

**Council Meeting  
Town of Meridian Hills  
May 9, 2016**

**In attendance:** Walter Freihofer, Councilor  
Sherman McMurray, Councilor  
Greg Jacoby, Councilor  
Mike Russo, Town Marshal  
Jim Rush, Clerk Treasurer  
Jennifer Hudson, LWG CPA  
Elisha Wenzil, London Witte Group, CPA  
Brittany Key  
Jay Vorisek, Crossroad Engineers

**Residents & Visitors that signed in:**

Paul Carrol, Mercer Belarger P.C.  
Bob Barrow, Resident  
Maureen Burger, Town of Williams Creek  
Tom Aschaurer, Resident  
Gus Lemke, Lemke Landscaping representing Phil Stoffregen  
Dobbie Smith, Resident  
Timothy Smith, Resident  
Patrick Jendraszak, St. Luke Catholic Church  
Msgr. Joseph Schaedel, St. Luke Catholic Church  
Dave Lucas

**Call to Order;**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Residential Forum:**

No Resident asked to speak

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Council Meeting: March 14, 2016  
Motion for approval of minutes: Walter Freihofer,  
Seconded by: Sherman McMurray  
Vote: The motion passed unanimously

With a motion from Sherman McMurray and a second from Greg Jacoby, the warrants totaling \$41,356.86 were approved unanimously.

**Police Report:** Submitted and reviewed by Marshal Russo:  
Request for Holiday supplemental funding was moved to New Business.

**Town Engineer:** Engineer Jay Vorisek, Crossroads Engineer, fielded questions about the report that had been filed.

**Town Attorney:** Sue Beesley was not at the meeting.

**Clerk Treasurer Report:** Clerk Treasurer Rush: CT Rush reported:

- a. Financial reports were distributed in advance by LWG.
- b. Damaged Sign-the Town has received the insurance proceeds of \$8500. Engineer Vorisek was directed by the Council to proceed with the sign's repair. The contractor who is coordinating the repair has advised that all parts have been ordered and should be installed prior to the July 11, 2016 Council meeting. With a motion from Walter Friehofer and a second from Sherman McMurray, the request to pay the contractor with the approval from Crossroads Engineers was approved unanimously. Councilor Friehofer advised Engineer Vorisek to use the remainder of the insurance proceeds to assure that the tree and the light that was damaged in the accident be repaired as well.
- c. CT reported that the Town's files had been picked up from John Taylors storage facility on May 6<sup>th</sup> with the assistance of Bob Barrows, Town resident and Professor of American History at IUPUI, and The File Depot. There were approximately 60 files and several maps and blueprints. CT Rush turned over several of the maps and blueprints to Engineer Vorisek for his review. The remaining files will be evaluated by CT Rush and Bob Barrows as time permits to determine the destiny of each per the State Records Management guidelines.
- d. CT Rush reported that he would be taking soil samples from each of the 13 common areas that are being maintained by Stavros. The soil samples will be sent to A&L Greatlakes Laboratories, Fort Wayne, IN for evaluation. The tests will each cost \$20 for a total cost of \$260. It is expected that the tests will provide information that will include guidance on care of each site.
- e. CT Rush reported that there were two lots that needed mowing and pointed out to the Council that current Ordinance only allowed for the cost of mowing to be passed through to the property owner. That amount does not count the cost and the work to initiate the process and reporting. However, it was pointed out by Dave Lucas, a resident in attendance, that the City of Indianapolis will initiate the process and charge a surcharge of \$350. CT confirmed with the City that Mr. Lucas was correct and they would initiate the process if the property's address was reported to the Mayor's action line. Since that time, one of the properties has been mowed.

**Old Business:**

1. Pavement Project: This project was tabled last fall when the bids came in above Crossroad's estimate. As a result, the project was tabled until 2016 spring. The final bids for the attached work were:
  - a. Grady: \$51,822.00-Recommended for approval
  - b. Globe: \$59,490.00
  - c. Baumgartner: \$60,433.95

d. Harding: \$74,659.92

Motion from Sherman McMurray to approve the Grady bid,  
Second from Greg Jacoby: Passed unanimously

2. Since the initial bid was less than the initial estimate for street work, the Council was requested to consider adding a project that would mill/resurface 73<sup>rd</sup> Street from Illinois Street to Meridian Street for a total cost of \$9,560. This amount brings the total expenditure to \$\$61,382. The total is still under the original estimate of \$61,786.

Motion from Sherman McMurray and seconded by Greg Jacoby:  
Motion passed unanimously

3. Crossroads Engineer Vorisek recommended the removal of the guard rail at a cost of \$2,400 by Globe Asphalt Paving.

Motion: Sherman McMurray, Second: Greg Jacoby: Passed Unanimously

After the approval of these motions, Councilor Jacoby requested that future financial items that are submitted for approval include a status report of the budget category from which the funding will be paid and the status of the budget category that includes the item that is being considered for approval.

4. Adoption of the Appropriations Ordinance that was approved at the Special Public Meeting held prior to the regularly scheduled Council Meeting: A motion from Sherman McMurray and a Second from Walter Friehofer, the Appropriations Ordinance No. 2016-2 was passed unanimously. (See Attached)

#### **New Business:**

- A. Request for Holiday Pay Proposal for Town's police.  
Marshal Russo had distributed information for consideration of the Council that requested the approval of \$100 bonus to the top tier pay per hour of \$26.25. This amount would be paid for Officers working eight holidays. See Attached:  
Motion from Sherman McMurray and Seconded by Greg Jacoby, motion passed unanimously.
- B. Walter Friehofer reported on status of Town's potential receipt of funds from Special State Legislative Grant: it appears that the Town will not receive any of the funds approved by the Legislature for road maintenance. All of the funds are to be allocated to the City of Indianapolis.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- A. Development Standards Committee:
  - a. 7701 Holiday Dr. East: A variance was approved by the Committee recommended for the Council's approval. The property was acquired by the St. Luke Catholic Church. The variance is to allow the property to be used as a nursery school by the Church. The variance was

approved subject to no structural external changes and the understanding that any such changes would require the approval of this committee and the Town's Council.

Motion from Sherman McMurray and Second from Greg Jacoby: Motion Passed unanimously.

- b. Variance request for 212 E. 71<sup>st</sup> Street: Variance was approved by this committee to allow an external structure to be built near the property owners' pool that would accommodate social functions. The variance is to allow the structured to be built over the setback parameters normally allowed within the Town. The property owner provided letters from all the neighbors granting their approval of the variance.

Motion from Greg Jacoby and seconded by Sherman McMurray. Motion passed unanimously

- c. Southwest Corner of 75<sup>th</sup> and Central Ave: The request for variance at this property address was tabled

**Next Scheduled Meeting: July 11, 2016**

**Meeting was adjourned.**

TOWN OF MERIDIAN HILLS, INDIANA

Accounts Payable Vouchers

The undersigned, as the council members of the Town of Meridian Hills, certifies that the invoices attached to this Accounts Payable Voucher listing were approved at a meeting of The Town of Meridian Hills on the 9th day of May, 2016.

The Town Accountant, London Witte Group, LLC, is hereby authorized to pay the claims attached to this Accounts Payable Voucher listing.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May 2016.

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Walter Freihofer, President

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Greg Jacoby, Council Member

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Dr. Sherman McMurray, Council Member

ATTEST:

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Jim Rush, Clerk-Treasurer

Payment Type	Vendor	Amount	Date Paid
EFT	Town Payroll	6,169.62	3/18/2016
EFT	Town Payroll	4,012.31	4/1/2016
EFT	Town Payroll	4,007.86	4/15/2016
EFT	Town Payroll	4,258.16	4/29/2016
ACH	AT&T	140.49	4/7/2016
ACH	PrimePay LLC	171.49	4/5/2016
EFT	SuperFleet	135.82	4/14/2016
EFT	Indianapolis Power & Light	549.55	4/12/2016
2872	Verizon Wireless	30.01	4/12/2016
2873	Walker & Associates	20.00	4/12/2016
2874	Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP	1,092.50	4/12/2016
2875	CrossRoad Engineers, PC	4,248.54	4/12/2016
2876	Vine & Branch	475.00	4/12/2016
2877	Stavros Inc.	52.00	4/12/2016
2878	CNA Surety	157.81	4/12/2016
EFT	SuperFleet	137.52	4/29/2016
2879	Stavros Inc.	1,131.07	
2880	ARW Trucking, Inc.	3,687.50	
2881	ARW Trucking, Inc.	5,750.00	
2882	London Witte Group	500.00	
2883	Roundpeg	250.00	
2884	London Witte Group	500.00	
Total		<u>37,477.25</u>	