

The Town Council of the Town of Markle, Indiana met in its meeting room at the Markle Fire Department Building on the 18th of June, 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, and Rick Bower. Jeff Humbarger arrived at 7:45 P.M. due to a work obligation. Clerk-Treasurer Shelley Monticue and (8) additional townspeople were in attendance.

First order of business were the minutes from the May 28th 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, Town Supervisor Rick Asher submitted his monthly report:

- The old mosquito fogger has been replaced with the new, more efficient model.
- The HVAC at the Wastewater Treatment Plant is no longer functioning and the temperature within the plant is 89.5°. Since the temperature needs to be between 70°-72° for test analysis and since the model at the Plant is no longer available for repairs, a new unit will need to be purchased and installed. Council agreed to the purchase by consensus.
- Water Superintendent Steve Jeffers stated that the radio is no longer functioning at the new water tower. Precision Controls provided a free diagnostic test, but the cost to repair for a new radio, mileage, labor, and reprogramming will be approximately \$1,200. Since the radio is over one year old, the warranty has expired. While the antenna on top of the tower is working properly, the radio on the ground that communicates water levels and operational status of the mixer with the Water Plant is not working. Mr. Asher stated that if the fiberglass antenna had been hit by lightning, it would have exploded, so it is believed that the antenna and coax cable are working properly. Councilmember Bower asked if there was a local company that would not charge mileage, whereupon Mr. Jeffers stated that Hurst Technical Services already provides annual calibration and charts and may be able to replace the radio. Mr. Jeffers further stated that he could call other local towns to see who else is able to do the work. Vice President Hamilton requested that the new radio, wherever purchased, have a warranty and lightning protection. By consensus, Council agreed to have Mr. Asher and Mr. Jeffers use their discretion, based on cost and warranty, to choose a contractor to replace the radio and reprogram.

Marshal John Markley submitted his monthly report:

- For the circus on June 21st, extra officers will be on duty and an Emergency Action Plan has been filed with the State Fire Marshal.
- Communications with IP phone system companies will take place over the next two weeks to get information regarding transferring the phone system for the Town Hall, Street Department, both Treatment Plants, and Police Department. Vice President Hamilton requested Marshal Markley investigate the security of the IP phone lines. Marshal Markley is only talking to companies that specialize in government agencies.

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

Prior to Old Business, President Humbarger arrived and Vice President Hamilton summarized the Town Supervisor and Town Marshal reports.

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Old Business began with another review of the Employee Handbook. After discussion regarding a line for banked PTO days and how they will be paid out in 2014, Council agreed by consensus to omit the line since it would not be valid after 2014.

Next in Old Business, discussion continued regarding the easement discussed by Randall Miller & Associates at the May Meeting. The companies requesting the easement and retaining the services of Randall Miller & Associates are United REMC who is contracting Indiana Fiber to run fiber optic line along U.S. 224, Lee Street, and Scott Street along the south side of the road. Town Supervisor Rick Asher stated that he will contact United REMC to determine the depth of the lines and to walk through the proposed easement. By consensus, Council approves the easement proposed if Mr. Asher approves the depth in comparison to the water and sewer utilities.

Further in Old Business, Town Supervisor Rick Asher and Water Superintendent Steve Jeffers are working with Novae Corp to determine the best location for utilities for the new construction at Six Novae Parkway. Mr. Asher would like to see Novae Corp connect to the utilities on the west side of Novae Parkway, but there are no easements on the west side of the road. President Humbarger requested the costs be estimated for going across the road versus acquiring easements for the west side of the road, which would be a difference of 700 feet of piping versus 720 feet. Mr. Asher stated that they had completed locates and the manhole on June 18th and that the contractor had already paid the tap fees.

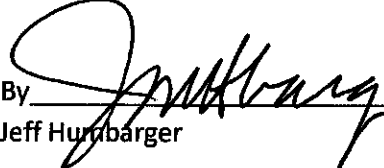
Finally in Old Business, a short discussion ensued regarding the status of the relocation of the Markle branch of the Huntington City-Township Public Library.


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


- Leak adjustment requests were submitted for Deanna Dalrymple, 195 North Miller Street, for \$153.93 and Jessica O'Reilly, 260 East Morse Street, for \$251.15. President Humbarger motioned to approve the adjustments, seconded by Vice President Hamilton. Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk-Treasurer Monticue submitted 85 regular vouchers in the amount of \$132,676.32 for approval: 50 vouchers from the General Fund in the amount of \$89,193.96, 24 from the Water Fund in the amount of \$32,540.89, and 11 from the Wastewater Fund in the amount of \$10,941.47. Councilmember Bower motioned to approve all vouchers, seconded by Vice President Hamilton. Motion carried 3-0, and vouchers were signed.

Upon hearing no other business, President Humbarger motioned to adjourn at 8:08 P.M.

By 
Jeff Humbarger President

By 
Rick Bower Councilmember

By 
Mark Hamilton Vice-President

Attest: 
Shelley Monticue Clerk-Treasurer