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Markle's Novae to expand, add 32 employees

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[Novae Corp.](#) is expanding its operations in the Markle Industrial Park. On Wednesday night, the town granted the company tax abatements on the money it's spending.

The company is making \$4.1 million in real estate improvements and an additional \$1.23 million in equipment.

The company will add 32 employees and add \$1.2 million to its annual payroll. Don Tilley, who represented Novae at the meeting, said the work will begin next month and should be "substantially completed" by the beginning of January.

Tilley said the company is running out of office space. The company's sales staff will be moved into the new facility.

In addition, new overhead cranes will be purchased to improve efficiency. New fiber optic lines will be extended to the new offices as well.

"It's quite an expenditure on our part getting this done," Tilley said as he asked the council for the property tax abatements.

The three Town Council members — Mark Hamilton, Andrew McClary, and Matthew Doss — approved the abatements unanimously.

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