

**Town of Meridian Hills
Town Council Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2004**

A swearing-in ceremony of newly elected officials was administered by the Honorable Carol Terzo, Master Commissioner of the Marion County Superior Court. Terrence O'Brien, Katherine Ivceovich, Abigail Hohmann, and William Nunery were sworn-in by Master Commissioner Terzo. Michael Russo was sworn-in by Clerk-Treasurer Nunery.

The regular meeting of the Meridian Hills Town Council was called to order by President Pro-Tem, Terrence O'Brien, at 7:37 p.m., January 12, 2004. The meeting was held at the Hilbert Early Education Center of Park Tudor School.

Present were: Terrence O'Brien, Presiden Pro-Tem
 Katherine Ivceovich, Council Member
 Abigail Hohmann, Council Member
 William Nunery, Clerk-Treasurer
 Sue A. Beesley
 Michael Russo, Town Marshal

Absent was: Cecil Whitaker

Also present: Residents of the Town of Meridian Hills (see sign in sheet)

No changes in the agenda were reported.

Town Marshal Russo presented the December, 2003, Police Report. Highlighted were an attempted entry by 3 males into a residence on N. Pennsylvania Street, a "peeping tom" report in the Wellington area, and recovery of a stolen car from a submerged storm drain on College Avenue. During 2003, 738 police runs were made in Meridian Hills. Twenty-four arrests were made, 18 first-aid runs were completed, and 82 accidents were investigated. Four burglaries were investigated.

Marshal Russo also requested that all residents use the 911 telephone number anytime a police response is indicated. For administrative calls only, residents may call 317-253-5678. For Meridian Hills clerical issues, residents may call the Clerk-Treasurer's office at 317-253-8743.

Reading of the minutes of the December, 2003, meeting was waived. The minutes were accepted into the town record without approval.

Information from the previous Town Engineer was read by Clerk-Treasurer Nunery. Projects estimated at \$125,000 were recommended for completion by the former engineer.

The former Town Attorney submitted to the Clerk-Treasurer a copy of the contract regarding police nightly closing of Holliday Park. In addition, he supplied information indicating the law suit, Leaf v. Cottey, had been resolved with respect to Meridian Hills involvement. Meridian Hills has agreed to pay the plaintiff \$225,000 through the town's insurance carrier.

William Nunery reported a Town financial accounts balance, on January 1, 2004, of \$305,179.12. A review of the Town's insurance policies was presented.

Old Business was tabled pending passage of resolutions.

Thirteen resolutions were submitted. Eight of these passed as presented. Four passed as amended:

Resolution MH 1-04 named Terrence O'Brien to be the Council President for 2004.

Resolution MH 2-04 gave Clerk-Treasurer Nunery signatory authority over municipal accounts.

Resolution MH 3-04 authorized transfer of municipal accounts to Bank One.

Resolution MH 4-04, as amended, appointed Sue A. Beesley, of the Bingham-McHale Law Firm, as the Town Attorney pending approval of a letter of agreement between Sue Beesley and the Town of Meridian Hills by independent counsel.

Resolution MH 5-04, as amended, appointed Cecil Whitaker, of Schneider Corporation, as Town Engineer pending review and approval by the town attorney of the letter of agreement between Cecil Whitaker and the Town of Meridian Hills.

Resolution MH 6-04 appointed Michael S. Russo to be retained as Town Marshal.

Resolution MH 7-04 reappointed the current Town Deputies to their positions. These deputies are: Joseph Batza, Jan Kistler, Andrew Jacobs, John Maloney, James Ingalls, Jr., Dale Braun, Harry Morris, Fred Coraz, Lawrence Giordano, Charles Deblaso, and Allen Kasper.

Resolution MH 8-04, as amended, created a Development Standards and Residential Construction Committee. The committee will be an ad hoc committee.

Resolution MH 9-04, as amended, created a Communications Committee. The committee will be an ad hoc committee.

Resolution MH 10-04 appointed Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons to Town Council Committees. These were:

Streets and Thoroughfares:	Kay Ivcevich, Chair Perry Jordan, Vice-Chair
Public Safety:	Kay Ivcevich, Chair Stephanie Crossin, Vice-Chair
Finance:	Kay Ivcevich, Chair
Developmental Standards and Residential Construction:	Abbe Hohmann, Chair Eric Lee, Vice-Chair
Communications:	Terry O'Brien, Chair Helen Carroll, Vice-Chair

Resolution MH 11-04 to appropriate funds for a website and newsletter was defeated due to conflict with the state code regarding additional appropriations.

Resolution MH 12-04 rescinded an earlier resolution calling for a private audit of public records, due to a conflict with Indiana State Code.

Resolution MH 13-04 called for drafting of a resolution to recognize the previous Town Administration at the next Town Council meeting.

During discussion of the above resolutions, it was noted that the Town website will be found at www.meridianhills.org. Councilor Hohmann recommended that the accounting firm of BKD come to a future Council Meeting and discuss possible merits of independent spot checks of financial records with the Town Council. There were no objections to that recommendation.

Discussion of a possible construction variance request from Mr. Ken Remenschneider was tabled.

The Clerk-Treasurer was asked to investigate whether existing insurance policies protect Meridian Hills police who close Holliday park during night-time hours. Discussion regarding the Fite drainage issue was tabled. Drainage issues between the Town of Meridian Hills and Park Tudor, relating to the drainage issues between Park Tudor and Dr. Nunery, were tabled. Comments were made regarding Council members discussing issues with governmental officials outside Meridian Hills. Discussion regarding funding of a newsletter and website was carried out. No formal recommendations were made regarding these latter two issues.

The following Claims and Warrants were reviewed and approved:

	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	
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1	William Nunery	Office supplies to set up new Town Hall	\$ 472.88
2	IACT	Annual dues	771.00
3	William Nunery	IACT training, parking, mileage	316.68
4	William Nunery	Trailer rental to move public records	20.09
5	William Nunery	Storage of public records – December	52.00
6	William Nunery	Storage of public records – 2004	497.00
7	William Nunery	Postage	45.80
8	William Nunery	Surety Bond	75.00
9	William Nunery	Clerk Treasurer salary	650.00
10	Sue Beesley	Attorney salary	800.00
11	Cecil Whitaker	Engineer salary	650.00
12	MH Police	Payroll 1/10/04	3606.58
13	MH Police	Payroll 1/24/04	3164.16
14	IP&L	Street lighting	623.80
15	Speedway Gas	Police gasoline	241.90
16	SBC	Police telephone	48.70
17	MCI	Police Long Distance	6.07

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Nunery, MD
Clerk-Treasurer
February 9, 2004

Approved amendments:

- 1) Page 3 Paragraph 2 Line 4 – wording changed from “spot checks” to “analysis of cash accounts.”
- 2) Page 3 Paragraph 4 Line 5 – 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- 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.”

January minutes approved as amended:

Terrence O’Brien
President, Town Council

William Nunery, MD
Clerk-Treasurer