

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

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Monday, November 6, 2023**, at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were President Rosemary Cooley, Ken Hickman, Vice-President Ron Benakovich and Toni Onken. Also present were Attorney Rebecca Trent, Marshal Roger Young, and Clerk-Treasurer Stacy Selagy.

Member Chris Franklin was absent.

-President Cooley started our regular meeting @ 5:57 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 and EXECUTIVE meeting minutes from November 6, 2023.

-Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

-Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. The motion carried. \$157,403.36

**-MONTH END RECONCILIATION REVIEW / SIGN OFF...**President Cooley reviewed the October bank reconciliations and validated them. She also signed off on the revised September bank reconciliation for the water account.

Council members also reviewed and signed off on October month end balances.

**VISITORS: TERRY SAUNDERS, RESIDENT...**Terry addressed concerns related to loitering outside her house and loose dogs. Terry asked about the cost of the sign at the 800 Adams Street office, Marshal Young said the sign work was donated. Terry also questioned pricing on the Servline program.

**LINDA MELTON, RESIDENT...**Linda stated that they will be residing the concession stand and equipment storage buildings at the softball diamond. This will be paid for by the Monon Girl's Softball organization. The council thanked Linda and the softball group for investing back in the park.

**UNFINISHED OR DEFERRED BUSINESS...**

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

**PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS...**Roger stated they have been working on some residences that have been under construction and need to clean up materials and tagging vehicles. Roger said the trailer court has their own set of rules, one of which is a limit of two vehicles per residence, that are not being followed. Vehicles are blocking fire hydrants and in the event of a fire, vehicles would be damaged, and firetrucks would have trouble accessing the hydrants. We do have some hydrant markers, Roger will ask the Fire Department to pick out which hydrants they want marked. He would also like to get the curbs painted in front of the hydrants.

**TOWNSHIP & FIRE DEPT AGREEMENTS...**The proposed agreement from Jacob Garling, Township Trustee, has been received. The council members would like some time to review it before discussing.

**NEXUS HEALTH CONNECT SERVICE...**Tabled until insurance quotes are received in December.

**TOWN HALL ROOF ESTIMATES...** Three companies submitted quotes for roof repairs. Knox Services submitted a quote to clean, seal gaps and cracks and tuckpointing with no warranty for \$6,623.15. Five Star submitted a quote to re-roof the area with warranties ranging from ten to thirty years depending on the coating used at a minimum price of \$22,345.00 up to \$32,415.00. Whitaker Construction submitted two quotes, one for \$12,962.00 for topcoat rapid roof and one for \$13,600 for topcoat rapid roof with fabric reinforcement, both carry 12-year warranties.

Ron Benakovich made a motion to approve the Whitaker Construction quote for \$13,600.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**SERVLIN/LEAK PROTECTION PROPOSAL...**There are two parts to the coverage offered by Servline. The first part is the water and sewer leak protection. This protection pays the water and sewer charges for

the resident in the event of a leak. This would be a charge added to the water bill and the resident can choose to opt out of it. Plans are available for \$4.00/month or less. They also offer an External Water and Sewer Line plan that would be billed directly between Servline and the resident. Those plans are \$5.99/month for water and \$9.99/month for sewer. This plan does include services to locate and repair/replace leaking lines. The council would like for the representative from Servline to come in and explain the program in more detail. Clerk Selagy will check his availability.

**TOWN MARSHAL ROGER YOUNG...** Roger stated the officers have been working on getting their training hours for the year. 2. The bushhog and snow box have been delivered. 3. Accu-Dig fixed two water leaks last week, one at the park and one on Arch Street. 4. The park has been winterized. 5. There is a motor that needs to be installed in the aerator at the water plant, but there is not any electricity running to the roof. We have called Tribbett Electric to come in and look at it.

**CLERK-TREASURER SELAGY...** Stacy presented a quote from New Focus HR to create an employee handbook for a one-time cost of \$5,000. After a brief discussion.. Ken Hickman made a motion to contract New Focus HR to prepare an employee handbook. Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. The mixer for the Side Street water tower is in and will hopefully be installed before Thanksgiving. While they are here, they will also check the mixer on the other tower, but they did install a new mixer in it on June 8<sup>th</sup>. 3. Stacy is working on the salary ordinance for 2024. 4. Auner and Tracy will be attending snowplow training next Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. 5. All the claims for FEMA had to be withdrawn due to insurance coverage, except for debris clean up. We are on track to receive \$35,000 once the work is completed. They are still working to remove the mulch. 6. Member Franklin had asked Stacy to bring up the F350 at the park. It has gotten to the point where it is dangerous to drive it and he would like the board to consider getting rid of it. Marshal Young will start looking for a newer dump truck. Ron Benakovich made a motion to decommission the Ford F350 dump truck. Ken Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ATTORNEY REBECCA TRENT...**Nothing at this time.

**MEMBER TONI ONKEN...**Toni asked if all the meters that had been purchased for the school had been installed. There is a 2" meter that was purchased for the pole building that has not been installed. North White Building Superintendent Dean Cook is afraid that if we change the meter the increased pressure may break the galvanized pipe under the building. The council agreed that the meter still needs to be changed. Marshal Young will speak to Dean about it.

**MEMBER KEN HICKMAN...**Ken attended the meeting with Commissioner Smolek for local elected officials last month. He said that a big topic was the carbon sequestration. This is the process of capturing and storing atmospheric carbon dioxide. They then want to dump it 3,500 feet down into the ground. There is a lot of opposition to this project. They also discussed trailer parks and the housing shortage. There is another meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and they would like a different person to attend each time.

**PRESIDENT ROSEMARY COOLEY...**1. Rosie asked Marshal Young about the no engine braking signs. Roger stated there was already a sign up coming into town from the east, but it was faded and was inside town limits. He has installed a new sign at the town limits so that trucks have notice before getting to the residential area. 2. Rosie thanked Clerk Selagy for her help in getting the World War II plaque restored. This was a collaboration between the town and the White County Veteran's office.

Ken Hickman made a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned @ 7:05 pm.

\*The next regular meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**, at 6:00 pm. \*Note change in date\*

COUNCIL PRESIDENT Rosemary Cooley

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

COUNCIL MEMBER: Ken Hickman

COUNCIL MEMBER: Toni Falke

COUNCIL MEMBER: [Signature]

ATTEST: Hayley Slay