

The Town Council of the Town of Markle, Indiana met in its meeting room at the Markle Fire Department Building on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April, 2014, 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 and Mark Hamilton. Clerk-Treasurer Shelley Monticue and (10) additional townspeople were in attendance. Councilmember Rick Bower was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

First order of business were the minutes from the March 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Vice President Hamilton motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by President Humbarger. Motion carried 2-0, and Minutes were signed.

Next on the Agenda, Richard Randol of General Insurance Agency presented the Council with the proposed renewal for the Town's property, liability, and workman's compensation insurance. The renewal premium is 14% higher than in 2013 due to an increase of \$160,000 in property values due to a cost of living allowance as well as a property claim within the past few months with the Town's backhoe. While there was a decrease in the experience discount, Mr. Randol still does not recommend increasing the deductible, as it would not be cost-effective. He also did research to change the property coverage back to EMC from Selective, but EMC was almost \$600 higher and the optional quote was therefore not included in the proposal.

Even with the recent claim, the Town has an experience rating of 0.86, which means that the Town pays 14% less than its peer group. Combining this with a 20% discount of \$1,626, the Town is receiving a discount of \$2,950. Mr. Randol gave a generalized description of each page of the renewal, what property was added and/or deleted. He noted that all of the coverage is based on replacement cost rather than depreciated cost. Also included is an emergency service sector and government endorsement that will cover extensive losses in the event of a fire or otherwise. Upon approval, the renewal bonding date is May 14, 2014.

President Humbarger noted that the property values will change when the Town demolishes its Town Hall and the Huntington City-Township Public Library (HCTPL) purchases the property. Vice President Hamilton asked if the demolition would be covered under the Town's policy. Mr. Randol stated that the contractor completing the demolition should provide a certificate of insurance to the Town with the Town listed as an additional insured party.

Since the next Meeting will be after the bonding date of the renewal, President Humbarger motioned to approve the renewal as presented, seconded by Vice President Hamilton. Motion carried 2-0, and Mr. Randol will draft paperwork to deliver to the Clerk-Treasurer's office for signature.

Next on the Agenda were Compliance with Statement of Benefits (CF-1) for Novae Corp, Hare Canvas, and K&K Tool.

For Novae Corp, the following CF-1s were submitted:

- 60,000 square foot facility with an estimated cost of \$1.3 million and actual cost of \$2.485 million. This is year 10 of abatement from 2004.

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- Equipment costs for the new facility with an estimated cost of \$200,000 and actual cost of \$441,000. This included an addition of 147 employees. This is year 10 of abatement from 2004.
- Expansion in 2007 with estimated cost of \$500,000 and addition of 124 employees. This is year 7 of abatement from 2007.
- Forklift and computer equipment totaling \$15,000. This is year 7 of abatement from 2007.
- Expansion of storage area from 3.5 acres to approximately 8 acres with an actual cost of \$250,000. This is year 6 of abatement from 2008.

President Humbarger motioned to approve the CF-1s as presented, seconded by Vice President Hamilton. Motion carried 2-0 and CF-1s were signed.

Mark Hauenstein was present for Hare Canvas and presented a CF-1 for a new 60'x105' facility with an estimated cost of \$203,000 and actual cost of \$235,000 and addition of three jobs. This is year 10 of abatement from 2004. Vice President Hamilton motioned to approve the CF-1 as presented, seconded by President Humbarger. Motion carried 2-0 and CF-1 was signed.

Diane Johnson from Wells County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development was present for K&K Tool. She spoke on behalf of Kim Kenline to state that sales were the second highest in 2013 and that in 2010, there were only 16 skilled workers and there are now 24 skilled, highly compensated employees. Mr. Kenline extends his gratitude to the Town for the abatements that allowed him to expand:

- EDM Machine. This is year 2 of abatement from 2012.
- The cost of computer and storage equipment with a cost of \$92,500 listed with the CF-1 to include \$7,400 for computers, a new forklift, and a grinder.

Vice President Hamilton motioned to approve the CF-1s as presented, seconded by President Humbarger. Motioned carried 2-0, and CF-1s were signed.

Town Council then discussed the May 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting where a quorum would not be present due to the foreseen absence of President Humbarger and Vice President Hamilton. By consensus, the Meeting was moved to May 28<sup>th</sup>. Clerk-Treasurer Monticue noted that any vouchers whereupon a contractual arrangement exists between the Town and the Vendor would be paid at the 15<sup>th</sup> check run rather than waiting to until following the Council Meeting.

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

- The Case backhoe has been repaired following the accident and is back in service.
- May Cleanup will be on May 20<sup>th</sup> for metal and May 27<sup>th</sup> for all other large items.
- A gate and a tarp were installed at the new salt storage building.
- New street signs have arrived and will be installed soon. The new signs meet the size and reflectivity requirements. Where a new post is required for the height requirement, the posts will be installed concurrently.
- President Humbarger requested that Jay Stankiewicz be present at the May Meeting to give an update on the Tracy Street project. Mr. Asher will submit the quarterly report to INDOT on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

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Mark Hauenstein of Hare Canvas requested that businesses be notified when their drives will be inaccessible so that they may give instructions to their vendors and customers; create signs redirecting traffic, etc. President Humbarger stated that the window without access should be no longer than seven days, and that Mr. Stankiewicz should include that in his update next month. While the Council sees no problem with temporary signage, Clerk-Treasurer Monticue noted that the business may have to go through the Department of Community Development to get permission to place the signage.

Town Council Correspondence included a letter from OnlyInternet requesting assignment of its lease to its new owner upon public release and transfer. President Humbarger motioned to have Council sign the new lease upon transfer, seconded by Vice President Hamilton. Motion carried 2-0, and the lease will be signed upon review following transfer that the lease is the same terms and conditions.

Marshal John Markley submitted his monthly report. The new Caprice is now in service.

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

In Old Business, the offer accepted by the Council at the March Meeting is still being integrated into a dual resolution. The offer is for the Town to receive \$15,000 for the lot following demolition of the Town Hall at cost to the Town. The Library Board would be responsible for the cost and contracting of the backfill following demolition. Once a timeline for construction of the new library is determined, the Town will consider a Special Meeting to discuss a demolition timeline and relocation of the Town Offices, Police Department, and Historical Society.

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

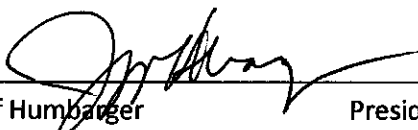
- Clerk-Treasurer Monticue requests permission to attend the Clerk-Treasurer school in Indianapolis on May 7<sup>th</sup> and the Budget school in Fort Wayne on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The cost is included in the vouchers. Council approves by consensus.
- A leak adjustment for FX3, LLC, who owns a property at 425 E. Morse Street, was submitted. The amount of the leak adjustment requested was \$415.69 due to leaks between two different tenants. Vice President Hamilton motioned to approve the adjustment, seconded by President Humbarger. Motion carried 2-0.
- Vice President Hamilton requests that the Town Cleanup and Garage Sale dates be placed on the website by Administrative Coordinator Lara Ludlow.

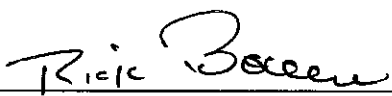
Clerk-Treasurer Monticue submitted 95 regular vouchers in the amount of \$133,485.95 for approval: 52 vouchers from the General Fund in the amount of \$82,082.04, 26 from the Water Fund in the amount of \$37,018.00, and 17 from the Wastewater Fund in the amount of \$14,385.91. Two vouchers were submitted for acquisition of parcels on Tracy Street totaling \$4,980.00. Vice President Hamilton motioned to approve all vouchers, seconded by President Humbarger. Motion carried 2-0, and vouchers were signed.

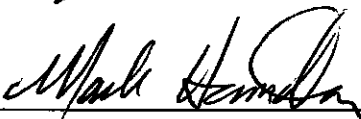
Upon hearing no other business, President Humbarger motioned to adjourn at 8:07 P.M.

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By   
Jeff Humbarger                      President

By   
Rick Bower                              Councilmember

By   
Mark Hamilton                      Vice-President

Attest:   
Shelley Monticue                      Clerk-Treasurer