**COUNCIL MEETING**

**(REGULAR)**

**April 21, 2021**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, April 21, 2021** at 6:00 pm at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were President Rosemary Cooley, Vice President Stacy Selagy, Ron Benakovich, and Ken Hickman. Also present were Superintendent Tony Rodgers, Marshal Roger Young and Clerk - Treasurer Tim Brown. (\*Our attorney position is currently vacant.)

Kirk Quasebarth was absent.

President Rosemary Cooley started our regular meeting @ 5:58 pm & led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment-of-silence.

**MINUTES, PAYROLL, BILLS & CLAIMS:** \*President Cooley made an addition to the WCED section about…”the Chamber and the Town should send flowers to new or expanded business. “

Ken Hickman made a motion to approve the REGULAR & EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES from April 7, 2021.

Stacy Selagy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

\*President Cooley asked a question about a $20,000.00 pump at the wastewater plant. Tony gave her an explanation. She is also concerned about the amount of all the NIPSCO bills every month. We might check someday to see if we could get a discount. Stacy Selagy made the motion to accept all the bills – claims – payroll as presented. Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried. $81,825.57

**MONTH END RECONCILIATION REVIEW / SIGN OFF… none this time.**

**VISITORS: None this time.**

**TOWN ATTORNEY DISCUSSION…** We are sorting our applications down to two. We will interview them after our next regular meeting on May 5th. This will be an executive meeting.

**PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS…** 1.Roger talked about the Piner property on Pine Street. We will start mowing the property so we can start putting liens in order to have revenue to clean up the property. 2.One of the old trailers on the south end of Race Street has sold. 3.Roger is getting 20 new letters ready to send out for property clean up.

**EXCESS IN-FLOW PROBLEM**… Nothing new to report this time.

**EMT / FIRE DEPTS. FUTURE FOR MONON… \***There was a joint meeting in Monticello on the 19th about the EMT / fireman hub that may be built in Reynolds. Nothing more to report on this. \*\*It was also discussed about paying our one town employee that is an EMT / fireman more money for each run they go on. It was decided not to do this.

**SIDEWALK QUOTES COMING…** We are getting one of our contractors to come back into town hall to discuss his bid. We may also put a couple of the sidewalk sections on-hold because of rite-a-way concerns. Our County Surveyor may help locating the rite-a-way boundaries on each street.

**OLD SUNOCO STATION…FOR SALE?** The company that owns the old Sunoco station site at 3rd Street and 421 wants to know if the town would like to acquire this property. They may sell it to us at a minimum price or they may give it to us. Once we get an attorney, we may have that person handle this. We want to see before we get the property if they would maybe pave it for us or if they would plant grass seed.

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN MONEY…** We received word last week that all towns and cities will be receiving federal money starting in June. This is not a reimbursement grant. There are only a few areas that this money is ear marked for. The 2 areas that are important to us are WATER & WASTEWATER.

We also presented a new ORDINANCE that points out the new fund number we must use and how the monies must be handled. **\*WE HAD THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #01-2021 FOR THE FEDERAL ARP MONIES FUND RECEIPTS.**

The second and final reading of this ordinance will be at our next regular meeting on May 5th.

**BLOOD DRIVE @CIVIC CENTER ON MAY 7, 2021…** The time for the blood drive is 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

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**SUPERINTENDENT TONY RODGERS…** 1.Tony is getting with Park president Jack Reindt soon to get the surveillance camera system ready for the Park’s splash pad. 2.The WW plant clarifiers need worked on. 3.The fine screen unit brushes at the WW plant hopefully will be ordered soon. 4.The one large basement pump has been installed and paid for at the WW plant. 4.Tony has hired Chris Melton to pour concrete steps leading form the WW plant down to the ditch. 5.The drying bed at the WW plant has some drainage issues. 6.Several engraved benches will be installed at the Park. 7.The water at the Park cabin has been turned on. The main Park meter has not been turned on yet because of freezing possibilities.

**ROGER YOUNG, MARSHAL…** 1. Roger’s new squad truck should hopefully be here within a month. 2. The new store in the old Moncel building will have its ribbon cutting grand opening this Saturday. 3.Roger is starting on a new procedure process. It is like our ordinances. There will be a meeting next week for this. The cost will be

at least be $2000.00.

4.President Cooley also reminded Roger and Deputy to make sure they use their body cameras. Roger said they do….

5.Deputy Rusk will be gone a couple days next week.

**CLERK – TREASURER, TIM BROWN…** 1.The search for a new Deputy Clerk – Treasurer will hopefully come to an end this Friday. 2.With the problem of finding qualified people to work for the town, we will here soon make a revision to our residence requirements that non-elected employees can live 30 minutes away from Monon. 3.We will leave our outside white sign out for another week at least. Tony has not filled his labor position yet.

**PRESIDENT COOLEY…** 1.Rosemary mentioned that the street flowers will probably be planted around May 12th…+/-. 2.She reported that the Park’s splash pad should have construction start soon. 3.We are also looking at some new playground equipment. It is $22,000.00 and we are saving $7000.00 up front. We will possibly sell the old equipment. For $600.00. 4.Marshal Young commented that the splash pad permits have not made it to the County level yet. 5.The question was asked about who will take care of the splash pad area? Maybe park caretaker Kim can take care of some items. Superintendent Tony mentioned if there are daily water tests that need to be done…he can do them.

6.Marshal Young suggested that a fence around the splash pad would be a good idea, plus making people pay for entering. Member Benakovich stated that when the park was donated to the town, the contract stated that we could not charge at all for anything.

Ken Hickman made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned @ 6.58 pm.

\*Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be May 5, 2021 @ 6:00pm.

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

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

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