**COUNCIL MEETING**

**(REGULAR)**

**March 3, 2021**

The council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, March 3, 2021** at 6:00 pm at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were Vice President Stacy Selagy, Ron Benakovich and Ken Hickman. Also present were Superintendent Tony Rodgers, Marshal Roger Young and Clerk - Treasurer Tim Brown.

President Rosemary Cooley and Attorney Dow Dellinger were absent.

Vice President Stacy Selagy 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 February 17, 2021.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ken Hickman made the motion to accept all the bills – claims – payroll as presented.

Kirk Quasebarth seconded the motion. The motion carried. $44,271.20

**MONTH END RECONCILIATION REVIEW / SIGN OFF… Vice President Selagy reviewed, validated, and signed off on the February 2021 bank statements from our General, Water and Wastewater accounts.**

**VISITORS: Jim Davis was present and wanted to speak.** 1. Jim is now a member of the White County Economic Development Committee. He and Larry Brown are the 2 representatives from the Monon Area.

2. Jim also spoke with a higher up person that works for INDOT. Jim asked him why our downtown sidewalk intersections have been torn out and re-installed 3 times over the last 10 years. This INDOT person said that should have not happened. Jim will get in touch with this person in the future so he can put a stop to any wasteful projects. 3. Jim would also like any Town Council associated person to get involved with the Monon Main Street Group. The next meeting will be next Wednesday. Their next meeting will be a Zoom meeting. It would even be okay if a person would log on to the meeting and see what is going on. Any thoughts or suggestions would be appreciated. 4. There are also 2 small offices on each side of the theater that they will rent out at a super good price. What we want, and what they want is more businesses to come to Monon in our vacant buildings. Amen… we are all in agreement.

**Terry Saunders, resident was next to speak.** The business right north of her house is being remodeled. There has been as large truck in front of the building that the constructor put his scrap building materials. She would like the truck moved because it is an eye sore looking north out of her house. Marshal Young said he would speak to the contractor about this situation.

**Jon Borgers from Wessler Engineering was present.** Jon and Tony have just returned from looking at the new sewer flow meter at Vanguard. Vanguard is now finished with getting the meter installed correctly(?) . Both Jon and Tony said that the plumbing for the meter has been changed a lot. One good thing about this meter is that it has an USB port for information on how much discharge is coming through the meter. Jon and Tony took a thumb drive unit and downloaded the info from the meter. They should have the flow information for our next meeting. \*Tony wants to have a 3rd party company to come in and check out the meter to see if it is operating correctly. We will try to get Vanguard to be okay with this.

**PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS…** 1. Roger said in a couple of weeks when the weather gets nice, he and his deputy will start looking at some properties. He said to please tell him on any properties that you may want inspected.

2.The Howe Insurance people would like us to say something to the crew working on the building directly north of their property. They have a dumpster for the construction materials, but they do not keep it covered and the items blow out of it onto their business property. 3.VP Selagy brought up again about the property just east of the tracks on the south side of 3rd Street looking in bad shape again. Roger will check on it.

**VANGUARD SEWER FLOWMETER & IN-FLOW PROBLEM**… Please Nothing new this evening. The matter was tabled…

**LEAF VACUUM PURCHASE…** This matter was tabled.

**$500.00 PAYMENT TO THE WCEDC…** This matter was tabled.

**EMT / FIRE DEPTS. FUTURE FOR MONON…** Several people spoke on this matter this evening. 1. Fire Chief **Brad Hahn** stated that 6 people have passed the first section of the EMT certification. 2. Brad also stated that the main problem

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for both the EMT’s and the fireman is that there are hardly any available people during the day to respond to emergency calls. 3. Brad said that for the interim Monticello has agreed to a mutual aid agreement with several towns in White County to cover at least the fire calls that occur form 6:00 am to 4:00 pm during the day. 4.Brad also said that he would have someone post on Facebook about getting interested people that want to be especially (daytime) volunteer fireman.

**Member Benakovich** stated that maybe here in the future we could maybe put fireman wanted on our outside information sign.

**Jim Davis**, as part of his County Commissioner duties, will speak with Monticello Fire Chief Galen Logan next week about the proposed future fire department hub that maybe housed in Reynolds. This would be a fully manned small facility with fire / EMT people that could respond either north or south on Highway 43 / 421 or east or west on Highway 24. That is where many of the county emergency calls come from.

**INSURANCE AUDITS COMING…** Per Howe Insurance, their health underwriter company and their property underwriter company will be doing inspection / audits of our records and assists. \*They were here last Monday to do an audit on our personnel records. They will be here sometime in the future to do an audit on our vehicles / machinery and our buildings…(just to make sure what we have insured and to make sure especially that all our vehicles are permanently identified and marked.)

**SUPERINTENDENT TONY RODGERS…** 1. Tony talked about the whole town BOIL ORDER that happened this morning. There was an electrical problem that happened at the water plant that caused the problem. Hopefully by mid-day Friday everything will be fine. Deputy Clerk Deysi and Clerk Brown came in early to makes calls and inform most of the businesses and residents. 2. Tony is having some fine screen problems at the WW plant. Also, there should be a Water Alliance person coming here next week to help with some WW testing problems.

**ROGER YOUNG, MARSHAL…** 1. Roger’s new squad truck does not have a delivery date set. 2. The only arrests that Roger can take to the county jail (still) are DUI’s, felonies and domestic battery assault charges.

3. Roger would like Tony to install a security light on the west side of the fire station above the fuel tanks.

**CLERK – TREASURER, TIM BROWN…** 1.Four paving bid inquiries have been made & 2 trash bid inquiries have been made. We will hopefully vote on both issues by our April 7th meeting. 2.Our Senus meter head people will be here Thursday morning to update the software.

**VICE PRESIDENT SELAGY…** Stacy told us about the 3 commissioners’ sale lots that are around our railroad tracks by 3rd and 4th Streets. She said the 3 deeds should be complete here soon and the lots should be ours.

**MEMBER KEN HICKMAN…** Would like us to go out for more sidewalk bids as soon as we can.

**FIRE CHIEF BRAD HAHN…** Brad stated that Tanker 10 and Engine 6 have had service done on them and the bill will probably be split between the Town and the Township.

Ron Benakovich made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Kirk Quasebarth seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned @ 6:40 pm.

\*Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 17, 2021 @ 6:00pm.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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