

**COUNCIL MEETING
(REGULAR)
July 21, 2021**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, July 21, 2021**, at 6:00 pm at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were President Rosemary Cooley, Stacy Selagy, Kirk Quasebarth, Ron Benakovich, Ken Hickman. Also, present were Superintendent Tony Rodgers and Clerk - Treasurer Tim Brown.

Marshal Roger Young 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: Ken Hickman made a motion to approve the REGULAR MEETING MINUTES from July 7, 2021. Stacy Selagy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

*Member Ron questioned the \$1700.00 bill for Tony's truck repair and for the new door at the Babe Ruth field. Tony gave Ron the info of the repair and the door purchase.

Stacy Selagy made the motion to accept all the bills – claims – payroll as presented. Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried. \$411,987.61

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

VISITORS: WHITE CO. APC DIRECTOR JOE ROGERS WAS PRESENT... Joe was here to present a modification to the A66 county ordinance for Renewable Energy. Joe stated the first part of the ordinance was about wind power turbines. The second part was about solar power fields. After a short discussion... Stacy Selagy made the motion to accept the modification of the A66 ordinance.

Kirk Quasebarth seconded the motion. The motion carried.*The Town of Monon's ordinance number for this is 04-2021.

*President Cooley thanked Joe for all his work on this issue plus all his hard work with the county over the years. Commissioner Jim Davis, who was present, also praised Joe.

PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS... Roger was not here this evening.

IN-FLOW STORM WATER & STUDY GRANT... 1.Tony is still trying to get Vanguard to cooperate with us on getting the flowmeter readings. Tony will get with Attorney Trent to send an official letter to Vanguard. 2.Jon from Wessler's was present and he talked about our WW STUDY GRANT. He said that we would not probably hear from the State until late August about if we received the grant or not. 3.Rosemary asked if anyone has reported any basement flooding lately after all the recent rain. No one had any complaints.

SPLASH PAD INFO... 1.All the sidewalks are finished around the splashpad area including where they go to the shelters. 2.Tony is getting with Tribbett Electric for more lighting around the area. 3.Tony is also getting with the camera installer people to see where all the cameras should be.

SIDEWALK CONTRACT UPDATE... 1.Three sections of new sidewalk have been installed and paid for. 2.The sidewalk crew is now working on the section of sidewalk on the west side of Highway 421 between 1st and 2nd Streets. The last section of sidewalk to be installed this year will be on 2nd Street between the highway and the Park on the south side. 3.Rosemary asked if the sidewalk approach to the house on 5th Street will be finished by our sidewalk crew? Chris the owner of the company stated that the owner of the property will put in the sidewalk section.

2022 BUDGET... Clerk Brown stated that most of the preliminary budget paperwork has been completed. The proposed figures were shown to the Council. The budget will increase approximately 12% next year if all these figures are approved by the State. *This is a little higher increase than normal because of the new trash contract amount and new insurance rates...plus other normal increases. **We will present our budget figures to the State on August 9, 2021. Our 2 public meetings concerning the budget will take place probably in September.

WATER WELL #3 MAINTENANCE NEEDED... Tony talked about the quote concerning the work on the well. The total for the quote is around \$24,000.00. This complete well examination/repair is only done every 5 years. Clerk Brown has talked to the well company, and they will let us make payments on this bill over several months.

Kirk Quasebarth made a motion to go ahead and have the well maintenance completed by the Peerless Well Company.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried. *We will also pay for televising of the well.

ARP GRANT MONIES... The application for the money has been filled out and email to the State. Hopefully everything is fine with the paperwork, and we will see the money soon.

SUPERINTENDENT TONY RODGERS... 1.The new concrete stairway needed at the WW Plant will be poured after the sidewalk crew is finished with all the sidewalk areas. 2.Our summer workers have completed all the railroad crossing street markings painting. 3.Catch basin cleaning is also continuing. 4.Also street curb cleaning is being worked on. 5.Brush and lawn waste bags are being picked up daily. 6.VP Selagy commented that the alley between Dorothy and Linden Streets needs the brush cleaned out of it. 7.Sludge hauling is starting again at the WW Plant. 8.The fine screen WW unit brushes have arrived. 9.Skeeter spraying around town will go on for 2 weeks. *Member Quasebarth has had complaints about us not spraying for skeeters yet... 10.Summer worker Steve Hubbard’s last day will be tomorrow. 11.Tony will get one of the rainwater barrels from Monticello for us to try out. 12.Tony told the Council members about the final 2 people on his list to hire. The Council members said it was Tony’s decision. 13.Member Hickman wanted to know if it is first come first serve with all the grindings we have left over from the paving. The answer is yes... 14.Tony will be at a conference on the 28th and 29th of this month. He will also be on vacation on the 30th.

ROGER YOUNG, MARSHAL... Roger was not present.

CLERK – TREASURER, TIM BROWN... 1.We have 5 new memorial benches that are now ready to be installed. The FOP has installed them in the past, but we want them installed here soon. Tony will get in touch with a contractor soon to get them installed. 2.We will have a special Chamber meeting this month on July 29. It will be at the new Junction House restaurant.

ATTORNEY TRENT... Rebecca was not present.

PRESIDENT COOLEY... There is a streetlight in the corner of the Methodist Church parking lot. The church officials wanted Rosemary to ask if the town would consider taking over payment of this streetlight. It will cost us and additional \$17.00 a month. Clerk Brown said our finances could handle this...

Jim Davis, Commissioner... 1.Jim told Tony that he would help him getting a rain barrel from Monticello. 2. Jim also stated that OCRA sent out an email yesterday about how to handle the APR money once you receive it.

Ron Benakovich made the motion to adjourn the meeting.
Kirk Quasebarth seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned @ 6:45 pm.
*Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be August 4, 2021 @ 6:00pm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: _____

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT: _____

COUNCIL MEMBER: _____

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