

Council Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2017

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 19th day of July 2017, beginning 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 14 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.

Council President opened the Public Hearing for the Cumulative Capital Development Fund by reading Resolution 2017-9 a Resolution Establishing the Cumulative Capital Fund to \$.05 again. Hearing no questions or conversation on the Resolution 2017-9, President Humbarger closed the Public Hearing.

Vice President Hamilton moved to approve Resolution 2017-9 as presented. Councilmember Rick Bower seconded the motion. Resolution approved 3-0. Resolution signed.

The next order of business was to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes from June 21, 2017. Councilmember Rick Bower moved to approve the minutes. President Humbarger seconded the motion. Minutes approved 3-0. Minutes signed.

President Humbarger introduced Chase Caston, a member of Scout Troop #128. Chase attended the Council meeting as a requirement of his Eagle Scout Badge. He is working on his Citizenship and Communication requirements. Chase gave a short presentation to the Council and citizens attending the meeting.

Marla Stambazze, Huntington County Department of Community Development, reported on the address differences on Novae Parkway. She advised Council that she would contact the Novae Parkway property owners about address changes to make the property numbering a more uniform system. This would help in case of an emergency to find the correct address.

Marla Stambazze was also checking on the situation with the log cabin not being on a foundation. It was reported that the judge had given the Federal government a 60 day extension. The sixty days are almost up, so then the cabin can be set. Marla reported that the Park Board would have to get a permit to set the cabin on a foundation.

Marla Stambazze reported on 425 N. Clark St. The property owner is trying to get the work done on the house. Her husband died recently and her brother has been in and out of the hospital.

Marla Stambazze reported on 245 Wilt St. After a short discussion with Council it was decided that she should start the process to demolish the house. The Town has several liens on the property for mowing.

Mandy Woods representing Huntington County Department of Community Development reported on the communities working together to get a comprehensive plan for each community. She reported that she would be meeting with Jessica Grossman from Region III-A to see what sort of plan they can come up with. She reported that the County Commissioners may be willing to pay a portion of the plans for the communities.

President Humbarger reviewed the Garbage Contract Extension with Waste Management. President Humbarger moved to approve the contract as presented. Vice-President Hamilton seconded the motion. Contract approved 3-0. Contract signed by President Humbarger.

President Humbarger read the proposed Umbaugh Rate Study Contract. Councilmember Rick Bower moved to sign the Umbaugh Rate Study Contract. Water and Wastewater Utility fee is \$5,800 for each utility. President Humbarger seconded the motion. Rate Study approved 3-0. Contract signed by President Humbarger.

Town Correspondence: Council received a THANK YOU from the Stockman family. President Humbarger reviewed the many things Jeff Stockman did for the Town of Markle. President Humbarger reported that he would volunteer to be the interim representative for HCUED for the Town. Vice-President Mark Hamilton moved to have President Humbarger be the representative at HCUED. Councilmember Rick Bowers seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Richard Asher submitted his written Superintendent report. He also requested from Council payment for 1/2 the cost of tree removal at the Jerry Shear residence at 245 W. Morse St. The tree was in the Right of Way and Shears' paid \$600 to have the tree removed.

Rick Asher reported that Cooley Excavation will be in Markle when the weather is suitable for testing to check where the infiltration into the Wastewater lines is coming from. The rainfall has to be just right. The cost will be \$10,000 to televise the lines.

Rick Asher reported that the Town submitted 20 applications for the 2018 INDOT Funding. INDOT match is 75% to the Town 25%.

Rick Asher reported that the final walk-through on Tracy St. had taken place.

Marshal Markley submitted to Council his written report.

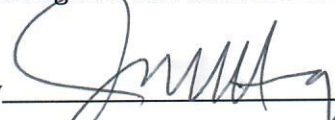
Marshal Markley also reported that he had been at CAMP HERO the last week. Marshal Markley requested Council okay the purchase of two firearms at the cost of \$600. By consensus Council agreed to the purchase.

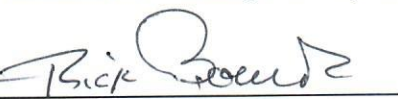
There were no public questions or comments. There was no old business.


Clerk-Treasurer Hamilton reported a total of 67 vouchers amounting to \$194,270.86. 42 were from the General Fund totaling \$143,219.28. 12 from the Water Utility totaling \$33,079.03 and 13 from the Wastewater Utility totaling \$17,972.55. Councilmember Rick Bower moved to approve the vouchers as presented and Vice-President Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.


Steven Jeffers, Water Superintendent, reported that the mixer in the new water tower went bad. The water in Markle is so hard that the towers are going to have to be cleaned every two or three years. He will be getting a quote on August 31, 2017.

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

By 
Jeff Humbarger, President

By 
Rick Bower, Councilmember

By 
Mark Hamilton, Vice-President

Attest: 
Carolyn Hamilton, Clerk-Treasurer