

Council Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2016

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 20th day of July, 2016, at the hour of 7:30 p.m. in accordance with the rules of the Council and applicable laws and appropriate notice. Town Council Members present: President Jeff Humbarger, Vice-President Mark Hamilton, and Councilmember Rick Bower. Clerk-Treasurer Carolyn Hamilton and ten additional people were in attendance.

President Humbarger called the Regular Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The first order of business was to approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes for the June 15, 2016 meeting. Councilman Rick Bower moved to approve the minutes. President Humbarger seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Mandy Woods from the Department of Community Development presented Council with Ordinance 2016-4, an Ordinance amending the Official Zoning Code of the Town of Markle, Indiana, modifying section 917: Flood Hazard Area Overlay District (FHA). This Ordinance contained only minor changes to make all the communities the same. It mainly affected communities in the flood plain and made the Ordinance match the State's plan. President Humbarger moved to adopt Ordinance 2016-4 on the first reading. Councilmember Rick Bower seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. President Humbarger made a motion to suspend the rules and adopt on second reading Ordinance 2016-4, seconded by Councilmember Rick Bower. Motion passed unanimously. President Humbarger moved to pass Ordinance 2016-4 as presented. Councilman Rick Bower seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Ordinance signed.

Marla Stambazee, Land Use Division/Office Coordinator, from the Department of Community Development, opened the bids on the demo of the accessory structure at 235 Wilt St. (Copy of bid instructions attached.) President Humbarger opened the bids. Low bid was Mohr Excavating of Huntington, Indiana with a bid of \$1,800. They will also be given the opportunity to remove a tree on the property for an extra fee. Bids were also received from Allen Chance dba Chance Enterprise \$2,600 and Martin Enterprise \$7,412. President Humbarger moved to award the demolition to Mohr Excavating. Councilman Rick Bower seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Marla Stambazee also reported a lot of progress on the Lee property on 425 N. Clark St. The Boonstra property at 145 E. Morse St. has made no progress.

Jay Stankiewicz, representing JPR, brought before Council a Title VI Implementation Plan. The cost of the Scope of Services is a lump sum fee of \$5,500. The INDOT audit completed recently was not in compliance. This will bring the Title VI Implementation Plan up to date. Councilmember Rick Bower moved to approve the plan. Vice-President Mark Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. President Humbarger signed the proposal. Copy Attached.

Jay Stankiewicz also reported that the Asset Management Plans is 95% complete. Jay suggested the Town get letters of support from the industries and landowners on Novae Parkway. Novae Parkway will be completely reconstructed with 2- 12' lanes. The Town is applying for a 50/50 grant through INDOT for

Novae Parkway and north of 224 in front of Hare Canvas. The Town will be using TIF Funds to do the match for Novae Parkway and Fund 257 to do the match for the piece in front of Hare Canvas.

President Humbarger introduced Ordinance 2016-3. All of the communities serviced by our attorney went together to pay to have this ordinance done. This is the Nuisance Ordinance Chapter 91: Nuisances of the Town of Markle, Indiana – Indiana Code of Ordinances. President Humbarger moved to adopt Ordinance 2016-3 on the first reading. Councilmember Rick Bower seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. President Humbarger moved to suspend the rules and adopt Ordinance 2016-3 on the second reading. Councilmember Rick Bower seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Councilmember Rick Bower moved to pass Ordinance 2016-3 as presented. President Jeff Humbarger seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

President Humbarger reviewed Resolution 2016-3, Authorizing Issuance of Individual Procurement Cards, for the Town of Markle. IACT will get a percentage back as well as the Town. Councilmember Rick Bower moved to approved Resolution 2016-3. Vice-President Mark Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

No Town Correspondence was reported by Council.

The lift station will be repaired on Novae Parkway on July 27, 2016. Rick Asher will order an extra pump for the lift station so that they have an extra one on hand.

Rick Asher submitted his written Superintendent Report. Copy attached. Rick reported to Council that there was a broken field tile behind Haflich St. on the cul-de-sac south, to behind Dick Randol's house. The Town employees will replace the tile.

John Markley submitted his written Marshal's report. Marshal Markley also reported that he could get a speed trailer built for no more that \$5,000. I-69 Trailer Sales will donate the time to build the frame and the only thing the Town will have to purchase is the speed unit. By consensus Council approved this purchase. All the information and pictures are attached. The speed trailer he borrowed from Huntington Co. Highway Dept. was placed in different locations in the Town and had a big impact on the speed of vehicles.

Stephen Jeffers has to have the filter at the Water Plant inspected per IDEM. The price of Ortman inspecting the filter is \$1,050.

Stephen Jeffers also reported that he would have to dechlorinate when flushing the fire hydrants. The cost of \$1,100 is for the dechlorinating. By consensus Council approved the inspection of the filter and the dechlorination.

Stephen Jeffers also reported on his yearly audit.

There were no public questions or comments.

There was no old business.

Clerk-Treasurer Hamilton reported that there was an IPEP audit on July 6, 2016. Clerk-Treasurer Hamilton stated that she would be meeting with the Dept. of Government Local Finance on August 3, 2016 in Bluffton.

Rick Asher reported that Dick's Engineering will be coming in this week for the yearly inspection on the water tower on 224.

Clerk-Treasurer Hamilton stated that the Water Tower Loan was paid in full this week. The Town had paid there Fire Hydrant Rental fee and President Humbarger authorized paying off the loan. The amount was \$18,045.54. The Town is now debt free.

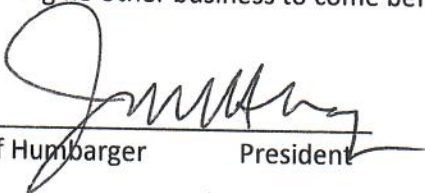
Clerk-Treasurer Hamilton asked Town Employees and Council if there was any extra items that should be included in the Budget to let her know.


Clerk-Treasurer reported that the Water Utility had a refund on Account 102-352-01 in the amount of \$1,056.07. This was due to the configuration of digits of the new water meters purchased. Water \$968.98 and tax \$69.09.

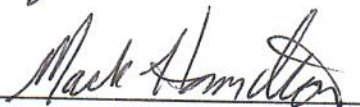
Clerk-Treasurer reported that there was a water adjustment to Jennifer LaMar 102-390-49. A payment was posted twice.

Clerk-Treasurer Carolyn Hamilton submitted 132 vouchers for approval, totaling \$230,544.06. 87 was from the General Fund totaling \$134,720.59, 30 from the Water Utility Fund totaling \$76,539.96, and 15 from the Wastewater Utility Fund totaling \$19,283.51. Councilman Rick Bower moved to approve the vouchers as presented and President Humbarger seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Hearing no other business to come before Council the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

By 
Jeff Humbarger President

By 
Rick Bower Councilmember

By 
Mark Hamilton Vice-President

Attest: 
Carolyn Hamilton Clerk-Treasurer