

The Town Council of the Town of Markle, Indiana, met in its meeting room at the Markle Fire Department Building on the 15th day of February, 2017 at the hour of 7:30 p.m. in accordance with the rules of the Council and applicable laws and appropriate notice. Town Council Members present: President Jeff Humbarger, Vice-President Mark Hamilton, and Councilmember Rick Bower; Clerk-Treasurer Carolyn Hamilton and thirteen additional people were also in attendance.

President Humbarger called the Regular Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The first order of business was to approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes for the January 18, 2017. Councilmember Rick Bower moved to approve the minutes for January 18, 2017. Vice-President Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Minutes signed.

Marla Stambazze from the Huntington Countywide Dept. of Community Development recommended to Council to release the Order of Enforcement that had been placed on the property at 154 N 500 E owned by Steven Rowe on October 2016. She noted that the property had been improved and met with the DCD standards. President Humbarger moved to release the order. Vice-President Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jay Stankiewicz, JPR Senior Project Engineer reported to Council. He reported that the bid letting for Novae Parkway would be on March 22, 2017 at the Council meeting. Jay will get quotes to resurface Tracy St. The contractor will probably start in July .

Scott Spahr, Wastewater Superintendent reviewed the phosphorous situation with Council. IDEM had recommended putting phosphorous limits in the sewer use ordinance. IDEM was at our plant on January 18, 2017 for an inspection. IDEM recommended making phosphorus part of the sewer ordinance by limiting the amount of phosphorus discharged to the plant. Markle is now running 35-45 mg per liter. President Humbarger instructed Scott and Rick to prepare the amount for the sewer ordinance. The attorney will have to review the ordinance. By consensus Council agreed that the amount should be 5mg. This will affect the manufacturing facilities of Wayne Metal and Novae.

President Humbarger read Resolution 2017-3, a resolution to transfer funds to Fund 258 Local Rd and Bridge Matching Grant Fund. Copy of Resolution 2017-3 attached. Councilmember Bower moved to pass Resolution 2017-3. President Humber seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Resolution signed.

President Humbarger read Resolution 2017-4, a Resolution to add a dormant check back to the General Fund. Copy of Resolution 2017-4 attached. Councilmember Rick Bower moved to approve Resolution 2017-4. President Humbarger seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Resolution signed.

Town Correspondence – None.

Rick Asher gave the written Superintendent report. He also reported that most of the LED lights had been completed in the fire station, water department, and wastewater dept. and the Clerk's office is 75% done.

Rick stated he had a document from Dayton Freight that need signed regarding people getting hurt on their property during construction of Novae Parkway.

Rick asked Council if they wanted him to pursue the INDOT matching grant this summer. INDOT is changing the way they are going to proceed with the Grants. Council agreed that he should proceed.

John Markley submitted his written Marshal's report.

There were no public questions or comments.

There was one item of old business. The Indiana Department of Natural resources requested a floodplain administrator and secondary contact. Marla Stambazee had reported earlier in the meeting that she thought the DCD did that job for the Town. The Clerk was instructed to send Marla the papers the following day, to see what the DCD could do.

Clerk-Treasurer Hamilton submitted 99 vouchers for approval, totaling \$169,941.36 68 were from the General Fund totaling \$119,499.10. 15 were from the Water Utility Fund totaling \$29,111.66, and 16 from the Wastewater Utility Fund totaling \$21,330.60. Councilmember Rick Bower moved to approve the vouchers as presented and Vice-President Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk-Treasurer Hamilton requested water adjustments on the following accounts:

102-465-15 Ryan Richardson Water \$30.20 Tax \$1.88 Wastewater \$49.42 Total \$81.50.

Leak verbally approved by President Humbarger to avoid late charges, etc.

103-735-16 Steve Thomas Evans Water \$61.37 Tax \$4.29 Wastewater \$92.46 Total \$158.12.

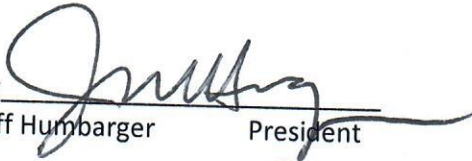
No know reason for the leak. The customer requests a new meter. President Humbarger moved to approve the leak adjustment. Vice-President Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-1. Councilmember Bower opposed the adjustment.

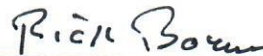
Clerk-Treasurer Hamilton reported on February 9, 2017 Rick Asher, Vice-President Hamilton and Clerk Hamilton met with Chad Kline, Executive Director of Wells County Economic Dev. and Mike Higbee, President & Founder of Development Concepts Inc. to discuss the housing situation in the Town of Markle. The downtown businesses and the need for a store were discussed as well as the infrastructure of the Town of Markle. It was a very informative meeting about the unique position our community is in.

President Humbarger stated that the move of the Log Cabin was a success. The Historical Society Day at the Town Hall was very well attended. The owner of the land surrounding the Town's lot is the Federal Government. Marshal Markley has been working with the Corp of Engineers to obtain the land and save the Town money in fees. He has talked to the Corp. who will then deliver the documents to the proper officials.

President Humbarger announced that March Council Meeting would be held on March 22, 2017 instead of the scheduled date of March 15, 2017.

Hearing no other business to come before Council the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

By 
Jeff Humbarger President

By 
Rick Bower Councilmember

By 
Mark Hamilton Vice-President

Attest: 
Carolyn Hamilton Clerk-Treasurer