

The Town Council of the Town of Markle, Indiana met in its meeting room at the Markle Fire Department Building on the 17th of June, 2015, at the hour of 7:30 p.m. in accordance with the rules of the Council and applicable laws.

Town Council Members present: Mark Hamilton, and Rick Bower. Clerk-Treasurer Shelley Monticue and (8) additional townspeople were in attendance. President Jeff Humbarger was absent.

First order of business was the minutes from the May 20th Regular Meeting and May 25th Special Meeting. Councilmember Bower motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Vice President Hamilton. Motion carried 2-0, and minutes were signed.

Next on the Agenda was Town Council Correspondence. Huntington County United Economic Development has submitted a list of current and completed projects for economic development within Huntington County.

Town Supervisor Rick Asher submitted his monthly report:

- A paving contract outlining the projects approved at the May Meeting was submitted. Contract was signed.
- A modified painting contract with L&T Painters, Inc. for the water tower located at 140 W. Logan St. was submitted for signature.
- Mr. Asher gave an update on the impact of the recent record rainfall at the Wastewater Treatment Plant:
 - Three pumps working 24/7 at the plant was not enough to keep up with the record rainfall. Some was pumped out of the EQ basin and bypassed in order to prevent back up at collection on some properties. Since all of the collection, both storm sewer and sanitary sewer, goes through the EQ basin, Mr. Asher recommends that an engineer come to evaluate the design of the treatment plan and give a recommendation for modification.
 - Councilmember Bower verified the current gallons per minute (gpm) that the pumps were able to accommodate. Vice President Hamilton verified that the lining of the laterals on the northwest side of Town would lower the collection of unnecessary storm water. Mr. Asher said that a study of the whole Town would be necessary, especially at the 75 manholes and each manhole's flow. Councilmember Bower noted that some sort of diversion of the storm water would greatly assist.
 - Vice President Hamilton stated that an estimate for the engineering work would be the first step. Mr. Asher noted that IDEM's requirements should be taken into consideration before consulting an engineer. In order to take in all of the water, both "1st flush" and storm water, an additional EQ basin would allow for more holding without so much pressure on the pumps. The estimated cost of an additional basin would be \$150,000. While Mr. Asher noted that the rainfall was the worst since the beginning of his employment (1976), something needs to be done to modify the plant to avoid backup. An engineering study plus consultation with IDEM would acquire the requirements for both pump sizes and diversion chambers.
 - Prior to the 2002 renovations, Mr. Asher noted that storm water was diverted but now all is pumped through the EQ basin. When Councilmember Bower asked about the acquisition of an additional pump, Mr. Asher noted that an additional pump would have to be plumbed separately in order to avoid overflow at the clarifiers. Adjustment of the

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valves would be more necessary than an additional pump. Mr. Asher would like only the "1st Flush," the strongest flush to go to the EQ basin, and then the flow played with prior to sending it to the clarifier. Councilmember Bower then said that a "diverter is the way to go" if IDEM allows a diversion system.

- In order to measure of a larger pump, it is best to do it now when it is so wet, but it is unable to be measured. When it is dry and able to be measured, however, the flow is normal and the current pumps are sufficient.
- Mr. Asher noted that until the water levels decrease, the cameras cannot be used on the northwest section of Town and the pipes are not completely full of water. A smoke test would not be effective to determine leaks in the lines.
- Vice President Hamilton motioned to approve an engineering study prior to the July Meeting in an amount not-to-exceed \$3000. A Special Meeting would be necessary to go over that amount. Councilmember Bower seconded the motion and motion carried 2-0.

Town Marshal John Markley then delivered his monthly report:

- Marshal Markley requested a traffic study to be conducted on Novae Parkway since one had not been done since Dayton Freight, Novae #2 and now Novae #6 had been constructed. He noted that Novae is pulling trailers across the road between facilities, and "slow moving vehicles" and/or "forklift" signs need to be placed at both north and south ends of Novae Parkway due to the fast traffic. Marshal Markley will check with the Town Attorney to verify the process to move the speed limit from 45mph to 35mph.
- With the phasing out of 800MHz radios within five years to the new P-25 system, Marshal Markley delivered cost estimates for replacing all of the Markle Police Department's radios. The estimate was for two portable radios and one stationary radio. In order to replace all six portable and four stationary radios, a line item for replacement would need to be built into the Fiscal Budget for the next 2-3 years.

Public Comment included Julie Newsome of the Huntington County Assessor's office coming to educate Clerk-Treasurer Monticue and Town Council on the clarifications necessary on the "actual terms of abatements and the term schedules to follow." She said that the clarifications affect the ability of the Assessor's Office to determine Special Schedules or follow the Standard Schedules as outlined in the Indiana Code. Clerk-Treasurer Monticue will go to the Assessor's office within the next 1-2 days to receive training and, per Vice President Hamilton, Marshal Markley will follow up with Deputy Assessor Newsome to verify that the Town is now in compliance with the new statute.

In Old Business:

- Ordinance 2015-3, a parking ordinance revising legality of parking against the flow of traffic and its subsequent fines per offense, was read verbatim for the second time by Vice President Hamilton. Councilmember Bower motioned to adopt Ordinance 2015-3, seconded by Vice President Hamilton. Motion carried 2-0, and Ordinance 2015-3 was signed. Ordinance 2015-3 will go into effect July 1st, 2015 after publication verbatim in both the Huntington Herald-Press and Bluffton News-Banner.
- Vice President Hamilton motioned to approve the correctly modified Notice of Award for L&T Painters, Inc. for the painting and addition of safety features at the water tower located at 140

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W. Logan St. Councilmember Bower seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0, and the Notice of Award and Specifications Contract were signed.

At this time, Clerk-Treasurer Monticue delivered her report:

- A write off for Connie Ryan, deceased, for the property located at 235 E. Morse Street, was requested in the amount of \$170.98. Vice President Hamilton motioned to approve the write-off, seconded by Councilmember Bower. Motion carried 2-0.
- Vice President Hamilton recommended that Clerk-Treasurer Monticue acquire an EMB reader for the Town's Paygov credit card service. Council agreed on this by consensus. *✓ sm*
- Melinda Antell of Waste Management requested verification that the Town will be utilizing an optional extension year for its refuse service. This would include the standard rate increase specified in the contract and be in lieu of re-bidding the refuse and recycling services. Council approves the optional year extension by consensus.

Clerk-Treasurer Monticue submitted 80 vouchers for approval, totaling \$151,074.49: 45 from the General Fund totaling \$82,674.14, 18 from the Water Fund totaling \$32,889.28, and 17 from the Wastewater Fund totaling \$35,311.07. Councilmember Bower motioned to approve the Vouchers as submitted, seconded by Vice President Hamilton. Motion carried 2-0, and Vouchers were signed.

Hearing no other business brought before Council, Vice President Hamilton adjourned the Meeting at 8:18 P.M.

By abstain due to absence
Jeff Humbarger President

By Rick Bower
Rick Bower Councilmember

By Mark Hamilton
Mark Hamilton Vice-President

Attest: Shelley Monticue
Shelley Monticue Clerk-Treasurer