

**Meridian Hills Town Council Special Session
May 24, 2004**

Following notification in the prescribed manner, a special session of the Meridian Hills Town Council was called to order by President Terrence O'Brien, at 4:00 pm, on May 24, 2004, at the Schneider Engineering Corporation at 8901 Otis Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Present were: Terrence O'Brien, President
 Kay Ivcevich, Councilor
 William Nunery, MD, Clerk-Treasurer
 Cecil Whitaker, Town Engineer

Absent were: Abigail Hohmann, Councilor

Drainage Study

Engineer Whitaker reported that the Residential Standards and Development Committee has recommended moving forward with a drainage study of the Town. President O'Brien reiterated the role of a committee is to make recommendations to the full Town Council for action. He again requested minutes of all committee meetings be submitted in a timely fashion.

Motion to approve a Town drainage study was made by President O'Brien, seconded by Councilor Ivcevich, and passed by a vote of 2-0.

Mr. Whitaker suggested a general discussion regarding flows, topography, and watersheds may be available by the regular June Town Council meeting. He speculated that a storm water utility board may be required to implement major changes in the storm water system.

Reseeding

In response to resident inquiries, President O'Brien moved to seek a time and materials contract to plant grass seed on shoulders of streets repaired last fall. The contract would not exceed \$1000. The motion was seconded by Councilor Ivcevich, and was passed by a vote of 2-0. Councilor Ivcevich will seek two estimates, and Clerk-Treasurer Nunery will seek a third.

Vine and Branch Right of Way Clearing Proposal

Councilor Ivcevich requested action on Vine and Branch Proposal to clear multiple areas of Town Right of Way be tabled until she and Clerk-Treasurer Nunery could tour the areas in question, and seek resident assistance in clearing each property where obstructions are present. Her suggestion was accepted.

Street and Street Signs Review

Engineer Whitaker reported on a recent survey completed by Mr. Steve Moore, of Schneider Corporation, regarding street repair and signage. He reviewed general types of street repair, including 1) sealing pavement cracks, 2) pothole patches, 3) reclamite treatment, and 4) pavement overlay. He believes that proper preparation of pavement was not done last fall, and therefore reflective cracks are beginning to reappear in the newly repaved areas. This could be prevented and pavement life prolonged with reclamite treatment preceding resurfacing. This year's budget will likely only allow reclamite treatment to be carried out this summer in selected areas. Repaving will likely wait until next year.

Multiple traffic signs in the Town were reported to be in sub-standard condition. Problems with height, visibility, and reflectivity were reported. Construction grade signs have been installed in the past, accounting for rapid deterioration and sub-standard performance. Signage will require upgrading over the next few years. President O'Brien requested sources for road signs from Schneider Corporation for the Council's consideration.

Mr. Whitaker also recommended that pedestrian safety measures such as cul-de-sacs in a few areas, sidewalks in high traffic areas, and speed bump considerations be referred to the Streets and Thoroughfares Committee for discussion.

Road Deterioration at 7030 N. Pennsylvania Street

Engineer Whitaker reported on conversations with Mr. Jerry Moss of 7030 N. Pennsylvania Street regarding undermining of the street by a sanitary sewer that is malfunctioning. Clerk-Treasurer Nunery will follow-up with the city of Indianapolis to learn more of the problem and request resolution.

New Business

Clerk-Treasurer Nunery requested input from the Town Council regarding their wishes related to salaries for elected and appointed officials prior to the budget preparation process in July. Dr. Nunery will provide comparative information from IACT and from other Towns for the Town Council's consideration.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Nunery, MD
Clerk-Treasurer