

Town of Meridian Hills
Minutes of Town Council Meeting
October 10, 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
Kay Ivceovich, Councilor
Sue Beesley, Town Attorney
Cecil Whitaker, Town Engineer
John Taylor, Clerk Treasurer
Bernie Bruno, Asst Clerk Treasurer

Rick Batza, Officer representing
Town Marshall

Following the pledge of allegiance,

Police Report

Officer Rick Batza representing the Town Marshall, submitted the monthly Police Report.

Officer Batza reported that the town had 4 vehicle break-ins. With the start of school and fall weather the number of solicitations and suspicious activity reported were down from prior months.

Officer Batza requested an appropriation for \$125 for candy to be distributed by the department at Halloween. Motion was made and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Approval of Minutes

After discussion, the September 12th Town Council Minutes were approved as amended by a vote of 3 to 0.

Report of Town Engineer

Town Engineer Cecil Whitaker submitted his monthly report. Cecil discussed the fall paving program. Due to the increase in material costs as a result of the Gulf hurricanes, Grady Bros, was going to submit new pricing for paving. As a result of this change, Cecil was going to solicit additional quotes.

Paving project engineer, Alex Saunders of The Schneider Corporation had evaluated the condition of the roads and submitted his recommendations to Town Engineer. Cecil reported that a section of 75th Street demanded immediate attention. With 75th Street being a heavily traveled thoroughfare, Cecil commented that a patch work paving project would not be the prudent thing to do. He stated that generally speaking the Town's side streets were ok. Additional discussion of streets having a breakdown in paving on 64th street west of Meridian and similarly on 65th street west of Meridian was also noted.

The goal of the paving was to retain and protect the base of the roads. The repair on 75th Street would probably be good for approximately 2 years. Alex made a recommendation to approve the list of projects based on a quote he received.

A motion was made to approve the list of paving projects for an amount not to exceed \$25,000. Alex would monitor the project and Councilor Ivcevich would sign the contract. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Cecil Whitaker updated the Town Council on drainage issues that needed attention. The drain restriction at the NW 73rd & Pennsylvania Street was the result of a 36 inch drain pipe reducing down to an 18 inch pipe. Cecil requested that the Council request "televising" the drains, as the direction of flow in the pipes had changed reflecting a possible collapse, failure, or blockage.

Additional discussion on the need for emergency action by DPW on this drainage issue was suggested as neighbors have had standing water in basements for the first time.

A motion was made to approve requesting DPW to televise the drains at the 73rd and Pennsylvania location. The motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Cecil Whitaker also commented on the fact that a sink hole was located west of this area and additional survey may need to be required as there is no GPS system data available on this area.

Cecil Whitaker also commented that Bill Bowman of DPW was going to provide the status of the Towns maintenance items before the November Town meeting.

In follow up to previous discussion, Cecil will mill down the inlet to the storm drain that had restricted the flow at 7150 N. Pennsylvania. He will contact the homeowner.

Report of Town Attorney

Town Attorney, Sue Beesley had no projects to report

Report of Clerk Treasurer

John Taylor, Clerk Treasurer, reported the State Board of Auditors had received the town documents for the 2003-2004 Audit. The audits are routinely done every two years. John will report the results of the audit at future meeting. 2005 Town budget had been submitted. John and Bernie will be seeking bids for Town's banking during the next month and will report at the November meeting.

Old Business

Council discussed painting the posts for the Town's entry signs. Councilor Hohman made a motion to approve painting the posts, there was no second.

New Business

Committee Reports

Development Standard and Residential Construction Committee –

Councilor Hohman submitted the committee report.

Councilor Hohmann reported that resident and developer Bill Tait had submitted a request to divide the property at 7808 N. Pennsylvania from current 7.29 acres for development of 2 acres at the north end of the property.

President Terry O'Brien read a proposed Drainage Policy that he had drafted. He made a motion to adopt the policy. Discussion by the Town Council followed. President O'Brien expressed the purpose of the policy was to get the City, Residents, and Town to move in a common direction.

Discussion focused on the issues of:

- Importance of recognizing drainage issues in the Town
- No funds available from the Town
- Residents paying to the City (\$21,000 per year) & DPW responsibility.

This was a policy to be adopted not a town resolution. The motion was seconded and the policy was adopted by a vote of 2-1 with Councilors Ivceovich and O'Brien voting for the policy and Councilor Hohmann voting against it.

Street and Thoroughfare Committee-

Councilor Ivceвич reported IPL accepted responsibility to move the street light form the Southwest corner to the Northwest corner of 71st and Pennsylvania, as previously approved in the September meeting.

Councilor Ivceвич also reported that the work would start soon on tree trimming that was approved at the August meeting. Letters were to go out to advise residents of the locations.

Finance Committee - Councilor Ivceвич reported the 2006 Budget had been approved and that Bernie Bruno, Asst Clerk Treasurer would present a cash flow chart for each of the Town's funds for Council's review.

Communications Committee Report -

President O'Brien submitted the committee report.

President O'Brien commented that the newsletter is soliciting resident input regarding town entry signs

Police Committee –

Councilor Ivceвич reported that there was a delay in the proposal to purchase defibrillators. Councilor Ivceвич suggested updates will be at next months meeting.

Resident Forum

Residents in attendance were:

Barbara Hamilton
Bob Barrows
Don Matson
Helen Carroll
Fred McCashland

Residents complained about parking at 73rd and Illinois Street for St. Luke's Football games. Additional complaints were expressed over the IPL Contractor, Wright Brothers, and tree trimming for the IPL power lines.

Additional discussion on the intersections of 82nd and Meridian where a recent accident had killed a

resident, revealed action by the City to provide turn lanes by painting a turn lane and modifying the traffic pattern. Residents should be aware this and a widening of Meridian Street is expected in 2006.

Approval of Claims and Warrants

Assistant Clerk Treasure, Bernie Bruno, submitted the Town financial statement for September 2005 and the accounts payable vouchers of \$17,226.83 for approval

Town of Meridian Hills, Indiana

Accounts Payable Vouchers

Submitted October 10, 2005

EFT	Town Payroll	\$4,400.00
	9/29/05- 10/12/05 (estimated)	
EFT	Town Payroll	4,400.00
	10/13/05- 10/26/05 (estimated)	
EFT	Town Payroll	4,400.00
	10/27/05- 11/09/05 (estimated)	
1306	SBC	88.51
1307	Freije Lawn Care	270.00
1308	IPL	625.01
1309	Speedway	312.73
1310	Terry O'Brien	262.70
1311	John Taylor	51.55
1312	Traffic Sign, Inc.	628.00
1313	Iquest	105.00
1314	Bingham, McHale	1,000.00
1315	Schneider Corp	683.33

\$17,226.83

Adjournment

There being no further business, President O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 9:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John H.R Taylor
Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Meridian Hills