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Town of Meridian Hills
Town Council Meeting
July 12, 2004

Prior to the pledge of allegiance, the regular meeting of the Meridian Hills Town Council was called to order by President O'Brien at 7:31 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
Kay Ivcevich, Councilor
Rick Batza, Deputy Town Marshal
William Nunery, Clerk-Treasurer

Absent was: Mike Russo, Town Marshal

Changes to the agenda – none to report.

Police Report

Rick Batza, Deputy Town Marshal, reported that radar enforcement is in place on Pennsylvania Street, as result of last month's meeting and the discussion around the need for speed controls. All officers have completed firearm range certification, and will be attending a class on how to recognize child abuse. Deputies Batza and Grimes will also be attending a 40 hour critical incident training class on how to deal with the mentally ill. He reported that Deputy Ingalls' mother had recently passed away.

Approval of Minutes

President O'Brien moved to accept the minutes as submitted, Councilor Ivcevich seconded the motion. After some discussion, the minutes of the May Town Council meeting were approved as submitted by a vote of 2-1.

Report of Town Engineer

Cecil Whitaker, Town Engineer, reported that all Town records are now located in the HNTB office, and will schedule a meeting to review them. He then presented results from the drainage study completed on behalf of the Town of Meridian Hills. Nine specific problem areas were identified. The study provided the general drainage characteristics of the Town, and specific recommendations (with estimated costs) for each of the identified drainage problems. Following considerable discussion, President O'Brien requested that the Town Engineer and Clerk Treasurer work together to see if any funds collected by the City or County would be available for this type of infrastructure work.

Town Engineer Whitaker then provided a summary of the street signage inventory that was recently

completed, along with specific work recommendations. Following some discussion, Councilor Hohmann moved that the three missing signs in Wellington be replaced immediately, President O'Brien seconded the motion, and it was approved by a vote of 3-0. Town Engineer Whitaker then presented a road report and recommended that the Town adopt a policy to utilize reclamite, a chemical which softens the road and seal it, thus extending the useful life of the road. He does not recommend much paving work be done in the Town, there is some patching needed, and he is recommending a multi-year plan to treat the roads with reclamite, starting with the best roads first.

Town Engineer Whitaker concluded with an explanation of the road situation at 75th and Park Avenue, caused by a drainage pipe/joint that was not installed correctly. President O'Brien declared this an emergency situation, and authorized Mr. Whitaker to obtain a second quote to complete the work, select the contractor based upon best and most responsive bid not to exceed \$5,000, and then serve as owner's representative to oversee the project to completion at a rate of \$75 per hour, not to exceed eight hours.

Town Attorney Report

Sue Beesley, Town Attorney, had nothing new to report.

Report of Town Clerk-Treasurer

William Nunery, Clerk-Treasurer, reported that insurance for the Town had been renewed with Redding-Troy Insurance, with terrorism coverage being added. Letters were sent to thirty residents, asking them to remove foliage that was blocking visibility of street signs, and most have complied. Councilor Ivcevich and Clerk Treasurer Nunery will complete a review of the areas in question. A salary study is underway to compare salaries of town officials across the state. A timeline for review and approval of the 2005 budget was presented.

Clerk Treasurer Nunery reported that the Town has a cash balance of \$329,327.44 as of June 30, 2004.

Old Business - none

New Business

President O'Brien read Resolution 23-04 which calls for the purchase of five Tasers and associated equipment and training for the Town police department. He moved to proceed with the purchase of five Tasers not to exceed \$6600, Councilor Ivcevich seconded the motion, and it was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Kay Ivcevich, chair of the Streets and Thoroughfares Committee, reported on a special meeting held to discuss alternatives for reducing the speed of vehicles on Pennsylvania Street. After some discussion, President O'Brien moved to approve the committee's three recommendations: 1) Correct Signage to include correct speed signs, "Strictly Enforce" and "Children Playing" signs where appropriate, and top grade reflective signs installed at the correct height; 2) notification to First Congregational Church of the speeding problem and a request to advise their congregation of the intent to strictly enforce the speed limit; and 3) strict enforcement of the speed limit by the town deputies with tickets being issued, and an increase in the number of shifts where radar is used. Councilor Ivcevich seconded the motion, and it carried by a

vote of 3-0.

Councilor Ivceвич reported that seeding along 75th and Wellington will be delayed until fall. The need for tree removal has been identified by Vine & Branch in two urgent situations. President O'Brien moved to have a second bid obtained, then proceed with the work not to exceed \$2355.00. Councilor Ivceвич seconded the motion, and it was approved by a vote of 3-0. There was nothing new to report from the Police, Finance or Development Standards committees. President O'Brien, chair of the Communications Committee, reported that a second newsletter will be going out mid August, and they are presently collecting articles. No additional input was provided in the Resident Forum.

Approval of Claims and Warrants

President O'Brien moved that the following claims be approved as submitted. Councilor Ivceвич seconded the motion, and it carried with a vote of 3-0.

| <u>Payee</u> | <u>Purpose</u> | |
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| 103 | William Nunery Clerk-Treasurer Salary | 650.00 |
| 104 | Bingham McHale Attorney Salary | 800.00 |
| 105 | Schneider Corp Town Engineer Salary | 650.00 |
| 106 | Speedway Police auto fuel | 127.01 |
| 107 | Prime Pay Payroll Service | 75.71 |
| 108 | Kinko's Copying | 22.88 |
| 109 | Ipls Power & Light Street Lights | 623.80 |
| 110 | SBC Police Phone | |
| 52.36 | | |
| 111 | MH Police Payroll | 3,508.12 |
| 112 | MH Police Payroll | 3,806.82 |
| 113 | Iquest Website hosting | 35.00 |
| 114 | Redding-Troy Town insurance | 10,878.00 |
| 115 | Redding-Troy Terrorism insurance | 428.00 |
| 116 | Terry O'Brien Posters – town picnic | 25.20 |
| 117 | Joseph Batza Police Clothing Allowance | 461.54 |
| 118 | Dale Braun Police Clothing Allowance | 461.54 |
| 119 | Fred Coraz Police Clothing Allowance | 461.54 |
| 120 | Charles Deblaso Police Clothing Allowance | 461.54 |
| 121 | Larry Giordano Police Clothing Allowance | 461.54 |
| 122 | James Ingalls Police Clothing Allowance | 461.54 |
| 123 | Andrew Jacobs Police Clothing Allowance | 461.54 |
| 124 | Allen Kasper Police Clothing Allowance | 461.54 |
| 125 | Jan Kistler Police Clothing Allowance | 461.54 |
| 126 | William Lumpkin Police Clothing Allowance | 461.54 |
| 127 | John Maloney Police Clothing Allowance | 461.54 |
| 128 | Harry Morris Police Clothing Allowance | 461.54 |
| 129 | Michael Russo Police Clothing Allowance | 461.54 |

There being no further business, President O'Brien moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilor Ivcevich seconded the motion, and the meeting concluded at 9:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

William Nunery
Clerk-Treasurer
July 15, 2004