

Council Meeting

April 15, 2015

7:30 P.M.

The Town Council of the Town of Markle, Indiana met in its meeting room at the Markle Fire Department Building on the 15th of April, 2015, at the hour of 7:30 p.m. in accordance with the rules of the Council and applicable laws.

Town Council Members present: Jeff Humbarger, Mark Hamilton, and Rick Bower. Clerk-Treasurer Shelley Monticue and (11) additional townspeople were in attendance.

The Public Hearing began at 7:30. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss, and perhaps act on, a proposed lease of rental space for a temporary Town Hall to be located at 520 West Logan Street. The terms of the month-to-month lease are with Turnpointe Community Church, 500 West Logan Street. Furthermore, the terms include an understanding of a length of approximately eighteen months, at a monthly rent of \$500 to be paid the first of every month, beginning May 1, 2015. President Humbarger noted that the lease had been sent to the Town's insurance agent, Richard Randol of General Insurance. No further public comment was heard. Councilmember Bower motioned to approve the terms of the proposed lease, seconded by Vice President Hamilton. Motion carried 3-0, and the lease was signed.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

First order of business were the minutes from the March 18th Regular Meeting. President Humbarger noted a change in the date of the Egg Hunt to March 28th, 2015. Vice President Hamilton motioned to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by President Humbarger. Motion carried 3-0, and Minutes were signed.

Next on the Agenda, Richard Randol of General Insurance presented the renewal for the Town's insurance policy, effective May 15, 2015:

- Page two summarized a premium comparison between a \$1000 deductible (current) and \$2500 deductible (proposed). Automotive deductibles would remain at \$500. Mr. Randol, showing only \$407 savings per year to increase the deductible, did not find it in the best interest to encourage the Town to raise its deductible. Page two also noted an increase of \$136,632 in property value due to inflation and weather issues.
- The inland marine equipment list has been updated with the help of Marshal Markley and Town Supervisor Asher. A vehicle was deleted within the past year, and a mosquito fogger was removed with a newer model added.
- The experience modification is 0.85, which means that the Town's Workman's Comp costs are 15% less than its peer group, a savings with IPEP of \$2371.
- Mr. Randol included a quote for Data Compromise Awareness Coverage when credit card and Social Security data has been compromised. While it can be added at any time, the cost for an entire year's coverage is \$371. Councilmember Bower had Mr. Randol answer questions regarding this coverage.
- An overall cost increase of approximately \$638, or 2.3% was noted, in part due to claims and inflation. When the possession of the Town Hall is removed (\$610 annually) and the addition of the rental

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insurance on the parsonage (approximately \$150 annually), the overlap will be prorated. Mr. Randol noted that towns of similar size saw an increase of as much as \$5000, so he felt this was a good renewal.

- Mr. Randol noted that there is a new health insurance representative with 20 years' experience at General Insurance now when the Town would like to reevaluate its health insurance coverage.
- The individual liability coverage and the law enforcement (Full time, part time, and reserve) coverage were discussed

President Humbarger motioned to approve the renewal, the retention of the \$1000 property deductible, and the addition of the Data Compromise Awareness Coverage. This was seconded by Vice President Hamilton, and motion carried 3-0. Proper documentation was signed.

In Town Council correspondence, Amy Moreland of Novae Corp (not present) will be delivering CF-1s of previously approved abatements to the Town Hall on April 16th. Since the documents will be due to the County Auditor prior to the May Meeting (due date May 15th), President Humbarger requested permission to sign the CF-1s. This would be contingent on the documents having no material changes to previous years and Novae Corp being in compliance. Vice President Hamilton motioned to approve the CF-1s, contingent on compliance, seconded by Councilmember Bower. Motion carried 3-0.

Next on the Agenda, Town Supervisor Rick Asher submitted his monthly report::

- The lift station has been repaired from the automotive accident on February 25, 2015. The cost was \$12,471.50. Mr. Asher requested to purchase (3) phase monitors for all of the lift stations at the cost of approximately \$1400 total from Raber Electric. It would allow the lift stations to "kick out" instead of "burn out" during a power outage. Council approves the purchase by consensus.
- Amended specifications for painting the east water tower were received April 15th. The specs now include a mixer and a wash out of the interior since painting of the interior is not needed at this time. At that time, the Town would do another bid process. Furthermore, it would include safety modifications of the cat walk with a new opening of 24" instead of 18" at the base and modification to a safer vertical ladder rather than a curved ladder to the top of the bowl. Inspections would be paid out on an as needed basis, as would any repairs. Bids will be opened at 2:00 P.M. on May 7th, with the anticipation of one Councilman in attendance. President Humbarger motioned to approve the bid specifications as presented, seconded by Vice President Hamilton. Motion carried 3-0.
- May large trash pick-up is scheduled beginning May 18th and will continue through the last two weeks of May. This is following the Town-wide garage sales on May 16th.
- Performance Pipeline (PPI) is evaluating the water infiltration issues on the Northwest side of Town. Since the laterals are not lined and leaking, or the liners in place are defective, Mr. Asher requests \$500 to pay PPI to televise the manholes. There is a drop from 4' deep at each residential connection to the lateral at 6' deep, and in this place, there is no liner. The goal is to "T" the liner into the laterals at 10', then from the lateral to the taps. Approximately 40-45 parcels need this service on the northwest side of Town along U.S. 224, Lee, and High Streets. Since Insituform only works on a horizontal plane when doing liners, PPI was approached about doing the vertical work. Discussion ensued regarding the water table, the clay and stone base under the surface, and the work the Town has done to separate storm sewer from sanitary sewer. By consensus, Council approves the \$500 to hire PPI to televise manholes.

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- Mr. Asher is generating quotes for asphalt work along Novae Parkway near Dayton Freight, County Line Road, and Hoover Lane between Lee and Clark Streets.
- Mr. Asher and Wastewater Superintendent Scott Spahr will be attending a class in Waterloo on April 16th. Water Superintendent Steve Jeffers is currently in Chicago attending a Chlorine class.

Marshal John Markley submitted his monthly report:

- Training for new reserves will be handled "in house" with Officer Eric Sands doing the training.
- Due to heavy wind and in order to keep a cleaner community, Marshal Markley requests that any loose recycling be bagged in blue recycling bags available for purchase at grocery stores and supercenters.
- Security cameras have arrived and are ready for installation by Town employees at both the Fire Station and the interim Town Hall.

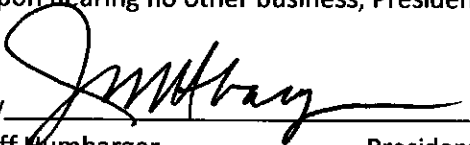
Next on the Agenda was time allowed for Public Comment. Tiffany Grant, 210 E. Morse St., requested permission to place signage for any large contributor (\$5,000 or more) to the Markle Wildcat Festival. The signs would be purchased by the Festival Committee but permission is needed to attach them to Town-owned signs. These signs would be placed under the "Welcome to Markle" signs and would be created by the same firm that created the Town signs in order to maintain uniformity. This would be in addition to the advertising purchased for \$1000 annually at the Markle Ball Diamonds. Council approves the signage by consensus. Mrs. Grant will return at the May Meeting to discuss a possible donation by the Town to the Festival.


First in Old Business, a memorandum between the Town and the Markle Area Historical Society (MAHS) will move to Old Business at the May Meeting. At that time, the MAHS will present Exhibit A, documenting the artifacts for storage by the Town. Mike Grant, MAHS President, noted that Exhibit A was 90% complete.

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

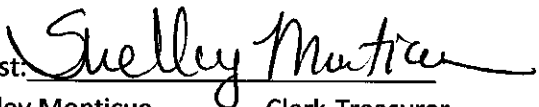
Clerk-Treasurer Monticue submitted 95 regular vouchers in the amount of \$155,355.93 for approval: 55 vouchers from the General Fund in the amount of \$100,639.31, 25 from the Water Fund in the amount of \$33,376.20, and 15 from the Wastewater Fund in the amount of \$21,340.42. President Humbarger motioned to approve all regular vouchers, seconded by Councilmember Bower. Motion carried 3-0, and vouchers were signed.

Upon hearing no other business, President Humbarger motioned to adjourn at 8:37 P.M.

By 
Jeff Humbarger President

By 
Rick Bower Councilmember

By 
Mark Hamilton Vice-President

Attest: 
Shelley Monticue Clerk-Treasurer