

Town of Meridian Hills
Minutes of Town Council Meeting
June 13, 2005

President O'Brien called the regular meeting of the Meridian Hills Town Council to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held at the Hilbert Early Learning Center at Park Tudor School.

In Attendance:	Terry O'Brien, President	Abbe Hohmann, Councilor
	Sue Beesley, Town Attorney	Mike Russo, Town Marshall
	Kay Ivceovich, Councilor	Bernie Bruno, Asst. Clerk Treasurer
	John Taylor, Clerk Treasurer	Cecil Whitaker, Town Engineer

Following the pledge of allegiance, President O'Brien moved the Town Engineer's report up the agenda to accommodate the Town Engineer's schedule.

Report of Town Engineer

Cecil Whitaker, Town Engineer, submitted his written report to the council.

Cecil reported on the status of the GIS protocols with the City of Indianapolis. DPW had provided a contact person to help the town identify the structure and file format for the GIS protocols. Schneider Corporation should have pricing and a proposal for the July meeting.

Cecil also provided an update on the drainage improvement project at the Ristine property. An inspector from Schneider recommended some minor finishing work was needed to complete the project. President O'Brien made a motion to approve but hold payment to the contractor until a final inspection by the Town Engineer and homeowner had been completed. Councilor Ivceovich seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 3- 0.

Cecil's report also mentioned that most of the approved traffic sign improvements have been installed.

Lastly, a meeting for the residents along Illinois Street to discuss drainage on June 14th has been postponed.

Police Report

Mike Russo, Town Marshall, submitted his report and highlighted incidents over the prior 30 days.

- Lawnmower stolen at 150 Penn Ridge
- Traffic stop led to an arrest on drug charge
- Vehicle thefts/break-ins have typically occurred between 10pm and 3 am.
- Radar Trailer was available and needed to be picked up from the south side of Indianapolis. The trailer will be positioned along Pennsylvania at the First Congregational Church.
- Vehicle maintenance of three year old light bar on the Meridian Hills police vehicle is required.
- Budget information for 2006 – the Meridian Hills police vehicle doesn't need to be replaced
- Washington Township buses speeding through town has been noticeably reduced as a result of contact with school transportation officials.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Monthly Meeting, May 9th, 2005 Minutes were approved as amended by the Town Council by a vote of 3 to 0. Councilor Hohmann suggested councilors receive final versions of the minutes with the Clerk Treasurer report the following month and suggested the minutes reflect and note written reports submitted by town officials and committee chairs. Approved Minutes will be posted on the town web site.

Report of Town Attorney

There are no current projects to report.

Report of Clerk Treasurer

John Taylor, Clerk Treasurer, submitted the financial statements for the month of April.

John mentioned that when Bernie Bruno, Assistant Clerk Treasurer, receives the budget forms from DLGF, the Finance Committee will meet to start the budget process. John and Bernie will review past year's revenues and expenses and plan to present historical spending and revenues for the Town at a future meeting.

John reported that the Indianapolis Municipal Planning Organization will conduct a "Walkable Community Workshop" at Foster Hall on Park Tudor's campus at 8am on June 17th. The topic is to engage residents in making towns more walkable and connected. John encouraged residents to attend.

John mentioned he had difficulty connecting with the Washington Township Assessor's Office to determine whether the houses and/or street on Williams Lane are the responsibility of the Town of Meridian Hills. This is in response to a complaint on street repair. John agreed to continue to pursue in an effort to be responsible to those that are paying taxes to the Town and identify whether the Town is responsible for maintenance of the street.

Old Business

There was no old business to report.

New Business

There was no new business to report.

Committee Reports

Street and Thoroughfare Committee- Councilor Ivceвич reported no committee meeting since the last council meeting. She reported that Judd Scott of Vine and Branch, Inc. has toured the town to identify any trees, limbs, or bushes in the Town's right of way that may need to be addressed. Sixty letters will go out to Town Residents to encourage trimming and cleaning of resident's property where safety is a concern. Judd has also identified 16 locations requiring additional tree trimming or removal.

Development Standard and Residential Construction Committee - Councilor Hohmann submitted a detailed monthly report of the committee's activities and projects. Minutes of committee meetings for January, March and April were included with the report. Councilor Hohmann discussed the June 8th meeting to develop a Town Storm Water Drainage Policy. Resident Fred Terzo was commended for his efforts to lead the discussion of the goals and objectives for the storm water policy.

A result of the meeting was a listing of two goals and three preliminary objectives:

1. Goal: To improve drainage to enhance safety
2. Goal: To improve drainage to preserve property values

1. Objective: Determine with certainty who owns the drainage infrastructure
2. Objective: Determine how much Meridian Hills residents pay annually in storm water fees to Indianapolis
3. Objective: Establish a framework for working with DPW

Councilor Hohmann also discussed the Wolf residence construction project and request for a variance for a 2 car garage. Committee will review and make recommendation to the council on the project.

Finance Committee - Councilor Ivceвич announced the committee would meet when the

budget process starts and the Clerk Treasurer is ready to present 2006 budget forms and information. The minutes of the May 12th committee meeting would be approved at the next committee meeting.

Communications Committee Report - President O'Brien made a motion to post the Municipal Code on the town web site with an appropriate disclaimer drafted by the Town Attorney addressing possible omissions and inconsistencies with state code. Councilor Ivcevich seconded the motion. After some discussion, the motion passed by a vote of 2-1, with Councilor Hohmann opposed.

President O'Brien recommended beginning discussions to solicit designs for a new, more substantial and decorative monument style town entry sign to replace the current signs. Damaged and missing town entry signs were discussed. President O'Brien will bring the topic up at a future meeting.

Resident Forum

A resident who did not receive the last newsletter inquired about the mailing list. President O'Brien agreed to verify that the resident's address was in the database.

Residents who missed last month's council meeting inquired about the results of the at-large issue. They were informed that an ordinance eliminating districts had passed.

A resident inquired about the cost of updating the Municipal Code. Sue Beesley reported her intention was to update the code as time allowed.

Residents in attendance at meeting that signed the sign in sheet.

Don Matson
Kurt Walther
Mary Walther
Perry Jordan
Carol Terzo
Fred Terzo
Bob Barrows

Approval of Claims and Warrants –**Submitted June 13, 2005**

Clerk Treasurer John Taylor submitted the following claims and warrants that were approved and signed:

<u>Claim #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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EFT	Police Payroll 6/9/05- 6/22/05 (estimated)	\$3,950.00
EFT	Police Payroll 6/23/05- 7/6/05 (estimated)	3,950.00
1242	John Taylor (reimburse for SBC credit card payment)	180.03
1243	IPL	625.01
1244	Speedway SuperAmerica	111.40
1245	Bingham McHale	1,000.00
1246	Schneider Corp	683.33
1247	John Taylor	650.00
1248	Bernard Bruno	300.00
1249	Indiana Newspapers	66.75
1250	Traffic Sign, Inc.	319.67
1251	Quackenbush Construction Co	3,990.00
1252	Express Service Print	40.00
1253	HNTB Corporation	39.70
1254	Matthew Grimes	18.32
1255	Harry A. Morris	199.00
1256	Harry A. Morris	19.57
1257	Grady Brothers Inc.	4,566.30
1258	Liberty Mutual	74.00
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Adjournment

There being no further business, President O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John H.R Taylor
Clerk-Treasurer

Town of Meridian Hills