

Council Meeting

May 20, 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 20th of May, 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 (8) additional townspeople were in attendance.

First order of business was the minutes from the April 15th Public Hearing and Regular Meeting. Vice President Hamilton motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Councilmember Bower. Motion carried 3-0, and Minutes were signed.

Next on the Agenda, a Statement of Benefits (SB-1) was given to Council from HJM, LLC, d/b/a Wayne Metals. It listed \$210,000 in manufacturing and \$200,000 in IT equipment, including but not limited to a new punch press, fork truck, and file server, will be purchased prior to May 31, 2016. Following clarification of the requested ten year abatement for the Council, Resolution 2015-1 was discussed in order to approve the SB-1. President Humbarger motioned to approve Resolution 2015-1 and its SB-1 for HJM, LLC. This was seconded by Vice President Hamilton, and both Resolution 2015-1 and SB-1 were signed.

Two Compliance with Statement of Benefits (CF-1) were submitted for approval by HJM, LLC, d/b/a Wayne Metals:

- 36,000 square foot addition completed September 1, 2006. This is year nine of a 1.3 million dollar abatement that added employees and increased the overall salaries from \$6 million to \$7.3 million.
- 36,000 square foot addition completed December 31, 2012. This is year three of a 1.5 million dollar abatement that added twenty-six employees and increased salaries from \$5.5 million to \$7.3 million.

President Humbarger motioned to approve the two CF-1s, seconded by Vice President Hamilton. Motion carried 3-0, and both CF-1s were signed.

Next on the Agenda, Tiffany Grant, 210 E. Morse St., of the Markle Wildcat Festival Committee requested sponsorship of an event or supplies for the 2015 Markle Wildcat Festival. A list of events and supplies to be sponsored was presented to Council, with the option to be a silent sponsor without signage. President Humbarger noted that different line items were available for different tiers of sponsorship. Vice President Hamilton noted that the Town contributed \$1,500 in 2014 to the Festival, and the line item closest to this was the tent and tables for \$1,600. Vice President Hamilton motioned to sponsor the tent and tables (\$1,600) from the Riverboat Fund as silent sponsors. President Humbarger seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0. Payment will be made prior to June 20th per the sponsorship form.

There was no Town Council correspondence to report.

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

- Mr. Asher submitted a list to Council of requested street paving contracts:
 - 10' x 140' alley on West Morse Street
 - 21' x 365' section on Novae Parkway destroyed by the weight of semi-trucks. This section includes both entrances to Dayton Freight.
 - 18' x 1500' section of North County Line Road beginning at Windridge Drive.
 - 24' x 644' section of Scott Street between Harrison and Lee Streets.
 - 10' x 665' section of Hoover Lane between Clark and Lee Streets.
 - 21' x 150' section of Windridge Drive behind ALH.

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All sections would be demolished and replaced with new asphalt. Mr. Asher noted that both counties have been affected by the bad weather during winter 2014-2015. The total cost of the paving project is estimated at \$86,895. Mr. Asher is willing to prioritize but feels that the project would be best completed in its entirety. Clerk Treasurer Monticue noted \$51,000 in the MVH Fund and \$13,000 in the Local Road & Street Funds are available in appropriations. While each fund still has more in savings, it would be best to take the other \$23,000 from the Rainy Day Fund where the monies are not earmarked for Tracy Street. By consensus, Council approves the paving project in its entirety to be paid with the MVH, LRS, and Rainy Day Funds.

- Mr. Asher presented a quote for a sewage gator following five or six sewage plugs at Wayne Metals. While Wayne Metals has now placed itself on more regular maintenance plan of its sedimentation tank, waiting for a contractor to come and remove the debris allowed raw sewage to back up into the factory. Should this event happen again anywhere in Town, the Town needs to be able to remove blockages quickly. While a jet VACUUM would be preferred, the vacuum is cost-prohibitive. This quote is for a jet that would bring debris to a manhole for removal. The current router owned by the Town is not able to reach the 400 feet that the jet can, and the router only breaks up blockages. The jet would bring the debris from the blockage to the manhole for removal. Mr. Asher noted that the Markle Fire Department is also flushing culvert pipes, which could be done by the Town with the jet. By consensus, Council approved the purchase of the jet with the equipment line item.
- Water Superintendent Steve Jeffers presented the Dixon Engineering quote and its recommendation. The contractor L&T came in at the lowest cost to the Town. Dixon stated that should the Town choose to wait to complete the work, the price will increase due individual contractors' increasing workloads. There is a typographical error to be corrected on the third page of the quote, and funding will be discussed at the June Meeting. The approximate cost of the quote is \$70,000 for the cleaning and external painting, with an additional \$70,000 for safety modifications, mixer, and other extras. Council decides by consensus to move forward and get on the summer of 2015's schedule. The signature of the corrected quote and the decision of funding will be ascertained at the June Meeting. Mr. Jeffers discusses the warranty offered by Dixon Engineering on the subcontractor's work, upheld by regular inspection during the process. The Dixon Engineering Warranty quote will be discussed at the June Meeting.

Wastewater Superintendent Scott Spahr presented the following updates at the Wastewater Plant:

- A subcontractor for Merrell Brothers took the sludge out of the EQ tank (at a cost of approximately \$18,000) in order to make the repairs to get the EQ tank back online.
- The blower has had a bearing go out, and it will be one month to replace and rebuild the blower motor. In order to expedite things, a rebuilt motor was purchased and installed to get the blower back online at a cost of approximately \$3,500.
- A new flowchart was purchased for \$900.

Mr. Asher presented a quote from Enyeart Construction for demolition of the Town Hall Building located at 155 W. Sparks. It would involve removal with a basement hole (16,370) and then backfill with clay (\$8,960) for a total quote of \$25,330. This quote is good for all of 2015. Town General Assistant Mike Grant, who is also on the Building Committee for the Huntington City-Township Public Library, responded favorably to the \$27,000 savings over the engineering estimate. The HCTPL will reimburse the Town the amount of the backfill, \$8,960. Since the HCTPL will inspect and approves of the backfill being "packed in lifts," it is within the specs as defined for the new library's construction. The formal closing would happen at demolition, or approximately the middle of July. Council approves the quote by consensus and the Town will move forward with scheduling.

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Marshal John Markley submitted his monthly report:

- The new reserve officer will begin training next week.
- Marshal Markley presented a new ordinance prohibiting parking against the flow of traffic. The Ordinance was written by Town Attorney Mike Hartburg and would modify Code number 72.01 and its fines. Ordinance 2015-3 would allow orange tags and penalties to be enforced effective July 1, 2015. President Humbarger read Ordinance 2015-3 aloud verbatim as a first reading, with a second reading to occur at the June Meeting. Ordinance 2015-3 will be acted upon at the June Meeting.
- Tornado Siren on Parkview Drive was fixed on May 15th and will be tested within the next week.

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

In Old Business, the Markle Area Historical Society (MAHS) has completed the inventory, which is the Exhibit 1 of the Memorandum of Understanding. The artifacts are already being moved along with other office supplies from the Town Hall. The assets of the MAHS have been frozen due to inactivity. The Markle Antique Mall may be interested in the old display cases. The Memorandum of Understanding was signed upon completion of the inventory list.

Further in Old Business, Resolution 2015-2 was presented to extend the closing date on the land at 155 W. Sparks St. to coincide with the demolition. The HCTPL has already passed a similar resolution. President Humbarger motioned to approve Resolution 2015-2, seconded by Councilmember Bower. Motion carried 3-0 and Resolution 2015-2 was signed.

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

- The original check for \$1,500 made payable to the Markle Wildcat Festival Committee to be approved in the vouchers will be voided to coincide with the Council's decision to sponsor the tent and tables.
- A leak adjustment was requested for Clara Wolf in the amount of \$119.12 due to a leaking toilet. Vice President Hamilton motioned to approve the adjustment, seconded by President Humbarger. Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk-Treasurer Monticue submitted 100 regular vouchers in the amount of \$178,159.86 for approval: 54 vouchers from the General Fund in the amount of \$116,806.02; 28 from the Water Fund in the amount of \$41,624.46; and 18 from the Wastewater Fund in the amount of \$19,729.48. Vice President Hamilton motioned to approve all regular vouchers, seconded by President Humbarger. Motion carried 3-0, and vouchers were signed.

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

By absent
Jeff Humbarger President

By Rick Bower
Rick Bower Councilmember

By Mark Hamilton
Mark Hamilton Vice-President

Attest: Shelley Monticue
Shelley Monticue Clerk-Treasurer