

The Town Council of the Town of Markle, Indiana, met in the meeting room at the Markle Fire Department Building on the 16th day of January 2019, 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. Clerk-Treasurer Carolyn Hamilton and 7 additional people were also in attendance.

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

Vice-President Mark Hamilton moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes from December 19, 2018. President Jeff Humbarger seconded the motion. Minutes approved 2-0. Minutes signed.

Mandy Woods, Executive Director of the Huntington County DCD presented Council with Resolution 2019-1 A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE HUNTINGTON COUNTY FLOOD RESPONSE EVACUATION PLAN. Copy attached to the minutes. Mandy Woods had sent Council Members a copy of the plan prior to the meeting. This plan was approved by the Huntington County Commissioners on December 2018. President Jeff Humbarger moved to adopt the plan as presented. Vice-President Mark Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. Resolution signed. Copy attached to the minutes.

After a short discussion, Superintendent Rick Asher agreed to be the point person for the Town of Markle when permits are approved through the Development Plan Committee for the Plan Commission for commercial use and parking lot permits. There will also be someone from the Highway Dept. and an environmental person on the committee approving the permits. The committee meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 2:00 P.M. Markle only had three meetings last year that would have required Markle's person attending. Rick Asher will receive a packet when Markle is on the docket.

Mandy Woods presented Council a copy of the HUNTINGTON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2040. Mandy Woods stated that she would be working toward the goal of preparing a Comprehensive Plan at no charge for Markle, Andrews, Roanoke, Warren, and possibly Mt. Etna. Mike Grant and Stephenie Hensley will be the point contacts for the Town of Markle on this project. Markle's last Comprehensive Plan was written in 1970. This plan should be updated every 5 to 10 years.

Mandy Woods also gave Council a copy of the Plan Commission end of the year report. Copy attached.

President Humbarger moved to have Mike Grant appointed to the Wells County Chamber of Commerce Board as the Markle Representative. Vice-President Mark Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. Copy attached to the minutes.

Chad Kline, Executive Director of Wells County Economic Development, presented Council with the Broadband Connectivity Report. This report was basically the results of the survey taken by the Town of Markle residents. He reported that he is moving forward and will keep Council updated on the progress of the installation of fiber optic in the Town of Markle. Copy attached to the minutes. Vice-President Mark Hamilton asked about RFP's going out to fiber optic companies. Chad Kline advised that at the present they would be working with someone that already has part of the fiber in the Town of Markle and possibly expanding that.

Chad Kline also presented the 2018 Annual Report for Wells County Economic Development. Copy attached to the minutes.

Town Correspondence: Council received thank you cards from Angel Tree and Cancer Services. Being advised by the Clerk that they had not donated to Love INC, by consensus Council agreed to donate \$100 to Love INC.

Town Superintendent Rick Asher submitted his written report. He reported that he would be purchasing new led bulbs for the bridge and that REMC would be installing them. 10 bulbs in a case 50 watt bulbs. They are \$77 each. By consensus Council gave him permission to purchase two boxes of the bulbs so that he would have extra on hand.

A pole has to be made for the street light that got hit. Vice-President Mark Hamilton asked about the cost of moving that pole. It has been hit twice in the past two years. Different options were discussed. Superintendent Rick Asher will get a price on moving the pole. Town employees will check with INDOT about a barricade in front of it. The employees will check the different options and report back to Council.

Superintendent Rick Asher reported that the Town is going to need a new salt spreader.

Marshal Markley submitted his written report. Cody Jones will graduate on Saturday.

Public comments: Marshal Markley reported that the Redevelopment Commission met prior to the Council meeting to review the 2018 Financial Report and the 2019 TIF Budget. He submitted to Council the minutes from that meeting. Copy attached to the minutes.

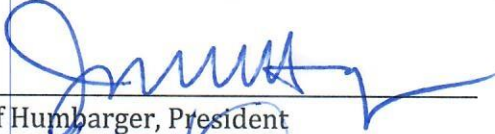
Old business: None.


Clerk-Treasurer Hamilton reported a total of 122 vouchers amounting to \$179,319.25. 85 were from the General Fund totaling \$109,862.27. 21 from the Water Utility totaling \$40,596.43 and 16 from the Wastewater Utility totaling \$28,860.55. President Jeff Humbarger moved to approve the vouchers as presented and Vice-President Mark Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Clerk-Treasurer Carolyn Hamilton reported that Marla Stambazee said that 145 E. Morse St. would be available through the Commissioners Sale. By consensus Council reported that they would be interested

Clerk-Treasurer Carolyn Hamilton submitted a quote for a generator for the Town Building. The quote was from Markle Do It Best Hardware for \$6,025.00. By consensus Council approved the purchase. Council also asked Town employees what the status was at placing a generator at the fire station and to proceed with a plan to place one at that building also.

Hearing no other business to come before Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

By   
Jeff Humbarger, President

By   
Mark Hamilton, Vice-President

Attest:   
Carolyn Hamilton, Clerk-Treasurer