

Meeting Minutes
Town of Meridian Hills
Minutes of Town Council Meeting
August 9, 2004

President O'Brien called the regular meeting of the Meridian Hills Town Council to order at 7:30 pm. The meeting was held at the Hilbert Early Learning Center at Park Tudor School.

In Attendance: Terry O'Brien, President
Abbe Hohmann, Councilor
Kay Ivceovich, Councilor
William Nunery, Clerk-Treasurer
Michael Hunter, Deputy Town
Engineer
Sue Beesley, Town Attorney

Following the pledge of allegiance, President O'Brien advised there were no changes to the agenda.

Police Report

Mike Russo, Town Marshal, reported that the taser weapons had been received, and Deputy Kasper has been certified as an instructor to train the other deputies. Firearm training has been completed this past month by all deputies. Several break-ins and thefts were reported in the area, along with an arrest of two individuals for vandalism. Speed enforcements remain in effect and appear to be helping on Pennsylvania Street.

Approval of Minutes

President O'Brien moved to accept the July 12th Council Meeting minutes as submitted. Councilor Ivceovich seconded the motion. Following some discussion, it was moved to modify the July 12th meeting minutes to include the specifics of three recommendations made by the Streets & Thoroughfares Committee. This motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

President O'Brien moved to accept the July 29th Special Meeting minutes as submitted, Councilor Ivceovich seconded the motion. Following further discussion, it was moved to amend these minutes to include the matrix of the nine projects resulting from the drainage study. The motion carried by a vote of 2-0 (Councilor Hohmann abstained).

Report of Town Engineer

Michael Hunter, Deputy Town Engineer, advised that we still need to schedule a time to review the records at HNTB. He reported that the drainage study was presented at the July 29th special meeting of the Town Council, and that the Town Council approved the proposed work for 2004 related to street repairs. Additional funding sources are being investigated as the costs associated with the various projects exceed the current resources available to the Town. Sue Whitaker confirmed that projects less than \$25,000 do not require formal quotes; projects equal to or greater than \$25,000 but less than \$75,000 require two quotes but no formal bids; and projects equal to or greater than \$75,000 require formal bids.

There was additional discussion regarding ownership of 79th & Illinois street south of 80th Street. William Nunery reported on letters and phone calls with INDOT, DPW and the City of Indianapolis related to the gas tax street inventory which all support ownership by the Town of Meridian Hills. Councilor Hohmann disagreed with this position, and President O'Brien agreed to let Councilor Hohmann make another attempt to resolve this with the City of Indianapolis.

Report of Town Attorney

Sue Beesley, Town Attorney, submitted a summary of activities completed in July on behalf of the Town. There was no further discussion.

Report of Town Clerk Treasurer

William Nunery, Clerk-Treasurer, reported on a resident concern related to Williams Creek Boulevard between Meridian and Pennsylvania, which he requested be investigated by the Town Engineer. Work was completed to repair a sink hole at 7030 N. Pennsylvania; yield signs are being placed in Wellington and Sherwood. A street final surfacing request will be sent to the developer of Washington Boulevard. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that \$.02 would be transferred from Police Compensation to Clothing Allowance, all within category 01 Personal Services of the General Fund. In addition, he requested approval of Resolution 25-04 which would transfer \$1100 from Category 03 Bank Service Charges to Category 04 Capital Outlays, both within the General Fund. The Clerk-Treasurer further requested approval of the Town Council to compensate the deputy clerk-treasurer for assistance provided with the duties of the office of Clerk-Treasurer. After some discussion, it was agreed that an ad hoc committee will formed to complete a salary comparison of towns that don't have a mayor.

Old Business

None

New Business

Councilor Hohmann moved to approve Resolution MH 25-04, which transfers funds between line items of the General Fund. Councilor Ivceovich seconded the motion, and it carried with a vote of 3-0. President O'Brien moved to approve Resolution MH 24-04, which establishes Vine & Branch as the provider for on call tree service. Councilor Ivceovich seconded the motion, and it carried with a vote of 3-0.

Councilor Ivceovich, chair of the Streets & Thoroughfares Committee, requested that the Meridian Hills Police Department continue with the increased ticketing on Pennsylvania Street. Councilor Ivceovich reported that 1st Congregational Church has been notified of the intent to tighten up speed controls.

No reports were submitted by the Police Committee or the Development Standards Committee. Terry O'Brien, chair of the Communications Committee, reported that this committee met on July 26th and finalized plans for the next newsletter, which will go out in late August. Under Resident Forum, it was noted that the dedication ceremony for the 1st Congregational Church Memorial Garden will occur later this month.

Approval of Claims and Warrants

President O'Brien moved to accept the claims as submitted. Councilor Ivceovich seconded the motion, and it carried by a vote of 3-0.

	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Purpose</u>		
-	130	Michael Russo	Police Clothing Allowance	461.54
	131	William Nunery	Clerk-Treasurer Salary	650.00
	132	Bingham McHale	Attorney Salary	800.00
	133	Schneider Corp	Engineer Salary	650.00
	134	MH Police	Payroll 8/6	3,600.15
	135	MH Police	Payroll 8/20	3,303.03
	136	Ipls Power & Light	Street Lights	623.80
	137	Prime Pay	Payroll Service	73.86
	138	SBC	Police Phone	
52.37				
	139	Speedway	Police auto fuel	313.49
	140	Jerry Alderman	Police auto maintenance	36.60
	141	Bingham McHale	Legal services	45.31
	142	Freije Lawn Care	Mowing	450.00
	143	Ray O'Herron	Police taser weapons	5,039.58
	144	Traffic Signs Inc	Yield signs in Wellington	124.26
	145	Schneider Corp	Drainage Study	6,675.00
	146	Vine & Branch Tree	trimming & removal	4,085.00
	147	Sweeney Constr	Street Repairs – 75 th & Park	7,700.00

Adjournment

There being no further business, President O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Nunery, MD
Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Meridian Hills

Approved as submitted:

William R. Nunery, MD

Terrence W. O'Brien

Clerk-Treasurer

Council President