

The Town Council of the Town of Markle, Indiana met in its meeting room at the Markle Fire Department Building on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February, 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 (9) additional townspeople were in attendance.

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

First order of business were the minutes from the January 21st Regular 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, Mark Mussman of Huntington County Department of Community Development (DCD) presented an amendment to the Flood Ordinance for the County. The Ordinance must be adopted prior to June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015. While the Flood Ordinance for Wells County encompassed 18 parcels, 3 homes, and one accessory building, there are no flood zones within the Markle Town Limits on the Huntington County side of Town. The new Ordinance outlines how Flood Plain Management will be managed on a county-wide basis rather than within individual political subdivisions. The Markle Plan Commission met on February 12<sup>th</sup> with a quorum and passed the Ordinance with a favorable recommendation. While the Ordinance is similar in form to the adopted Ordinance regulating the flood plain areas on the Wells County side of Town, Council will address the Ordinance after review and its second reading during Old Business at the March Meeting.

Next on the Agenda, Councilmember Rick Bower was sworn in for a second four-year term to end December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

Next on the Agenda, Jay Stankiewicz of DLZ, Indiana, provided an update on the Tracy Street Project and presented a Supplement #2 to the engineering contract. The supplement was regarding additional survey, design, environmental documents, and coordination of installation for offsite stormwater drainage to the east of Markle. The stormwater would travel east of Tracy Street along the north side of State Road 116 for 1400 feet; it would then travel south under State Road 116 and outfall at the 24" outfall developed by the Corp of Engineers for Red Willow Way. The Corp of Engineers would continue to occupy the Right of Way during the design phase.

Supplement #2 takes the engineering contract from \$352,660 to \$388,370, increasing the total cost \$35,710. Through the 80/20 INDOT Group IV agreement will cost the Town a non-reimbursable total of approximately \$7,000. President Humbarger motioned to approve Supplement #2, seconded by Vice President Hamilton. Motion carried 3-0 and Supplement #2 was signed.

Mr. Stankiewicz requested a signature from President Humbarger for a FEMIS modification, reallocating federal funding between different phases of the project. Furthermore, Mr. Stankiewicz recapped the move of let date from August 2015 to November 2015 to allow for "price favorability" and to allow construction to be completed within one summer season.

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Further, Mr. Stankiewicz noted that the parcel owned by Markle 1041 has been secured. Since the owners are different from the tenants, the tenants had to sign a quit claim agreement since the whole of the land acquisition was included in the lease.

There was no Town Council correspondence to report.

Next on the Agenda, Town Supervisor Rick Asher submitted his monthly report, and Wastewater Superintendent Scott Spahr submitted his Annual Report at this time:

- Mr. Asher submitted the not-to-exceed \$3,000 contract for Dixon Engineering to manage the bid process to find contractors to refurbish the older water tower. This would involve development of mil specs for contractors, writing the bid, receiving bids, examining bids, and give recommendation to the Council for a contractor. Councilmember Bower motioned to approve the NTE contract with Dixon Engineering, seconded by President Humbarger. Motion carried 3-0 and the contract was signed.
- Spring 2014 infiltration at the Wastewater plant caused high flows and diversion from the EQ basin of 100,000 to the river. Mr. Asher would like Instituiform to come in and line the sewer lines on the northwest side of Town. This would encompass the area from State Road 3 to High Street, and from Lee Street to High Street along Hoover Lane. While the inspector who came to inspect the facility within the past week okayed the EQ basin drainage under normal use, the usage increases with the rain and snow-melt during the Spring months. Sewer Superintendent Scott Spahr would like estimates to line those sewer lines. This would involve going 9-10 feet deep and backfill with gravel and clay. Councilmember Bower noted that it is better to do it now before the Town is "forced to do it." The inspection of lines from 2014 showed that the northwest area of Town is the only location where the stormwater would be leaking into the sanitary sewer. Council approved by consensus for Mr. Asher to get quotes to line the sewer lines.
- President Humbarger commended the Town Employees for their efficient snow removal throughout this winter.

Marshal John Markley was absent due to training in Indianapolis, but had submitted his monthly report prior to the Meeting.

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

In Old Business, the relocation of the Town Hall was addressed. President Humbarger noted that the Town had the two options of a mobile office behind the Fire Station or renting the former parsonage at the Turnpointe Church. Clerk-Treasurer Monticue noted no preference. President Humbarger noted the pros and cons of each location. Councilmember Bower confirmed that each location would provide handicapped access in line with the Town's ADA Transition Plan. Town General Assistant Mike Grant confirmed that a restroom at the mobile office was not an option due to lack of utility hookups. Mr. Grant noted that the mobile office would require the rental of additional storage and a handicap ramp, making the overall cost of the two locations "apples to apples."

Mr. Grant, who is also on the Building Committee for the Huntington City-Township Public Library (HCTPL), noted that the HCTPL is hiring an architect and will have plans for construction around May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Following approval of the designs, the HCTPL is looking to hire a contractor in June 2015. Vice President Hamilton asked

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about internet at the parsonage, whereupon Earlene Wooster of Turnpointe Church noted that phone lines are available in all rooms and that can bounce from the Daycare in the lower level of the church.

After Councilmember Bower noted that the parsonage would be the easiest transition, Vice President Hamilton noted that the length of a lease would be 18-36 months. President Humbarger motioned to rent the parsonage from Turnpointe Church, seconded by Councilmember Bower. Motion carried 3-0, and Clerk-Treasurer Monticue will work with Turnpointe Church to have a public hearing scheduled and have internet, security, and document storage arranged before Summer 2015. By consensus, Council agreed to have a moving company hired for all heavy lifting.

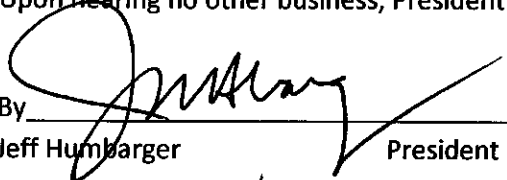
Finally in Old Business, a memorandum was presented to Council between the Town and the Markle Area Historical Society. It outlines the responsibilities of the Town to store but not be responsible for any damage. Furthermore, the MAHS is responsible for carrying insurance on all of the artifacts. Mike Grant is also the President of the MAHS and stated that the memorandum was to "memorialize an arrangement" between the parties. President Humbarger will speak with Jeff Stockman of the MAHS to organize a Board for managing the artifacts. The MAHS is cataloging the artifacts during the transition, and is compiling an Exhibit A for the memorandum. Until an Exhibit A is completed, Council would like the memorandum moved to Old Business at the March Meeting.

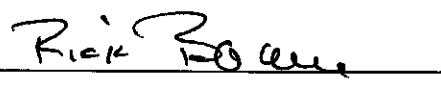
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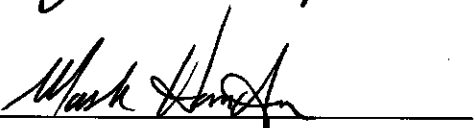
- By consensus, Council agrees for Clerk-Treasurer Monticue to go to the ILMCT Institute in Muncie from March 2-5.
- Clerk-Treasurer Monticue requests write-offs for Seth Tracy, formerly of 235 E. Wilt St., and Garl McHenry, 275 N. Miller St. Vice President Hamilton motioned to grant the write-offs, seconded by President Humbarger. Motion carried 3-0.
- President Humbarger read Ordinance 2015-2, Ordinance to Adopt the Updated Code of Ordinances, verbatim. The second reading of Ordinance 2015-2 will be placed on Old Business at the March Meeting.

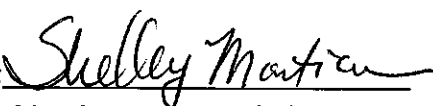
Clerk-Treasurer Monticue submitted 87 regular vouchers in the amount of \$172,910.89 for approval: 48 vouchers from the General Fund in the amount of \$126,843.21, 25 from the Water Fund in the amount of \$33,769.05, and 14 from the Wastewater Fund in the amount of \$12,298.63. Councilmember Bower motioned 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 8:20 P.M.

By   
Jeff Humbarger President

By   
Rick Bower Councilmember

By   
Mark Hamilton Vice-President

Attest:   
Shelley Monticue Clerk-Treasurer