

**COUNCIL MEETING
(REGULAR)
July 7, 2021**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, July 7, 2021**, at 6:00 pm at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were President Rosemary Cooley, Stacy Selagy, Ron Benakovich, Ken Hickman. Also, present were Marshal Roger Young, and Clerk - Treasurer Tim Brown.

Member Kirk Quasebarth was 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: Ron Benakovich made a motion to approve the REGULAR MEETING MINUTES from June 16, 2021. Stacy Selagy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ken Hickman made the motion to accept all the bills – claims – payroll as presented. Stacy Selagy seconded the motion. The motion carried. \$166,444.93

MONTH END RECONCILIATION REVIEW / SIGN OFF... President Rosemary Cooley reviewed and validated the June 2021 bank rec. presented to her.

VISITORS: KIRPC.....Gabrielle Bicunas and Rob Bellucci from Commonwealth Engineers were present. They were here to discuss the Swift Monies Grant, same as Edwin and Jon discussed in our last meeting. The due date for the preliminary paperwork is next week, July 15. After a long discussion... Ken Hickman made the motion that we start right now on the prelim paperwork for next week, July 15. Stacy Selagy seconded the motion. The motion was approved. *More discussion followed on which engineering company we should choose to do the paperwork. VP Selagy stated that we need to get started on all the engineering and other proposals. All these items take a long time to get finished and approved. Member Benakovich also gave the council a pep talk about getting this process going. We must start someplace.

After several questions with both Commonwealth and Jon for Wessler's...

Ron Benakovich made the motion to choose Commonwealth Engineering.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried. *Commonwealth will get with Clerk Brown in the morning to get info to start the paperwork for next week. *Jim Davis, Commissioner, stated again the importance of getting the process started. "This town can grow but by staying on the sewer ban we cannot." Also, Larry Brown from WCED and just north of Monon was also present. He echoed everything that Jim Davis stated plus also that there "...is a lot of money for projects out there now and we need to go after it."

PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS... 1.Roger stated that they have been tagging more vehicles and doing 10 more property clean letters plus some red tags. 2.President Cooley also told Roger that the property on the southwest corner of 5th and Spruce Streets STILL needs some attention. 3.VP Selagy mentioned that the area around Dorothy & 5th Street needs a lot of brush and tree branches cut. They are blocking a couple of the stop signs in the area plus the alley in that area needs trimmed back again.

EXCESS IN-FLOW STORM WATER PROBLEM... We are now having trouble with Vanguard giving us permission to get the readings from the flowmeter. Attorney Trent will get with Tony, and she will write them a letter stating that we have to read the meter on occasion.

OLD SUNOCO STATION...FOR SALE? Attorney Trent noted that after she spoke with the owner of the site, they have agreed to GIVE US the property. But...they will give it to us "as is." After a short discussion... Stacy Selagy made the motion to have Attorney Trent go ahead with the property transfer. Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPLASH PAD INFO... Superintendent Rodgers stated that excavation work has started. The in-ground plumbing and ADA sidewalk work is progressing. In a couple of weeks more plumbing and electrical work should start.

SIDEWALK CONTRACT UPDATE... Two sections of new sidewalk have been installed and paid for. Three more sections to go. *Jim Davis has approached our sidewalk contractor about doing the slab for our new gazebo that will go north of town hall. **Jim also talked about the paver bricks that are being sold that will make up the sidewalk leading to the gazebo. Town Hall and Jim have the paver forms.

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JUNE UTILITY SHUT OFF LIST & RECONNECT FEES... The new reconnect fees finally took affect with people hitting the \$75.00 range this month. Plus, the bills state we will shut off nonpaid accounts on the first of the month. We usually do not turn off on the 1st but this month we did. The combination of both things created a near riot at town hall last Thursday. People were terribly upset. The good thing is most folks have settled down. They do not like the rules but that is what they are.

2022 BUDGET SEASON IS STARTING... Hopefully next week we can get started going through the lengthy process. The state has given most of the printouts we need to get started.

WHITE COUNTY 2021 FAIR DATES... The fair will start next Friday, July 16. It will last until July 22.

SUPERINTENDENT TONY RODGERS... 1.The summer help is working out nicely. They collect brush and grass bags every day. They have been painting some of the railroad street crossings. They have also been cleaning some of the street curbs. 2.New water samples will be collected soon. 3.The old park 2”meter will be replaced soon. 4.The new camera system at the park & splash pad will be started soon.

ROGER YOUNG, MARSHAL... Roger has received his new squad truck. About the last thing needed on the vehicle is the police graphics that go on all the sides.

CLERK – TREASURER, TIM BROWN... 1.Trash pick-up because of the holiday will still be on Friday this week. 2.This year’s street paving is complete. We will start looking at the streets we want to pave here soon. 3.The financial water and WW charts were passed out for June. 4.We will have a special Chamber meeting this month on July 29. It will be at the new Junction House restaurant.

ATTORNEY TRENT... 1. The 3 lots going through the “quiet title” process has run into a little snag. The title process was advertised in the papers and the one lot south of Dorothy Street has been disputed. An elderly person is saying the lot may actually belong to them from a purchase agreement going back to the 1880’s. Rebecca will investigate this claim.
2.Rebecca also looked at our fireworks ordinance from the state, and what we have as a town is legal.

PRESIDENT COOLEY... 1.Rosemary told Tony that he could start with the skeeter spraying in Monon.
2.Rosemary was the one that asked Rebecca and Marshal Young about the fireworks ordinance.

Jim Davis... Jim stated that Monticello is getting rain barrels that can be used for rainwater collection coming from downspouts. He is wondering if our town would be interested in a program like this. Superintendent Tony will check this out.

Larry Brown... told us that Adkev in Monticello is looking at having some of their employees volunteer to work in other businesses or towns. They can not get some of their raw materials to make their parts, and they do not want to lay anyone off. They are still paying these employees with Covid money, and they need something to do.

Member Benakovich... Ron thanked Larry Brown and Jim Davis for all the suggestions to help with our town. We all appreciate their efforts.

Ron Benakovich made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned @ 7:07 pm.

*Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be July 21, 2021 @ 6:00pm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: _____

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