

**Town of Meridian Hills
Town Council Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2004**

Following the pledge of allegiance, the regular meeting of the Meridian Hills Town Council was called to order by President Terry O'Brien at 7:33 pm, at the Hilbert Early Learning Center of Park Tudor School.

Present were: Terry O'Brien, President Sue Beesley, Town Attorney
 Abigail Hohmann, Councilor Cecil Whitaker, Town Engineer
 William Nunery, Clerk-Treasurer Mike Russo, Town Marshal

Absent was: Kay Ivceovich, Councilor

Changes to the agenda: Old business was moved to the first item on the agenda.

A Proclamation was read, by State Representative David Orentlicher, honoring the previous Meridian Hills municipal administration for their contributions to the Town. Honored were: Ed Perry, past President; Allan Hall, Councilor; Walter Freihofer, Councilor; Bloor Redding, Clerk-Treasurer; James Tuohy, Town Attorney; Carlton Waite, Town Engineer; Michael Russo, Town Marshal.

Sue Beesley, Town Attorney, reported that she had reviewed the engineering agreement with Schneider Corporation, and had simplified it. The question of whether bid requests and analysis were previously covered under the Town engineer's contract was raised. Bloor Redding, former Clerk-Treasurer, confirmed that bid requests were not previously covered under the engineer's retainer fee. Agreement was reached in favor of the use of Schneider Corporation to complete design work on engineering projects. Town Council approved the engineer's contract as modified.

Website and database agreements were submitted by Sue Beesley. Town Marshal Russo and Attorney Beesley cautioned the Town Council about producing information that could be used in ways not intended by the Council. President O'Brien requested time to take the contracts under advisement.

Town Marshall Russo submitted the summary of law enforcement activities for January, 2004. The annual police training request is being prepared as it is due by the end of March. Snow removal during January proceeded smoothly, with favorable comments from residents.

The January Meeting minutes were submitted. Approval was tabled until the end of the agenda.

Cecil Whitaker, Town Engineer, reported that Mike Hunter from Schneider Corporation would serve as back-up to the Town Engineer. Engineer Whitaker has completed an initial investigation of Williams Creek Drive, and reported that the Town owns the right-of-way on the north dead end section. He

recommends the Council consider how to surface the roadway and maintain this portion of the road system. Engineer Whitaker anticipates assembling more information on the Fite storm sewer and Nunery/Park Tudor drainage issues during the month of February.

William Nunery, Clerk Treasurer, reported upgrading the police phone system to include more features at a lower cost. Long distance service was changed from MCI to SBC in order to reduce long-distance charges from 35 cents per minute to 3.9 cents per minute.

A request was made, from the Clerk-Treasurer, for institution of a Rainy Day Fund to offset the untoward effects of Senate Bill 1, which eliminates the ability of the Town to increase the tax levy rate in years requiring high capital expenditures.

The Clerk-Treasurer requested authorization to pay Sweeney Construction Company \$760.64 for work completed in September, 2003.

Clerk-Treasurer Nunery confirmed the financial benefit to the Town resulting from the January approval to transfer municipal funds from NBI to Bank One. Based on the change to the municipal accounts, the Clerk-Treasurer projects a financial benefit to the Town of approximately \$30,000 over the next four years.

A report of hours worked and mileage was submitted by the Clerk-Treasurer. Discussions with James Troy from Troy Redding Insurance Company indicated that the Town is adequately insured for evening coverage of Holliday Park. Sue Beesley agreed to research prior language on indemnification, and to submit a letter of understanding to Troy Redding Insurance documenting the Town's understanding of coverage.

The balance of cash accounts on hand as of January 31, 2004 is \$304,466.52.

Three Resolutions were passed:

Resolution MH14-04 was approved for the institution of the Rainy Day Fund, with funding of \$29,000 transferred from the Town's General Fund.

Resolution MH15-04 was approved, authorizing payment to Sweeney Corporation for work completed in September, 2003.

Resolution MH16-04 was approved, authorizing police closure of Holliday Park subject to notification of the insurance company and indemnification of the City of Indianapolis for police activities.

President O'Brien requested that committee heads submit their proposals and plans for 2004.

The following Claims and Warrants were reviewed and approved:

Payee

Purpose

18	William Nunery	Office supplies	\$ 89.88
19	Bedwell Constrn	Snow Removal – January	18,865.00
20	PrimePay	Payroll service	74.30
21	William Nunery	Compensation – Clerk Treasurer	650.00
22	Sue Beesley	Compensation – Attorney	800.00
23	Cecil Whitaker	Engineer salary	650.00
24	William Nunery	IACT Training	110.00
25	ILMCT	Annual dues	85.00
26	Liberty Mutual Insurance	Premium	1,035.00
27	Mike Russo	Police supplies	34.36
28	NBI	Bank service charges	195.86
29	Sweeney Constrn	Street Repairs	760.64
30	MCI	Police telephone – LD	6.05
31	SBC	Police telephone	45.55
32	MH Police	Payroll 2/21/04	4200.85
33	MH Police	Payroll 2/07/04	3947.31
34	IP&L	Street lighting	623.80
35	Speedway Gas	Police gasoline	132.34
36	Midwest Radar Police	EQ Repair	90.00

The January minutes were approved with the following amendments:

- 1) Page 3 Paragraph 2 Line 4 – wording changed, as requested by Councilor Hohmann, from “spot checks” to “analysis of cash accounts.”
- 2) Page 3 Paragraph 4 Line 5 – as requested by Councilor Hohmann, the sentence will be inserted “Doctor Nunery will have a private conversation with the headmaster of Park Tudor, Doug Jennings, while having dinner at Dr. Nunery’s house.”
- 3) Page 3 Paragraph 6 Line 2- as requested by Councilor Hohmann, the sentence will be inserted, “The Clerk-Treasurer will investigate the need to add the City of Indianapolis as an additional insured to the Town’s insurance policy in light of the City’s requirement that the Town provide it with an indemnification in the contract for closing of Holliday Park by Meridian Hills police.”

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
William R. Nunery, MD

The February minutes were approved with the following amendment:

- 1) As requested by Councilor Hohmann, Bingham McHale will be shown as the payee for Town Attorney expense, as opposed to Town Attorney, Sue Beesley as payee.

William R. Nunery, MD
Clerk-Treasurer
March 8, 2004

Terrence W. O'Brien
President, Town Council