

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 March, 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 (7) 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 February 18<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting. Councilmember Bower motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Vice President Hamilton. Motion carried 3-0, and Minutes were signed.

Next on the Agenda, Mark Mussman of Huntington County Department of Community Development (DCD) was present for the second reading of Ordinance 2015-1. Ordinance 2015-1 adopts the new floodplain maps for the Huntington County side of the Town. Mr. Mussman states that the parcels within the floodplain (14 parcels total within the Town and all are on the Wells County side of Town, and are therefore not affected by the Huntington County floodplain maps and Ordinance 2015-1) will be required to have more documentation in order to participate in the Federal Flood Insurance Program. The former outline for entrance into the Program was poorly outlined for such types of parcels, and the amendment clarifies requirements and entrance into the program. President Humbarger read Ordinance 2015-1 verbatim and referenced the exhibit documenting the maps and flood plain management program. President Humbarger then motioned to adopt Ordinance 2015-1, seconded by Councilmember Bower. Motion carried 3-0, and two forms of Ordinance 2015-1 were signed. One copy will be kept at the DCD for its records.

In Town Council correspondence, the Public Hearing between the Turnpointe Community Church and the Town for the lease of property for use as a temporary Town Hall was announced as April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 prior to the Regular April Meeting. Further, the Town Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 A.M., with the rain date being April 4<sup>th</sup>. Finally, Vice President Hamilton attended the latest Region III-A meeting, where representatives from Commonwealth Engineers were the speakers. The topic of the presentation was regulation of sewer districts and wastewater systems.

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 is still anticipating a quote from Instituiform for lining of the sewers on the northwest side of Town. This would help storm water leaking into the sanitary sewer and being treated as sanitary sewer.
- The lift station on Novae Parkway was badly damaged in an automobile accident. A check was received from Selective Insurance and the lift station will be online by the end of the week.
- Water Superintendent Steve Jeffers noted that Jim Clevenger of Dixon Engineering climbed the east water tower in order to get information and pictures. Mr. Jeffers states that the bid process for painting the tower is moving forward.
- Wastewater Superintendent Scott Spahr noted that there is a broken 4" PVC pipe in the bottom of the aerator basin. When it began "gushing," it was either the fuser head or the membrane. Merrell Bros., Kokomo, will be out to remove the sludge in order to repair the pipe. Since there are three tanks, and

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the piping is the same age, it is possible that the fuser heads on the other two tanks are soon to become problematic. Town employees plan to drain and check all three basins, where sludge has been present in the bottom of the basins since 1992. Councilmember Bower suggested placing the basins on a preventative maintenance program, whereupon Mr. Spahr stated that this is now being planned.

- Mr. Asher and Town General Assistant Mike Grant will be attending INDOT ERC training in Warsaw on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Marshal John Markley submitted his monthly report:

- Mike Benson has resigned as a Reserve Officer and Marshal Markle requests permission to add two local residents as reserve officers in order to replace Mr. Benson. Council approved by consensus.
- Marshal Markley presented two camera systems for surveillance of the interim Town Hall and the Fire Department building. The old system currently installed in the Town Hall no longer has cameras available, so the systems would need to be changed after the demolition of the current Town Hall. Marshal Markley noted that the system for the interim Town Hall has the capacity to relocate the final Town Hall location. Town Supervisor Asher and Marshal Markley discuss the location of the cameras within the two buildings. By consensus, Council approved the purchase of the cameras and installation by Town Employees.

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

First in Old Business, a memorandum between the Town and the Markle Area Historical Society (MAHS) will move to Old Business at the April Meeting. At that time, the MAHS will present Exhibit A, documenting the artifacts for storage by the Town.

Further in Old Business, President Humbarger read Ordinance 2015-2 verbatim for its second time. Ordinance 2015-2 adopts the newly revised Code of Ordinances. Vice President Hamilton motioned to adopt Ordinance 2015-2 and its subsequent revision to the Town Code of Ordinances, seconded by President Humbarger. Motion carried 3-0, and Ordinance 2015-2 was signed. Clerk-Treasurer Monticue will revise the Town Code Books and upload a revised copy of the Code to the Town Website.

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


- The Public Hearing for the lease of property between the Town and Turnpointe Community Church will be held on April 15, 2015 prior to the Regular Meeting.
- Clerk-Treasurer Monticue requests a leak adjustment for Brandy Householder/Jeremy Dornseif in the amount of \$106.36. Councilmember Bower motioned to approve the leak adjustment, seconded by Vice President Hamilton. Motion carried 3-0.

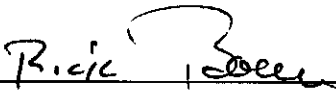
Clerk-Treasurer Monticue submitted 87 regular vouchers in the amount of \$126,752.87 for approval: 41 vouchers from the General Fund in the amount of \$70,499.43, 23 from the Water Fund in the amount of \$40,902.85, and 18 from the Wastewater Fund in the amount of \$15,350.59. Councilmember Bower motioned to approve all regular vouchers, seconded by President Humbarger. Motion carried 3-0, and vouchers were signed.

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Upon hearing no other business, President Humbarger motioned to adjourn at 8:04 P.M.

By   
Jeff Humbarger                      President

By   
Rick Bower                      Councilmember

By   
Mark Hamilton                      Vice-President

Attest:   
Shelley Monticue                      Clerk-Treasurer