

The Town Council of the Town of Markle, Indiana met in its meeting room at the Markle Fire Department Building on the 19th of November, 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 (11) additional townspeople were in attendance.

First order of business was the minutes from the October 15th Regular Meeting and November 3rd Readoption Meeting. Councilmember Bower motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by President Humbarger. Motion carried 3-0. Minutes were signed.

Next on the Agenda, Melinda Antell of Waste Management came to introduce herself as a point of contact and to address any current concerns for the Town's garbage and recycling services. Town General Assistant Mike Grant noted that residents will sometimes see both garbage and recycling be deposited into the same truck, especially down the alley between Morse and Wilt Streets. Ms. Antell stated that Waste Management is currently working to reroute the Town to improve efficiency and address these problems. In order to address specific concerns, she will meet with Clerk-Treasurer Monticue to get contact information for Mr. Grant and Town Supervisor Rick Asher.

Next on the agenda, Larry Davis of the Source, recapped the differences between a relatively "flat renewal" of 0.7% for the current "grandmothered" plan and a new plan that is compliant with the Affordable Care Act (ACA). A new plan would incur more out of pocket expenses for employees, and Mr. Davis felt a new plan would not see a huge savings for the Town without a Health Savings Account and larger changes. President Humbarger motioned to approve the presented PHP "grandmothered" renewal, seconded by Councilmember Bower. Motion carried 3-0, and appropriate documents were signed.

Town Correspondence included proposed dates for Council Meetings and Park Board Meetings for 2015. President Humbarger addressed the following reappointments set to occur in December: Hal Mason for Park Board, Marilyn Lahr for Park Board, and James Madsen for Board of Zoning Appeals.

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

- Leaf pickup is set to end around the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Christmas decorations will be installed on light posts and at Veterans Park ready to be lit nightly beginning December 1st.
- Precision Controls has fixed the emergency siren on Parkview Drive.
- Specifics regarding water tower maintenance contracts will be addressed during Old Business.

Marshal John Markley submitted his monthly report:

- On behalf of the Huntington County Sheriff's Department, Marshal Markley submits a request for a donation toward a multijurisdictional firearms training simulator. Councilmember Bower confirmed with Marshal Markley that the two discs included have approximately twenty-five scenarios each, and additional discs to be purchased at a later time are \$250 each. While the simulator will cost \$22,000, it will decrease rising ammunition costs. Each municipality (with the exception of Huntington City) is

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requested to donate \$2,000 toward the simulator. By consensus, Council approves a \$2,000 donation from the Cumulative Capital Improvement Fund.

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

In Old Business:

- The Huntington City-Township Public Library (HCTPL) has voted to move forward with the purchase of the lot at 155 West Sparks Street following the demolition of the current Town Hall.
 - The HCTPL is currently forming a Building Committee to determine the needs for the Town residents, the feasibility, and the placement of the building on the two lots. Town General Assistant and ADA Coordinator Mike Grant and Town Resident and former Councilman Jeff Stockman will represent the Town on the Committee.
 - President Humbarger noted that the sale did not have to be publicly advertised due to the sale occurring between two public entities. A dual resolution and purchase agreement will be presented to each entity by the other entity at its respective December Meetings. Within the purchase agreement, Councilmember Bower requested that Town Attorney Mike Hartburg address the HCTPL's responsibility for providing backfill following demolition. Vice President Hamilton would like three typographical errors addressed.
 - Town Supervisor Rick Asher addressed the issue of relocating the Markle Historical Society (MHS). MHS President Mike Grant stated that the first choice for the MHS would be to place display cases within the new library. As Mr. Grant is also on the Building Committee, he and Mr. Stockman are addressing this desire with the HCTPL. The MHS Board has been formally reestablished and is looking to become an entity of the Town in 2016.
 - Pending the backfill language and modification of the errors, President Humbarger motioned to approve Resolution 2014-4, Adoption of the Purchase Agreement, seconded by Vice President Hamilton. Motion carried 3-0, and Resolution 2014-4 was signed.
- The relocation of the Town Hall offices is pending concerns regarding clauses within the proposed lease presented by the Goetzes, who own the property located at 167 East Morse Street. Town Attorney Mike Hartburg noted that the Town is not responsible for structural accidents nor should it be responsible for the vague clause of "any" wear and tear. Since the Goetzes and the Town utilize the same insurance agent, the structural concerns are easily addressed. President Humbarger would like to see the "any" wear and tear clause addressed with the Goetzes in a "very professional" manner at a Special Meeting.
- Water Superintendent Steve Jeffers began the discussion regarding the water tower maintenance contracts by pointing out the differences in the proposals: Utility Services Group (USG) includes maintaining both towers and the cost of installing a mixer in the old tower. Leary Construction only includes one exterior paint job and does not include a mixer. Councilmember Bower would like Leary to make changes to its proposal and re-quote. Mr. Jeffers stated that while the paint job is not to happen until 2015, the mixer would be helpful prior to winter due to lessened circulation of water within the old tower due to the use of the new tower. In order to postpone the vote until the December meeting and lower the amount of water in the old tower by six to eight feet, Mr. Jeffers will lower the water pressure from the old tower by 2psi. President Humbarger would like an "apples to apples" quote (including a mixer) at the December meeting. Town Supervisor Rick Asher noted that a Solar-B mixer will cost approximately \$10,000. The Leary proposal will be re-quoted with the extra costs prior to the December meeting and the discussion is tabled until Old Business at the December meeting.


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


- The 2015 Salary Ordinance will be addressed at the December meeting.
- Clerk-Treasurer Monticue presented a quote from American Legal Publishing for recodification of Town ordinances.

Clerk-Treasurer Monticue submitted 93 vouchers in the amount of \$136,123.99 for approval: 52 vouchers from the General Fund in the amount of \$84,501.23, 26 from the Water Fund in the amount of \$40,161.72, and 15 from the Wastewater Fund in the amount of \$11,461.04. Vice President Hamilton 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