

Town of Meridian Hills
Minutes of Town Council Meeting
April 10, 2006

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

Kay Ivceovich, Councilor

Alex Saunders for Cecil Whitaker,

Town Engineer

Bernie Bruno, Asst Clerk Treasurer

Dave McGimpsey for Sue Beesley, Town Attorney

Mike Russo, Town Marshal

Following the pledge of allegiance,

Police Report

Town Marshal, Mike Russo submitted the monthly Police Report.

Marshal Russo commented on the status of the training for the recently purchased AED's (Automatic Electronic Defibrillators)for the Town Police force. Four of the twelve officers have taken previous training, but Mike is looking for the Emergency Room Certified Training Protocol from St.Vincent's Hospital before further training. Marshal Russo commented that the AED equipment is very simple to use.

The Police Dept had received targeted complaints at 75th & Illinois and had issued several tickets for drivers failing to stop at the stop signs. Marshal Russo also commented on an increase in the number of accidents.

Marshal Russo also commented on recent storm damage that was mostly on residential property. Additionally the town's police car sustained a punctured tire and an account has been set up at Petro's Tire service to take care of tire damage.

No further questions.

Approval of Minutes

After discussion, the March 13th Town Council Minutes were approved as amended by a vote of 2 to 0.

Report of Town Engineer

Alex Saunders representing, Cecil Whitaker, Town Engineer submitted the monthly report of the Town Engineer.

Town Engineer continues to work on drainage updates, as was reported in prior meetings and a Streets & Thoroughfares committee meeting will be held on April 18th to discuss formatting and mapping.

Nothing further was discussed.

Report of Town Attorney

Dave McGimpsey, filling in for Sue Beesley, Town Attorney, had no additional information to report.

Report of Clerk Treasurer

John Taylor, Clerk-Treasurer, reported answers received from DLGF meeting with Ron Stinson on March 22nd. The meeting was set up by Town Attorney Sue Beesley and was attended by Beesley, Taylor and President O'Brien.

The questions concerning the use of a Cumulative Capital Development Fund or the use of Barrett Law for the town to address funds for storm sewage problems or other capital projects were answered with a prompt no or negative response as these were not appropriate for the Town of Meridian Hills.

Ron Stinson also disclosed that the town had missed the maximum levy for 2006 and had also received a devalued asset base from the County assessor. The 2007 budget process could address this and DLGF counsel will be sought to obtain the maximum levy in 2007.

Clerk Treasurer Taylor will seek out the County assessor to determine the reasons for the difference in the asset base and report back to the Town Council.

Ron also addressed the issue that improving assets of the town such as sidewalks, lighting, and signs do not add to the asset base for budget purposes.

Ron also disclosed that if the Town desired to borrow money for public works projects it had the capacity to borrow up to \$1.2 million over a 6 year period of time. This amount is a formula provided by DLGF but is not an item up for consideration by the Town Council.

Old Business

None Reported.

New Business

None Reported.

Committee Reports**Police and Law Enforcement-**

Nothing further added to the Marshal's report.

Street and Thoroughfare Committee-

Nothing further to report other than restate the April 18th committee meeting..

Finance Committee –

State Audit report was submitted and the Annual Report for 2005. Councilors requested that this be emailed to the Council.

Development Standard and Residential Construction Committee –

Nothing further to report.

Communications Committee Report -

President O'Brien submitted the committee report.

President O'Brien reported that the committee met on January 6th to discuss the newsletter, which has since been mailed. A motion was made to add the Drainage 101 Presentation and the Town Drainage Study to the website. This was seconded and approved 2-0.

Planning Committee Report –

President O'Brien submitted the committee report.

Terry O'Brien reported that the Website was updated and that the April Town Survey will replace the second newsletter of the year. The third newsletter will be published at the end of the summer.

President O'Brien submitted the Survey of the Town Planning committee for approval. A motion was approved by a vote of 2-0 to mail out the survey and seek input from residents for a May Meeting. The Town Planning committee will meet on Monday May 1st, 2006 to review the survey responses and plans to submit findings at a special town meeting for Tuesday May 9th. A second motion subject to Park Tudor availability to have a special town meeting on that date was approved by a vote of 2-0.

Resident Forum

No questions or comments were received.

Approval of Claims and Warrants

Assistant Clerk Treasure, Bernie Bruno, submitted accounts payable vouchers of

\$16,674.73 for approval.

Town of Meridian Hills, Indiana

Accounts Payable Vouchers Submitted April 10, 2006

EFT	Town Payroll 3/30/06- 4/12/06 (estimated)	\$4,600.00
EFT	Town Payroll 4/13/06- 4/26/06 (estimated)	4,600.00
1018	I-Quest	175.00
1019	Kinko's	Void
1020	SBC	90.40
1021	IPL	625.01
1022	Speedway SuperAmerica	360.15
1023	Bingham McHale	1,000.00
1024	Schneider Corp	1,497.50
1025	Bedwell Construction	3,500.00
1026	Butler Ford	25.91
1027	John Taylor	150.76
1028	ILMCT Annual Dues	50.00
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Adjournment

There being no further business, President O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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