

Town of Meridian Hills
Minutes of Town Council Meeting
October 11, 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	Cecil Whitaker, Town
	Abbe Hohmann, Councilor	Engineer
	Kay Ivceвич, Councilor	Sue Beesley, Town
	William Nunery, Clerk-Treasurer	Attorney
	Mathieu Nunery, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer	Mike Russo, Town Marshall

Following the pledge of allegiance, President O'Brien advised there was one change to the agenda. He wished to move the Engineering Report up on the agenda to accommodate the Town Engineer's schedule.

Report of Town Engineer

Cecil Whitaker, Town Engineer, advised that a meeting was held on October 11th with HNTB to review the Town's engineering records. A meeting was held with Department of Public Works, with a follow-up meeting scheduled for later this month.

Councilor Ivceвич moved to allow the Streets & Thoroughfares committee to award the bid to the lowest, responsive and responsible vendor, as long as the quote was within 5% of the approved 2004 Roadway Management Program (\$22,440). Councilor Hohmann seconded the motion, and it carried with a vote of 3-0.

President O'Brien moved to allow the Streets & Thoroughfares committee to award the bid to the lowest, responsive and responsible vendor, as long as the quote was within 5% of the approved 2004 Sign Program (\$4400). Councilor Hohmann seconded the motion, and it carried with a vote of 3-0.

Town Marshall Russo reported on a resident concern regarding yield signs in Wellington. Town Engineer Whitaker will be investigating it.

Police Report

Mike Russo, Town Marshal, provided a report on the estate sale on Holliday Drive, along with other activities in the town.

Approval of Minutes

Councilor Hohmann moved to accept the minutes of the regular town council meeting held September 13th as amended in her October 8th e-mail. Councilor Ivceвич seconded the motion, and the minutes

were approved as amended by a vote of 3-0.

Councilor Ivcevich moved to accept the minutes from the special Town Council meeting held on September 13th with amendments 2, 3, and 4 as outlined in Councilor Hohmann's e-mail dated October 8, 2004. Councilor Hohmann seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved as amended by a vote of 3-0. (Note: Item 4 had already been cared for.)

Report of Town Attorney

There was no report by the Town Attorney, Sue Beesley.

Report of Town Clerk Treasurer

Details of all Items reviewed are included in the Clerk-Treasurer's report.

William Nunery, Clerk-Treasurer, reported that Mr. William Tolbert has agreed to proceed in a timely manner with the resurfacing of the 7400 block of Washington Boulevard. The same block was accepted by the Town for inclusion in the roads inventory on December 11, 1995.

The Clerk Treasurer recommends that the Town pursue a long term contract for snow removal with Bedwell Corporation.

The Clerk-Treasurer raised concerns that the current practice of communicating on public matters between councilors through e-mail, phone calls and personal discussions outside of advertised Town meetings is a violation of Indiana Public Access Laws. The Clerk-Treasurer requested that these activities cease, in order to comply with state law. As requested, Councilor Hohmann gave the Clerk Treasurer copies of all emails she sent to either Councilors Ivcevich or O'Brien which the Clerk Treasurer had not previously received.

The Clerk-Treasurer requested a review of committee practices pertaining to the absence of meeting notifications, meetings held without a quorum, and timely posting of minutes. Attorney Beesley reminded the Clerk Treasurer and Council that a Town Councilor can contact a resident at any time. Councilor Hohmann took exception to the Clerk Treasurer's characterization of the activities of the Development Standards and Residential Construction Committee.

The Clerk-Treasurer once again submitted information to challenge the elimination of the deputy clerk treasurer position, and expressed concern that the lack of a deputy clerk-treasurer position would result in the disruption of Town services.

As requested, Councilor Hohmann provided the Clerk Treasurer with a copy of the letter from the City of Indianapolis regarding maintenance of Illinois Street, north of Williams Creek.

A financial summary for September was submitted, showing a cumulative cash balance on hand of \$292,220.45.

Old Business

President O'Brien authorized the Clerk-Treasurer to pursue a 3-5 year quote for a snow removal

contract from Bedwell.

The Town Attorney was asked to draft guidelines regarding the use of e-mail and committee meetings.

Action on the deputy clerk-treasurer position was tabled. Councilor Hohmann moved to expand the ad hoc Salary Review Committee from three to seven members (two from each district plus one appointed by the Clerk-Treasurer). President O’Brien will serve as the liaison to this committee. Councilor Ivceovich seconded the motion, and it carried by a vote of 3-0.

Reseeding of right-of-way adjacent to previous road repairs was discussed.

New Business

Councilor Hohmann moved to accept the Taser policy as submitted. Councilor Ivceovich seconded the motion, and it carried by a vote of 3-0.

President O’Brien provided the first reading of Ordinance MH 06-04, which establishes a standard for street lights in the Town. He moved to waive the requirement for a second reading of the ordinance. Councilor Ivceovich seconded the motion, and it carried by a vote of 3-0. President O’Brien then moved to accept Ordinance MH 06-04 as submitted, Councilor seconded the motion, and it carried by a vote of 3-0.

Committee reports were provided by Councilor Ivceovich for Streets & Thoroughfares, and Police Committees.

Councilor Hohmann provided a committee report for the Development Standards and Residential Construction Committee,. Councilor Ivceovich moved to send out the resident letter regarding setbacks as submitted. Councilor Hohmann seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 3-0. Councilor Hohmann will provide names and addresses to the Clerk-Treasurer.

President O’Brien provided a committee report for the Communications committee. He moved to approve the addition of the Town map to the website. Councilor Ivceovich seconded the motion, and it carried by a vote of 3-0. President O’Brien reported that an IACT Roundtable will be held at the Meridian Hills Country Club on November 17th at 6pm. This will be a public meeting with the councilors in attendance, along with representatives from DPW, and the mayor’s office for the City of Indianapolis.

Approval of Claims and Warrants

President O’Brien moved to accept the following claims as submitted, with the exception of claim # 183. Councilor Ivceovich seconded the motion, and it carried by a vote of 3-0.

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	
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168	William Nunery Clerk-Treasurer Salary	650.00

169	Bingham McHale	Attorney Salary	800.00
170	Schneider Corp	Engineer Salary	650.00
171	MH Police	Payroll 10/1	3,109.24
172	MH Police	Payroll 10/15	3,575.93
173	MH Police	Payroll 10/29	3,164.18
174	Ipls Power & Light	Street Lights	623.80
175	Prime Pay	Payroll Service	72.81
176	SBC	Police Phone	
	59.20		
177	Speedway	Police auto fuel	121.63
178	Iquest	4Q Website hosting	105.00
179	William Nunery	Postage	4.42
180	Kinko's	Copying	38.00
181	Vine & Branch	Tree trimming	1,890.00
182	Freije Lawncare	Mowing Surface	200.00
183	Mathieu Nunery	Compensation – Jan-Jun	3,900.00
184	James Drew Corp	Repair of guard rail – 75 th & Park	495.00
185	James Drew Corp	Repair of bridge rail – Sherwood	255.00

Adjournment

There being no further business, President O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 10:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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