

The Town Council of the Town of Markle, Indiana, met in the meeting room at the Markle Fire Department Building on the 20th day of December 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: Vice-President Mark Hamilton, and Councilmember Rick Bower. President Humbarger was absent. Clerk-Treasurer Carolyn Hamilton and 12 additional people were also in attendance.

Vice-President Hamilton called the Regular Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The next order of business was to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes from November 15, 2017. Councilmember Rick Bower moved to approve the minutes. Vice-President Hamilton seconded the motion. Minutes approved 2-0. Minutes signed.

Jarrold Hahn, Wells County Surveyor, reviewed his findings on the storm water problem at Skyline Addition. He again reviewed the problems with the drains, etc. He stated that these were on preliminary findings. He doesn't think it is cost effective to take the water to the east. The tile carrying the water is undersized. Council member Rick Bower asked about an open ditch to transport the water.

Jarrold Hahn reviewed what would have to be done if they have to hire an engineer and put the project out for bid. The cost could be as much as \$300,000. Mr. Hahn suggested maybe applying for grants to fund the issue of the storm water.

Vice-President Hamilton moved to approve the Town of Markle paying 1/3 to 1/2 of the estimated \$6,000 to \$8,000 that it will cost to dredge the ditches. This was the lowest cost solution to address the storm water problem.

Rick Asher reviewed the 1960's situation with Skyline Addition again. Wayne Metal has a tile that runs into this outlet, plus the run off from the fertilizer plant. Mr. Hahn reported that INDOT could not find the plans on the tile under State Rd 3.

Josh Padgett from JPR was at the Council meeting to request permission to advertise the bids for the 2018 Community Crossing Grant. He announced that bids would be opened at the next Council Meeting January 17, 2018. By consensus Council agreed to advertise the Street Paving Project.

Mark Wickersham of the Huntington County Economic Development gave his 2017 report. He thanked deceased Jeff Stockman for his service. He said he would be greatly missed. Mr. Wickersham reviewed his job training grant and program. He also reviewed his end of the year report and how HCUED is audited. He said they were happy to have Jeff Humbarger join their team.

Vice-President Hamilton expressed the Council's appreciation to HCUED.

By consensus, Council approved the agreement for performance of professional economic development services for 2018 at the cost of \$4,000.

Vice President Mark Hamilton read Resolution 2017-11; a resolution transferring 10% of the General Fund to the Rainy Day Fund. The amount this year was \$84,620. Councilmember Rick Bower moved to approve Resolution 2017-11. Vice President Mark Hamilton seconded the motion. Resolution passed 2-0. Resolution signed.

Vice President Mark Hamilton read Resolution 2017-12 a resolution to transfer appropriations to balance the appropriation balances before the end of the year. Councilmember Rick Bower moved



to approve Resolution 2017-12. Vice President Mark Hamilton seconded the motion. Resolution passed 2-0. Resolution signed.

Vice President Hamilton reported receiving no correspondence.

Rick Asher gave his monthly written report to Council.

He reported that the new utility shed had arrived and would have a final inspection tomorrow.

He reported that the 1 ton GMC would be going in on Tuesday for a body control module repair.

Rick Asher had requested a letter from Brooks Construction stating that if the new grass growth along Novae Parkway is insufficient, Brooks Construction will reseed any areas that need attention in the spring of 2018.

Rick Asher thanked Town Council, the Clerk-Treasurer, and the Town employees for a good year. He stated that everyone really worked well together and had really accomplished a lot this year. Rick Asher stated that Brooks' retainer would be paid on January 14, 2018. He gave Council a letter stating that Brooks would check to see if the project on Novae Parkway would need reseeded.

Marshal Markley submitted to Council his written report. By consensus Council approved the replacing of the fire arms. He will trade in 8 old weapons and get 6 brand new weapons for \$883.94.

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


Clerk-Treasurer Hamilton reported a total of 131 vouchers amounting to \$683,820.31. 87 were from the General Fund totaling \$624,625.83. 29 from the Water Utility totaling \$37,072.91 and 19 from the Wastewater Utility totaling \$22,121.57. Councilmember Rick Bower moved to approve the vouchers as presented and Vice-President Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

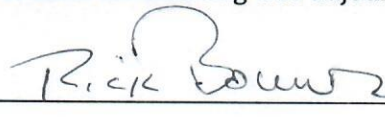
Clerk-Treasurer Hamilton requested a water and wastewater adjustment for Kevin Smith 100 Woodfield Ct. Water \$50.72 Tax \$3.55 Wastewater \$80.06. Total Adjustment \$134.33. Councilmember Rick Bower moved to approve the leak adjustment. Vice-President Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

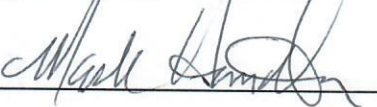
Refreshments provided by: Delaney, Hartburg, Roth, and Garrott, Waste Management, E&B Paving, Nadean's Bakery, General Insurance, and DLZ.

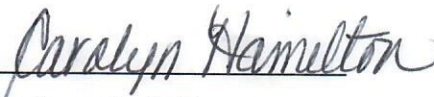
Clerk-Treasurer wished everyone present a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Hearing no other business to come before Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

By   
Jeff Humbarger, President

By   
Rick Bower, Councilmember

By   
Mark Hamilton, Vice-President

Attest:   
Carolyn Hamilton, Clerk-Treasurer