said if there are storm basins that they should be in the right-of-way and could be opened. Jacob said he knew where they were on the property. 2. Jacob said he had received a complaint regarding the town employee's knowledge of locates. Member Franklin agreed that they did need more training. Clerk Selagy reminded all that the town only locates our lines. Anything on the homeowner's side must be located by the homeowner. 3. Member Hickman asked Jacob how the clean up on 103 Arch Street was going, Jacob stated he has sprayed the weeds.

JIM DAVIS, ALL ABOARD MONON... 1. Jim reminded the council that Trunk or Treat will be on Tuesday, October 31st from 5:00-7:00 on the west side of Market Street. 2. The Christmas parade will be on Saturday, December 9th at 2:00 pm, with a bazaar at the Civic Center. 3. The last open mic event at the Monon Theater was well attended, with close to fifty people in attendance. They have currently sold 112/175 seats in the theater. Seats can be purchased for \$370.00.

UNFINISHED OR DEFERRED BUSINESS...

COMMONWEALTH ENGR..WW PROJECT... Nothing new at this time.

PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS... Nothing new at this time.

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

OLD FERTILIZER PLANT/MARTINEZ PROPERTY... Due to the potential risk of contaminants on this property, the owner is trying to secure brownfield grants. The next cycle will be in 2024. This item will be removed from the agenda and revisited later.

NEXUS HEALTH CONNECT SERVICE...The council will take into consideration the information they received tonight.

TOWN HALL ROOF ESTIMATES... Clerk Selagy stated that Knox Services was here last week to look at the roof over the garage bay. They have not submitted a quote yet. At this time, Jim Davis stated that Knox also looked at the Civic Center roof and gave a quote of \$19,300.

800 ADAMS ST ESTIMATES...Clerk Selagy presented two quotes for work to be completed inside the building. Work includes adding a wall, removing a wall, adding a service window, and removing the plumbing fixtures. We received two quotes. MMM Construction submitted a quote for \$3,500.00. Melton Construction submitted a quote for \$13,726.73. Melton's quote also included making concrete repairs to the front and side entries. Clerk Selagy requested a revised quote from Melton's for only the inside work but did not receive it. We will bid the concrete work out separately.

Ron Benakovich made a motion to approve the quote from MMM Construction.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion approved.

SERVLIN/LEAK PROTECTION PROPOSAL...Tabled until next meeting.

MEETING DATES...After a brief discussion, the council decided to keep the next meeting on Monday, November 6th and then go back to Tuesday night meetings, with the second meeting in November being on Tuesday, November 21st at 6:00 pm.

PERSONNEL PAY STATUS...Clerk Selagy stated that the council needed to decide on whether the Municipal Superintendent will be suspended with or without pay.

Ken Hickman made a motion to suspend without pay retroactive to the first day of suspension.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried with 3 ayes by Ken Hickman, Toni Onken and Chris Franklin and 1 nay by Ron Benakovich.

2. Clerk Selagy stated that both employees in the Laborer 1A position are in the middle of their salary range. They received their first bump at three months, they have now been here eight months. She is asking the board to consider moving them to the top of their pay scale, from \$18.97/hr to \$19.61/hr. After a brief discussion,

Ken Hickman made a motion to increase both Laborers to \$19.61/hr.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 2 ayes by Ken Hickman and Toni Onken and 1 nay by Chris Franklin.

Resident Linda Melton asked why the workers were allowed to work through their lunch and get overtime. Clerk Selagy stated that if the workers do not get an uninterrupted lunch break and work through their lunch, they must be paid for that time. If that results in working over forty hours for the week, then they are paid overtime accordingly. The consensus of the board was that they did not want the laborers working through their lunch.

TOWN MARSHAL ROGER YOUNG...Roger stated the officers have been working on getting their training hours for the year. 2. There is a sinkhole on 2nd Street under our new sidewalk that needs repaired. 3. The key to the park dump truck has been found, but the dump truck is in poor shape and should be used sparingly. Also, the Grasshopper mower is a 1998 or 1999 and should be replaced soon. 4. Roger stated he has priced a snow box for the Skid Steer, there is an 8' and a 10' available.

CLERK-TREASURER SELAGY...Stacy stated the Roger Young, Young and Sons, informed her that only one of the three boilers at the Civic Center was currently working. He would be getting quotes to repair the other two.

ATTORNEY REBECCA TRENT...Absent

MEMBER CHRIS FRANKLIN...Chris stated that fire prevention week went well. On Saturday they had fire truck rides for the kids.

MEMBER TONI ONKEN...Toni asked if the owners of the fertilizer plant owned the lot behind it. Marshal Young said that was owned by CSX. It is grown up and needs to be mowed. Under our agreement with CSX to mow, the town will use the bush hog on it.

VICE PRESIDENT RON BENAKOVICH...Ron asked Clerk Selagy to schedule a pickup for a couch at 815 N Lincoln. Ron also stated that in the past when the school used the park for events, they would donate to the park.

Chris Franklin made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned @ 7:23 pm.

*The next regular meeting will be on Monday, November 6th, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Rosemary Cooley

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT: Ronald Beck

COUNCIL MEMBER: Ken Johnson

COUNCIL MEMBER: Doni Baker

COUNCIL MEMBER: _____

ATTEST: Stacy Shoop