

The Town Council of the Town of Markle, Indiana met in the small meeting room at the Markle Town Hall Building on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August, 2015, at the hour of 7:00 p.m., in accordance with the rules of the Council, appropriate notice and applicable laws.

Town Council Members present: President Jeff Humbarger, Vice President Mark Hamilton. Clerk-Treasurer Shelley Monticue and (2) additional townspeople were also in attendance. Councilmember Rick Bower was unavailable due to vacation.

President Humbarger called the Special Meeting to order at 7:01.

President Humbarger noted that the purpose of the Special Meeting was to review proposed line items for the 2016 Budget.

- Clerk-Treasurer Monticue noted that there would need to be resolution to reduce appropriations for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$10,000 in order to moderate the Fund as was done with the Rainy Day Fund.
- The Rainy Day Fund was noted to still have \$107,000 of earmarked funds for the Tracy Street Project, upon which Town Supervisor Rick Asher noted a "let date" of January 2016.
- Clerk-Treasurer Monticue noted the following things about the General Fund:
  - An allowance for a 2% raise for all Town Employees. Vice President Hamilton and President Humbarger noted that the amounts listed for the Council and Clerk-Treasurer were divided three ways among the General Fund, Water Fund, and Wastewater Funds.
  - A 20% increase was allocated for health insurance due to uncertainty due to the Affordable Care Act.
  - The line item for garbage was increased in order to accommodate the yearly increase.
  - An operating balance of \$150,000 was in place to allow for circuit breakers due to property tax caps.
- Rent for the current Town Hall, located at 520 W. Logan St., is coming from the Cumulative Capital Improvement Fund.
- Clerk-Treasurer Monticue raised the question of lowering the 2015 appropriations for the LOIT Fund in order to open funds for a future police station.
- The amounts for the 2015 LRS and MVH Funds has been utilized for recently completed paving projects, but funds will begin accumulating again with the 2016 Budget.
- Clerk-Treasurer Monticue questioned reducing 2015 appropriations for the Park Fund in order to allocate funds in 2016 for playground equipment at Walkway Park.
- A large proportion of money from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund has been earmarked for the Tracy Street Project.
- CEDIT Funds have been earmarked for the Tracy Street Project and Water Tower loan repayment plan in line with each county's CEDIT Plan. The remaining 2015 appropriations will be used to pay for the painting of the water tower at 140 W. Logan, completed August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Mr. Asher noted that the cathodic protection and mixer will be installed within the week as well as a final meeting with Dixon Engineering.
- The TIF Fund is based on current amounts within the Fund, as future amounts are difficult to calculate and will be incorporated into the 2017 Budget.


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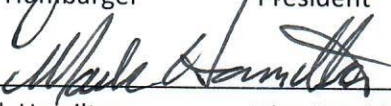
- Clerk-Treasurer Monticue finished her deliverance of the 2016 Budget by stating that the State authorized a levy increase of 2.6% and that she will add the omitted line items of \$8,000 and \$12,000 respectively for the Town Truck and Police Car Replacement Plans.


Town Supervisor Rick Asher gave updates on current Town projects discussed at the July Meeting:

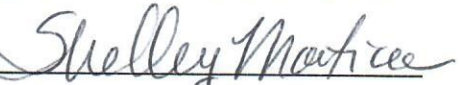
- Regarding the television of flows on the northwest section of Town, there are minor leaks at many of the taps, and an 8" manhole was plugged due to it no longer being in service. In order to repair many of the laterals, there is an estimated cost of \$5,000 per house. Approximately 40 houses would need to be repaired. Mr. Asher will be televising more lines within the confines of his \$10,000 budget approved at the July Meeting. He believes there are more problems at the bottom of the hill on West Sparks Street.
- Mr. Asher further updated Council on the demolition of 155 W. Sparks St. The generator from the former Town Hall is currently in storage at 140-1/2 W. Sparks St. While the Town would like to tie the generator into the Fire Department building, 150 W. Sparks St., W.W. Williams estimated the labor cost to be approximately \$35,000 in order to install a new control box. The situation will be further evaluated on what is in the best interest for the Town. The building is scheduled to be demolished within the next week.
- Mr. Asher further notified Council that the electrical at new water tower is faulty and not communicating properly with the Water Plant. Town Employees are looking at solutions for this problem.

Upon hearing no other business, President Humbarger adjourned the Meeting at 7:37.

By   
Jeff Humbarger                      President

By   
Mark Hamilton                      Vice-President

By   
Rick Bower                      Councilmember

Attest:   
Shelley Monticue                      Clerk-Treasurer