

# Council Meeting

December 16, 2015

7:30 P.M.

The Town Council of the Town of Markle, Indiana met in its meeting room at the Markle Fire Department Building on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December, 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.

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

Next on the Agenda, Mark Wickersham of Huntington County United Economic Development (HCUED) presented its updated By-laws and Strategic Plan. He commended the work that Jeff Stockman has done on the HCUED Board. Mr. Wickersham continued by giving a report of 2015 progress in the Markle Industrial Park: an expansion at Dayton Freight, the construction of Novae Six, and additional acreage is in the process of being purchased. Due to the low unemployment numbers and high retention rates, the newest challenges are developing/finding an educated workforce and available industrial sites. He presented Council with current marketing materials and noted that marketing has expanded into a British magazine.

Mr. Wickersham presented the 2016 contract for renewal, noting a minor change: work outside of the contract may incur additional fees. Mr. Wickersham did not foresee any extra work outside of the scope of the contract, as Markle has never requested additional work that was outside of the contract. This was more a boilerplate due to the needs of multiple municipalities, all of whom in Huntington County approved the contract within the past week. President Humbarger motioned to approve the 2016 contract with HCUED, seconded by Councilmember Bower. Motion carried 3-0, and the contract was signed.

Next on the Agenda was a proclamation read aloud by President Humbarger noting the official opening of the Indiana Bicentennial in Markle on December 11, 2015. Following the Proclamation, it was adopted by consensus and signed by President Humbarger. The commemorative flag will be hung below the U.S. flag at the Markle Fire Station for the duration of the Bicentennial year.

In Town Council Correspondence, 2016 Meeting Dates for both the Park Board and Town Council were discussed.

Town Supervisor Rick Asher submitted his monthly report:

- A streetlight at Clark and Morse Streets was badly damaged, but the \$1,600 replacement parts are negligibly more than the \$1,000 for insurance.
- The contract was submitted to DLZ for the pump and motor at the Wastewater Plant. Mr. Asher is waiting to hear back from the engineer for a date of replacement.
- The new blower is online at the Wastewater Plant to assist the aerator and digesters.

Town Marshal John Markley then delivered his monthly report and thanked I-69 Trailer Sales for the donation of a 6'x10' trailer. It will be used for transportation and storage of range equipment.

No Public Comment was presented.



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In Old Business, Town Supervisor Rick Asher noted that the Tracy Street Meeting in Indianapolis will be held on January 13<sup>th</sup> for letting of project on or about January 20<sup>th</sup>.

At this time, Clerk-Treasurer Monticue delivered her report and presented the following Resolutions which were read aloud verbatim by President Humbarger:

- Resolution 2015-6, Rainy Day Transfer of \$82,142, 10% of the 2015 General Fund Budget. President Humbarger motioned to approve Resolution 2015-6, seconded by Vice President Hamilton. Motion carried 3-0, and Resolution 2015-6 was signed.
- Resolution 2015-7, End of Year Appropriation Transfers for reconciliation of appropriations. Councilmember Bower motioned to approve Resolution 2015-7, seconded by President Humbarger. Motion carried 3-0, and Resolution 2015-7 was signed.
- Resolution 2015-8, Transfer of Funds from the Rainy Day Fund to the EDIT and MVH Funds to cover the creation of the Tracy Street Fund. President Humbarger motioned to approve Resolution 2015-8, seconded by Vice President Hamilton. Motion carried 3-0, and Resolution 2015-8 was signed.

The following appointments for 2015 were presented for approval:

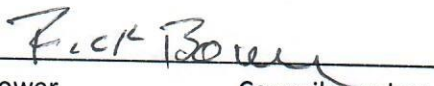
- Rick Asher, Park Board
- Blake Caley, Board of Zoning Appeals
- Jeff Stockman, Markle Redevelopment Commission
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- Mike Grant, Emergency Management Advisory Board
- Jeff Stockman, HCUED
- Mark Hamilton, Region III-A

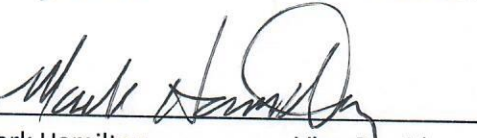
Vice President Hamilton motioned to approve the appointments, seconded by President Humbarger. Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk-Treasurer Monticue submitted 99 vouchers for approval, totaling \$164,248.12: 58 from the General Fund totaling \$103,021.59, 24 from the Water Fund totaling \$39,669.91, and 17 from the Wastewater Fund totaling \$21,456.62. After noting that the Clerk-Treasurer Report needed revision to reflect the correct grand total, Vice President Hamilton motioned to approve the Vouchers as amended, seconded by President Humbarger. Motion carried 3-0, and Vouchers were signed.

Hearing no other business, President Humbarger adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

By   
Jeff Humbarger President

By   
Rick Bower Councilmember

By   
Mark Hamilton Vice-President

Attest:   
Carolyn Hamilton Clerk-Treasurer