

The Town Council of the Town of Markle, Indiana met in its meeting room at the Markle Fire Department Building on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October, 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 (14) additional townspeople were in attendance.

First order of business was the minutes from the September 18<sup>th</sup> Adoption Meeting and Regular Meeting. Councilmember Bower motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Vice President Hamilton. Motion carried 3-0. Minutes were signed.

Next on the Agenda, Michael Lautzenheiser from Wells County Area Planning Commission came to present Ordinance 2014-4 for adoption. Ordinance 2014-4 must be adopted prior to October 16<sup>th</sup> when the new Wells County FEMA maps are implemented. It adopts the new flood hazard maps with boilerplate language in order to match the other municipalities within Wells County. The current language states that Markle Board of Zoning Appeals will continue to fall under the Huntington Planning Commission, with flood plain management to fall under respective counties. In six to nine months, Huntington County will present its adopting ordinance for review.

The ordinance is in line with National Flood Insurance Program with subsequent language pertinent to municipalities within Wells County. Mr. Lautzenheiser stated that the only area of Town affected by the flood plain maps falls near the creek running north to south along the west side of the Markle Church of Christ. The ordinance will affect any building and dirt removal within that area.

By consensus, Council agrees to move forward with the adoption of Ordinance 2014-4 in one meeting. President Humbarger motions to adopt Ordinance 2014-4, seconded by Councilmember Bower. Motion carries 3-0 and Ordinance 2014-4 is signed. Town General Assistant Mike Grant will receive a signed copy from Mr. Lautzenheiser on October 16<sup>th</sup> to send to INDOT for compliance with the Tracy Street Project.

Next on the agenda, Larry Davis of the Source, gave an update on the 2014 HRA reimbursement by the Town. Under the current plan, individual employees have \$1000 deductible with maximum out-of-pocket of \$2500 and \$500 reimbursable under the HRA, leaving a net out-of-pocket maximum of \$2000. For a family, there is a \$2000 deductible with maximum out-of-pocket of \$5000 and \$1000 reimbursable for a net out-of-pocket of \$4000 per family. The current premiums come to a total of \$103,932 with a maximum liability to the HRA. As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, the Town had spent \$1613, or approximately 25% of its HRA.

Mr. Davis continued by stating that the Town's plan is allowed to be "grandmothered" under the state's plan to comply with the Affordable Care Act. The Town has the option for one more year to keep its current plan or change to a plan that is compliant with the Affordable Care Act. President Humbarger noted that the only concern is the cost of the Affordable Care Act compliant plan next year. Council will review the two options and vote at the November Meeting.

Town Correspondence was next on the Agenda. Diane Wedler, chairperson of the Markle Wildcat Festival Committee, sent a thank you note to the Town for its contribution to the annual Festival. In further

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correspondence, the Autumn WHARMM Meeting to be hosted by the Town on October 16<sup>th</sup> has been canceled due to low projected attendance.

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

- Leaf pickup will begin with October 20<sup>th</sup> and Mr. Asher requests that leave be placed as close to the curb as possible without blocking storm sewers.
- Mr. Asher submits two offers for painting both the old and new water towers from Utility Service Group (USG) and Leary Construction Company. There are separate quotes for each tower to allow for each to be under its own maintenance agreement. President Humbarger confirmed that the exterior and interior of the old tower would be painted by either company in year one. The differences in price are because USG will paint the exterior of the old tower twice over the course of ten years and include the mixer and maintenance on the mixer. USG will also include a ladder gate and flex cable on the new tower, valued at approximately \$5000. As the Town would like to install a mixer prior to Winter, the companies would like to reach an agreement as soon as possible. In order to give Council a month to review the proposals, the vote is expected and tabled until the November Meeting.
- Precision Services has billed approximately \$2890 to the Town for repairs from the lightning strike on the new water tower. The claim has been submitted to Richard Randol of General Insurance for reimbursement minus the deductible. Clerk-Treasurer Monticue noted that she will be voiding a check that was written for Precision Services, as she has not as of yet received the reimbursement from General Insurance.
- Repairs to the Fire Station/Maintenance Building parking lot and a utility repair on U.S. 224 will take place on October 16<sup>th</sup>. The cuts were made in the pavement on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Marshal John Markley submitted his monthly report:

- Two additional officers will be on duty on October 31<sup>st</sup> for Halloween. Trick or Treat hours are 6:00pm to 9:00pm and the MPD will be distributing glow sticks.
- INDOT is working with the Markle United Methodist Church to working out a solution regarding painting within state guidelines. Marshal Markley is meeting with Reverend McPeck and hopefully, "the changes will not affect the church very much." Marshal Markley will be bringing in quotes for a radar trailer at the November Meeting.

Next on the Agenda was time allowed for Public Comment.

- Donald Wilson, 245 North Lee Street, discussed the questionnaire mailed to Markle residents. President Humbarger explained the ownership and management by the Markle branch of the Huntington City-Township Public Library. He further discussed the purchase and demolition of the site on which the Town Hall is located, and the questionnaire was distributed regarding the new library to be built on the site. Mr. Wilson would like a public meeting to be held in Markle by the HCTPL, and President Humbarger believes that this was to be included in the process. President Humbarger summarized by stating that the HCTPL's lease of 197 East Morse Street is due to expire on December 1<sup>st</sup>, but will be extended month-to-month. Further discussion included the reevaluation of the branch's hours.

All Old Business was handled at an earlier point in the Meeting.

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

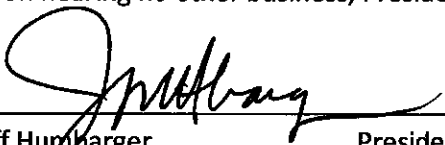
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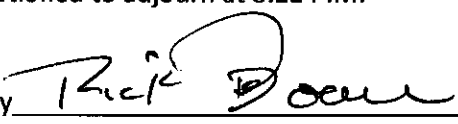
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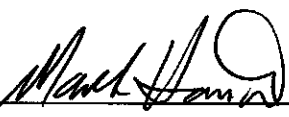
- Jon and Tracy Goetz have submitted a proposed lease for the office space located at 167 East Morse Street. This would allow for the demolition of the Town Hall once the Historical Society's items and the Clerk-Treasurer's Office are relocated. President Humbarger motioned to approve the lease pending approval by Town Attorney Mike Hartburg, and allowance of President Humbarger to sign the lease upon approval. This motion was seconded by Vice President Hamilton, and motion carried 3-0. By consensus, Council approves the first month's rent to be paid to the Goetz upon approval of the lease.
- A quote for revising Town Code books is anticipated from American Legal Publishing at the November Meeting.
- President Humbarger would like to have a list submitted to Council in November for those people anticipated to be reappointed to various boards in December.

Clerk-Treasurer Monticue submitted 89 vouchers in the amount of \$134,961.47 for approval: 47 vouchers from the General Fund in the amount of \$79,849.23, 25 from the Water Fund in the amount of \$41,745.91, and 11 from the Wastewater Fund in the amount of \$13,366.33. President Humbarger motioned to approve all vouchers, seconded by Councilmember Bower. Motion carried 3-0, and vouchers were signed.

Upon hearing no other business, President Humbarger motioned to adjourn at 8:22 P.M.

By   
Jeff Humbarger President

By   
Rick Bower Councilmember

By   
Mark Hamilton Vice-President

Attest:   
Shelley Monticue Clerk-Treasurer