

The Town Council of the Town of Markle, Indiana met in its meeting room at the Markle Fire Department Building on the 18th of September, 2014, 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, Rick Bower and President Jeff Humbarger. Clerk-Treasurer Shelley Monticue and (9) additional townspeople were in attendance.

The Adoption Meeting for the 2015 Budget was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Humbarger. He read the appropriation amounts for the following Funds aloud:

- Casino/Riverboat: \$16,000
- Rainy Day: \$250,000
- General: \$821,429 with a maximum levy to be raised of \$388,719
- Local Option Income Tax: \$60,000
- Motor Vehicle Highway: \$72,000
- Park: \$31,692 with a maximum levy to be raised of \$13,720
- Cumulative Capital Improvement (Cigarette Tax): \$10,000
- Cumulative Capital Development: \$32,129 with a maximum levy to be raised of \$8,983
- Economic Development Income Tax (CEDIT): \$250,000
- Tax Increment Financing (TIF): \$162,521

President Humbarger opened the floor to any public comments. Hearing none, Councilmember Bower motioned to approve Ordinance 2014-3, Adoption of the 2015 Budget, seconded by Vice President Hamilton. Motion carried 3-0, and Form 4 of the Budget was signed as Ordinance 2014-3. The Adoption Meeting was closed at 7:32 p.m. The Regular September Meeting then opened at 7:32 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

First order of business was the minutes from the August 20th Public Hearing and Regular Meeting. Vice President Hamilton motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Councilmember Bower. Motion carried 2-0 with President Humbarger abstaining. Minutes were signed.

Next on the Agenda, two resolutions for new abatement requests were submitted:

- Resolution 2014-2: NC2, LLC, doing business as Novae Corp. and represented by Amy Moreland, Office Manager, submitted an abatement request in the amount of 3,400,000 for new equipment, with a scheduled online date of December 2014. Councilmember Bower motioned to approve Resolution 2014-2, seconded by President Humbarger. Motion carried 3-0, and Resolution 2014-2 and Form SB-1 were signed.
- Resolution 2014-3: K&K Tool, being represented by Diane Johnson from Wells County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development, submitted an abatement request for a new C&C milling machine totaling approximately \$74,800. This would add two new employees, an operator and a toolmaker, averaging \$18 per hour and total salaries of \$125,000 annually. Vice President Hamilton motioned to approve Resolution 2014-3, seconded by President Humbarger. Motion carried, and Resolution 2014-3 and Form SB-1 were signed.

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Town Correspondence was next on the Agenda. The annual WHARMM meeting hosted by the Town of Markle will be held on October 16th in the Markle Fire Station at 6:30 p.m. Mark Wickersham of Huntington County United Economic Development will be the keynote speaker.

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

- #4 Well at the Water Treatment Plant needed the pump, motor and casing replaced, as they stopped working. They were original to the Plant's construction in 2001, and cost of replacement was approximately \$11,000.
- Hurst Technical Services were not able to replace the antenna on the water tower, so Precision Controls will be replacing both the radio and antenna affected by the direct lightning strike. The level transmitter was also affected by the strike. With the cost being over \$1,200 including travel, by consensus, Council agreed to involve insurance, as the \$1,000 deductible is more affordable. Vice President Hamilton asked about a surge suppressor and/or lightning arrester. Mr. Asher stated that both were present but ineffective to a direct strike. Councilmember Bower asked Mr. Asher to look into a lightning rod to be placed on the Tower. Mr. Asher stated that the siren at Parkview Dr. was also hit by lightning even with three lightning arresters at the breaker.
- Indiana Department of Homeland Security approved the FEMA reimbursement for the snow emergency. The amount requested of \$3,172.75 will be matched at 75% or approximately \$2,379.56
- The repainting and maintenance contract proposals submitted by Utility Services Group and Leary are still being reviewed and readdressed. USG will be resubmitting its proposal to include both towers within three weeks. President Humbarger requested that Mr. Asher request references for "honored contracts" in four or five communities in Indiana. Mr. Asher noted that repainting the old tower will be more expensive due to its proximity to other structures but he is requesting both contracts to include sandblasting and adding a mixer to the old tower. Each proposal will be reviewed at the October Meeting.

Marshal John Markley submitted his monthly report:

- Wildcat Festival went without any major issues, and Marshal Markley thanked the Town Employees who assisted with prep work and tear down of signs.
- Marshal Markley estimated \$200 to repair the tornado siren on Parkview Drive hit by lightning. At that time, the lightning arresters' effectiveness will be evaluated.
- Due to weather related malfunction and age, Marshal Markley requests that two 'tazers be replaced with more "weather friendly" models at an approximate cost of \$1,300 each or \$2,600 total. By consensus, Council approved the purchase.

Next on the Agenda was time allowed for Public Comment. None was heard.

In Old Business:

- The new Huntington City-Township Public Library (HCTPL) director will be sending a survey within the next two weeks to local residents. The things addressed will be the needs of the Town, the requests of the Citizens, and/or display and storage of Historical Society memorabilia.
- Marshal Markley stated that the proposed outdoor seating in front of the Pickle will not affect the access of the sidewalk, as the tables will be fully covered by the awning.

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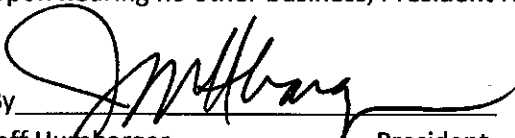
- Carolyn Hamilton, retired Clerk-Treasurer and member of Markle United Methodist Church, and Marshal John Markley discuss signage for a portable radar speed sign on West Morse Street. When Mrs. Hamilton noted that parking is necessary for the handicapped, funerals, and garden maintenance, Marshal Markley would rather the Town address safety on the street and required signage. When Marshal Markle offered to email INDOT, President Humbarger suggested that the Town propose an alternative, such as reduced parking rather than restricted parking. Town Supervisor Rick Asher noted that INDOT will not consider use of the road as a highway. Upon the request of Vice President Hamilton, Marshal Markley will call INDOT on September 19th and follow up the telephone call with an email.

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

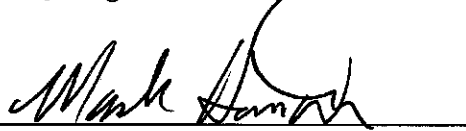
- Clerk-Treasurer Monticue submitted the following:
 - A proposed contract with Allen Business Machines for copier maintenance. This contract will replace the previous contract with Office One who was acquired by Allen Business Machines. The only change is a minimum bill that is only \$3-5 per month higher than the average usage by the Town. Council approved the contract by consensus, and the contract was signed.
 - A leak adjustment for Mona Byrd, 245 East Morse Street, in the amount of \$29.95 due to a running toilet. President Humbarger motioned to approve the leak adjustment, contingent on Ms. Byrd recognizing the low amount of her adjustment and inability to reapply for an adjustment for twelve months, seconded by Vice President Hamilton. Motion carried 3-0. Town Supervisor Rick Asher will approach Ms. Byrd.
 - Clerk-Treasurer requested permission to attend the SBOA called meeting in Middlebury on October 9th. Council approved the request by consensus.

Clerk-Treasurer Monticue submitted 89 vouchers in the amount of \$166,294.82 for approval: 48 vouchers from the General Fund in the amount of \$100,196.93, 25 from the Water Fund in the amount of \$49,476.20, and 16 from the Wastewater Fund in the amount of \$16,621.69. Vice President Hamilton motioned to approve all vouchers, seconded by President Humbarger. Motion carried 3-0, and vouchers were signed.

Upon hearing no other business, President Humbarger motioned to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

By 
Jeff Humbarger President

By 
Rick Bower Councilmember

By 
Mark Hamilton Vice-President

Attest: 
Shelley Monticue Clerk-Treasurer