

**COUNCIL MEETING
(REGULAR)
December 15, 2021**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, December 15, 2021**, at 6:00 pm at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were President Rosemary Cooley, Ken Hickman, Kirk Quasebarth, and Vice President Stacy Selagy. Also, present were Marshal Roger Young, Superintendent Tony Rodgers, and Clerk - Treasurer Tim Brown.

-Member Ron Benakovich and Attorney Rebecca Trent were absent.

-President Rosemary 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: Stacy Selagy made a motion to approve the REGULAR MEETING & THE EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES from December 1, 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. \$135,229.27

-MONTH END RECONCILIATION REVIEW / SIGN OFF... none this time.

VISITORS: -GABRIELLA FROM COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING...was present. She passed out the monthly meeting notes memo and the status handout sheets. Commonwealth's next item up for completion is the cost estimate. -They will also coordinate a visit with Tony and Chris to Whitestown and Westfield to look at a couple of their WW plants. -The draft report should be finished before our January 12, 2022 meeting.

PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS... -Member Quasebarth will give Roger some addresses that need looked at. -Roger also stated that he needs to start monitoring all the building contractors in town to take care of all of their scrap piles that are around town.

VANGUARD METER & OTHER WW INFO... Tony read the meter 2 weeks in a row. But this week the new meter is not working, and the old meter is working???? This is a very confusing situation. Tony has also tried to contact Vanguard officials, but no one will call him back. We may need to get our lawyer involved to have a 3rd party company helped with the monitoring of the meters.

(2) NEW STAIR RAILINGS NEEDED... Our middle railing on the stairs at Town Hall and the new concrete steps at the Wastewater Treatment plant need railings. The Town Hall railing rusted out and the WW railing will be a brand-new railing. Welder Fred Mancillia, local welder has been given the job.

BRUSH, LEAVES & GRASS PICK-UP INSTRUCTIONS NEED REVISED... We had a problem with a huge pile of limbs at a property a few weeks ago. The question was who picks them up...the property owner or us.

After a short discussion, Kirk Quasebarth made the motion to add into section 2 ..."Call Town Hall and our Superintendent Tony Rodgers will inspect the pile of limbs and he will determine if the town picks up the pile."

And in section 4... (We are going to remove the sentence...) The town will pick up the brush. The first sentence remains...No key will be given out for the brush gate.

Stacy Selagy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

FIRE & EMT UPDATED CONTRACTS & QUESTIONS... Attorney Trent updated our yearly payment contracts with the Township and the Fire Department. These updated contracts were passed out to everyone for their review. We will hopefully vote in the new contracts at the next meeting.

TOWN WORKER CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON... The luncheon will be on Thursday, 12-23 at noon at the Fire Station's conference room. *There is a sign-up sheet at town hall for the "carry in" items.

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SUPERINTENDENT TONY RODGERS... 1.Tony has been getting some of his yearly CEU credits by watching some webinars. 2.The street Christmas lights are all up and a BIG THANK YOU to Lyle from Tribbett Electric for installing the caboose tree lights...they look great! 3.Tony and his employees have received the yearly "bucket truck training and certification" course. 4.All but 2 of the surveillance cameras at the town park have been installed. 5.The water plant softener salt arrived today. The automatic salt dispenser still isn't working so Tony is manually dispensing the salt into the system twice a day. 6.Tony will be attending the spring water conference in French Lick on March 15, 16, and 17. He will also get more CEU credits for this. 7.Tony had his first drug test this week. The last one, because of COVID, was over a year ago. 8.Tony will start to investigate water flow coming from the Water Plant into the storm water that is going to the WW Plant. This may be a substantial amount and we need to check it out. 9.The lights in conference room have been flickering forever. After repeated attempts to fix the problem, Tony may replace the whole light fixtures.

MARSHAL YOUNG... 1.Roger's Dodge truck finally has the decals on it...and they look great. 2.The Explorer squad vehicle is getting 5 new tires. 3.Roger is receiving some Year End training here soon. 4.Deputy Ryan Rusk turned in his resignation yesterday. His last day here will be December 24, 2021. *Thank you for your service to our town Ryan!!! 5.A truck that has been setting on 2nd Street for a long time with South Dakota plates has been towed away. 6.Eric Storm from the County had to re-order the cameras that were going to be installed around Town Hall.

CLERK – TREASURER BROWN... 1.Full time EMT and part time town deputy clerk Kath Dulin's last day here will be December 22, 2021. *She will be missed! 2. Clerk Brown mentioned that Trey Cobb, local certified EMT, has applied for Kathy's EMT job. Without any discussion at all... Ken Hickman made the motion to hire Trey Cobb as soon as we can. Kirk Quasebarth seconded the motion.

The motion carried. Trey will start fulltime on December 27, 2021. 3.We have only received (1) interest letter for our Town Council opening position. We will hopefully get more applications and make our appointment at our January 12, 2022 meeting. 4.Clerk Brown also passed out the water and wastewater charts from November. 5.We received the KIRPC yearly council member sheet. We will get it signed and returned by whoever is our rep. for next year. 6.Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Tammy Beasley illness update... she has a very bad case of COVID. She has been off work since December 3, 2021. She says she is improving a little every day now. *Thanks to Kathy and Amy for filling in during Tammy's absence.

-Stacy Selagy made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

-Kirk Quasebarth seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned @ 6:31 pm.

*We will only have one regularly scheduled meeting in January 2022. It will be on Wed. 01-12. @ 6:00pm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: _____

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COUNCIL MEMBER: _____

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