

The Town Council of the Town of Markle, Indiana, met in the meeting room at the Markle Fire Department Building on the 19th day of December 2018, 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 9 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 Jeff Humbarger opened the Public Hearings for the 320 W. Morse St. and 480 N. Clark St. Marla Stambazze from the Huntington Countywide Department of Community Development conducted the hearings. Marla had been contacted by Mrs. Natalie Gill requesting more time to get the garage down. It is falling down. By consensus Council agreed to March 20, 2019 to get the garage down. After a short discussion it was decided that the Town Council would wait while following the proper guidelines to obtain the property at 480 N. Clark St. The Huntington County Commissioners will assign the sale certificates to the Town of Markle, if the taxes are not paid. It will be approximately six months before the Town will own the property. The order for 320 W. Morse St. and 480 N. Clark St. were signed and notarized. The Clerk-Treasurer had also brought to Marla Stambazze's attention the trailer at 305 W. Spark St. The trailer is in an unsightly condition and there is no mailing address for utilities. After a short discussion with Council it was decided that the collection of the water would be pursued through Client Services and a lien put on the property for the wastewater owing. After the property owner is located DCD will pursue the condition issues.

The next order of business was to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes from November 21, 2018. Councilmember Rick Bower moved to approve the minutes. Vice-President Mark Hamilton seconded the motion. Minutes approved 3-0. Minutes signed.

President Jeff Humbarger announced that he would be appointing Nate Schmalzried, Jason Frisch, John Markley and Hal Mason would be appointed to the Markle Redevelopment Commission for a term of one year. Brian Warpup is the School Board member. Hearing no objection to the appointments, President Jeff Humbarger moved to approve the appointments of Nate Schmalzried, Jason Frisch, John Markley, and Hal Mason. Councilmember Rick Bower seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. President Jeff Humbarger signed the official appointments after the meeting. Copy attached to the minutes.

President Jeff Humbarger announced the appointment of Jim Madsen to the Zoning Board. This is a four year term. Councilmember Rick Bower moved to approve the appointment of Jim Madsen. President Jeff Humbarger seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. President Jeff Humbarger signed the official appointment after the meeting. Copy attached to the minutes.

Robert Jeffers, Huntington County Emergency Management reviewed the Huntington County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, a five-year plan that will allow the county to get funding from FEMA in the event of a natural disaster, and presented Council with Resolution 2018-7 for approval. He also reviewed a letter from FEMA. Mr. Jeffers requested a copy of the signed resolution be sent to him the next day. President Jeff Humbarger presented Resolution 2018-7. Hearing no questions or comments, by consensus Council approved Resolution 2018-7. Resolution signed. Copy attached to minutes.

President Jeff Humbarger reviewed Resolution 2018-8 a resolution to transfer \$90,539.00 from the General Fund to the Rainy Day Fund. This is 10% of the General Funds budget for the year 2018. Councilmember Rick Bower moved to approve Resolution 2018-8. President Humbarger seconded the motion. Resolution approved 3-0. Resolution signed. Copy attached to the minutes.

Town Correspondence – Huntington County Council on Aging sent a Thank-you, also requested another donation. Love, INC. requested a donation. Norwell FFA requested a donation. By consensus, Council agreed to make a donation to the Norwell FFA of \$250. Love, INC. was tabled to the next meeting. Clerk-Treasurer was instructed to see if a donation was made to Love, INC. this year. Also a thank you was received on the Town of Markle web site complimenting Robbie James for his efforts with a broken down vehicle on I-69. The occupants were very thankful for his assistance.

Mike Grant, Assistant Supr. submitted Superintendent Rick Asher’s written report. Rick Asher was ill.

Mike Grant reported that they were having trouble with the blower that had just been repaired by Quality Repair Service, Inc. of Greenwood, IN. Mike announced that town employees are no longer picking up leaves.

Marshal Markley submitted his written report. He also reported a \$1,500 grant was received from REMC Operation Round Up Trust Inc.

There were no public questions or comments.

Old business: None.

Clerk-Treasurer Hamilton reported a total of 112 vouchers amounting to \$184,880.85. 82 were from the General Fund totaling \$120,275.96. 18 from the Water Utility totaling \$39,286.49 and 12 from the Wastewater Utility totaling \$25,318.40. Councilmember Rick Bower moved to approve the vouchers as presented and Vice-President Mark Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.


Leak adjustments for Phillip Young 101-170-59 in the amount of \$133.96 (consisting of Water \$50.96 Tax \$3.57 and Wastewater \$79.43). Councilmember Rick Bower moved to approve the leak adjustment. President Jeff Humbarger seconded. Leak adjustment approved 3-0.

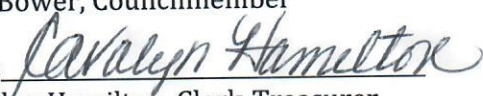
President Humbarger recognized Councilmember Rick Bower and thanked him for his eight years of service. Refreshments were served in honor of his service. His wife Jennifer was also present at the meeting. President Humbarger announced that Council would be announcing the new appointee hopefully in January 2019.

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