

Town of Meridian Hills
Minutes of Town Council Meeting
March 13, 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
Abbe Hohmann, Councilor
Kay Ivceovich, Councilor
Cecil Whitaker, Town Engineer
Bernie Bruno, Asst Clerk Treasurer
Dave McGimpsey for Sue Beesley, Town Attorney
Rick Batza, Deputy Marshal

Following the pledge of allegiance,

Alayna Tatum was introduced. Alayna is the Community Development Director for the American Cancer Society. She discussed the "Relay for Life of Washington Township" scheduled for June 3rd and 4th, 2006, and encouraged our Council and Residents to form a team to participate in the Relay.

Police Report

Rick Batza submitted the monthly Police Report.

Officer Batza reported that training is coming up within the next few weeks for the new heart defibrillator. Also reported were a routine number of accidents and break alarms in February.

Approval of Minutes

After discussion, the January 9th Town Council Minutes were approved as amended by a vote of 2 to 0, with Councilor Hohmann abstaining.

Report of Town Engineer

Town Engineer, Cecil Whitaker, submitted the monthly report of the Town Engineer.

Engineer Whitaker reported that he and Kay Ivceovich met with Allen Sparks of the Department of Public Works (DPW) on drainage items at 73rd & Pennsylvania and Morningside Drive. Allen now has an understanding of the challenges and will pursue resolution. We are to monitor DPW's response over the next month or so.

Also discussed were two site visits made to assist homeowners with drainage issues at 75th &

Pennsylvania. Cecil stated that these issues are ultimately between the two property owners.

Cecil reported the Town Drainage Meeting went very well and provided beneficial information to those that attended.

On streets & signs, it was reported that an evaluation will occur later in March after the end of the freeze-and-thaw cycle and the potential for sign damage due to hazardous driving conditions is reduced.

Abbe Hohmann then entered into a discussion of the 75th & Holiday West area, where 2 feet of standing water has been reported.

Report of Town Attorney

Dave McGimpsey, filling in for Sue Beesley, Town Attorney, reported that the Leaf litigation has been settled and the final attorney bill has been received from Stephenson. Morow & Semler.

Report of Clerk Treasurer

Bernie Bruno, Deputy Clerk- Treasurer, reported the results of the exit interview of the recent State Board of Accounts regular audit of the Town's financial books. In attendance were President O'Brien, John Taylor, and Bernie Bruno. An unqualified opinion will be issued, and there were no substantive issues with the Town's reports or records.

Deputy Clerk -Treasurer Bruno also reported that the transition to First Indiana Bank for the Town's accounts has been completed, and that the Town is already enjoying increased interest income as the result of the change.

Deputy Clerk Treasurer Bruno distributed a binder containing the monthly and year end 2005 financial statements and minutes, as well as the recently completed and filed 2005 Annual Report, to the Town Councilors.

The financial statements for January and February 2006 were distributed and briefly discussed.

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 added to the Engineer's report.

Finance Committee –

Nothing further added to the Clerk Treasurer's report.

Development Standard and Residential Construction Committee –

Councilor Hohman submitted the committee report.

Councilor Hohmann reported that the committee met on January 26th. Discussed was the variance for 74th & Pennsylvania, where a foundation is forward of the setback line. The committee recommended approval of a side variance and front parking while recognizing the front setbacks by relocating the foundation. The Huntley's may not go through with the project. A town resident reported 2-3 feet of standing water in the area, and provided photographs. Abbe Hohmann is following through with this, and hopes to be closer to a resolution soon. The standing water is dangerous and an attractive nuisance, as children have been playing in the area.

Councilor Hohmann also reported on-going discussions with the Fry property at Southwest corner of 75th and Pennsylvania. This project is now red tagged by the city as the building is not as per plan, and there is no drainage plan as well.

Councilor Hohmann also reported on the front yard setback on Wellington. They are asking for a 25 ft. setback, platted is 38 ft. The area average is 60 ft. The builder is seeking a variance.

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 3-0.

Planning Committee Report –

President O'Brien submitted the committee report.

Terry O'Brien reported that the Planning Committee met on February 6th, February 27th, and again on March 6th, 2006. The committee is currently studying and prioritizing issues, and assigning tasks.

Resident Forum

A resident discussed Schneider Engineering involvement for the 75th & Pennsylvania area. There was no staked survey completed beforehand (according to the resident) and clearly mistakes have been made by Schneider. President O'Brien thanked the resident for their comments.

Approval of Claims and Warrants

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

\$15,111.87 for approval.

Town of Meridian Hills, Indiana

Accounts Payable Vouchers Submitted March 13, 2006

	Town Payroll 3/2/06- 3/15/06	
EFT	(estimated)	\$4,600.00
	Town Payroll 3/16/06- 3/29/06	
EFT	(estimated)	5,800.00
1006	IPL	625.01
1007	Void	0.00
1008	SBC	93.20
1009	Bingham, McHale	1,000.00
1010	Schneider Corp	1,000.00
1011	Speedway	226.29
1012	Indy Automotive Electronics	274.00
1013	Midwest Radar & Equipment	90.00
1014	Redding-Troy Insurance	200.00
1015	Indianapolis Newspapers	68.07
1016	Stephenson, Morow & Semler	812.50
1017	Express Service Print	322.80
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Adjournment

There being no further business, President O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

