

Town of Meridian Hills
Minutes of Town Council Meeting
November 8, 2004

President O'Brien called the regular meeting of the Meridian Hills Town Council to order at 7:30 pm. The meeting was held at the Hilbert Early Learning Center at Park Tudor School.

In Attendance: Terry O'Brien, President Cecil Whitaker, Town Engineer
 Abbe Hohmann, Councilor Sue Beesley, Town Attorney
 Rick Batza, Deputy Marshal

Absent was: Kay Ivcevich, Councilor
 Mike Russo, Town Marshal

Following the pledge of allegiance, President O'Brien indicated there were no changes to the agenda.

Police Report

Deputy Batza reported three vehicles were broken into at Second Presbyterian Church as well as the arrest of an individual breaking into vehicles on Park Tudor's campus. He suggested an article in the next newsletter reminding residents not to leave valuables in vehicles and to lock their doors. He reported that Deputy Jim Ingalls was injured in an incident outside of Town and is recuperating nicely. He also reported three deputies continued the tradition of passing out candy on Halloween night, which was very well received. He reported working with the town schools and pre-schools to develop a calling tree to notify one another in the event of an emergency lockdown.

Approval of Minutes

Councilor Hohmann moved to accept the minutes of the regular town council meeting held October 11th with amendments. President O'Brien seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved as amended by a vote of 2-0. Councilor Hohmann moved to accept the minutes from the special Town Council meeting held on November 1st with amendments. President O'Brien seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved as amended by a vote of 2-0.

Report of Town Engineer

Cecil Whitaker suggested legal counsel should determine the merits of pursuing compensation from Citizen's Gas for the sinkhole damage on 75th Street. He reported DPW has not completed review of the Drainage Study, and that the reclamite and paving projects are scheduled to start within the next few days. He reported the new traffic signs on Pennsylvania have been installed and that a letter has been drafted for comment regarding grants and funding.

Report of Town Attorney

Sue Beesley reported an executive session can be called if necessary to receive counsel regarding the

Citizen's Gas issue. A letter was sent to the party responsible for damaging the Town sign without response. She reported the City of Indianapolis misplaced the signed agreement regarding closure of Holliday Park, and has requested the completed agreement as well one for 2005. Ms. Beesley suggested completion of the requested email and meeting policy once she met with the new Public Access Councilor, who will be appointed soon. She assured residents that the Council is in complete compliance and has every intention of adhering to Indiana Public Access Laws as they apply to meeting notices, communication, and quorums.

Report of Town Clerk Treasurer

President O'Brien reported Clerk Treasurer Nunery resigned effective November 1st. He thanked Dr. Nunery for his contributions and for continuing to keep the books and payroll until December 1st. He explained that because Dr. Nunery ran as a Republican, the appointment of the position will be by the Republican Party precinct committee persons in a caucus called for Tuesday, November 30th at 7pm on Park Tudor's campus. President O'Brien requested that any interested residents notify him so he can pass their names to the County Chairman of the Republican Party for consideration. There was discussion regarding appropriations for a Deputy Clerk Treasurer. President O'Brien advised that he will request the ad hoc Salary and Review Committee to make a recommendation to the Council before the November 30th caucus if possible. Additional insight will be provided at the roundtable meeting of the 12 Towns within the City of Indianapolis scheduled for November 17th.

A financial summary for October was submitted, showing a cumulative cash balance on hand of \$285,602.97.

Old Business

There was no Old Business reported.

New Business

President O'Brien announced he will be moving in early 2005 to another home within the Town Boundaries. However, the move from District 3 to District 2 will disqualify him from continuing to serve under the current code. He indicated an interest in continuing to serve, but would not personally introduce any legislation or vote on any ordinances involving this issue because of personal conflict. There was general discussion regarding three options: moving the district lines, eliminating the districts and making the Councilor positions at large, or doing nothing.

President O'Brien provided a committee report for Councilor Ivcevich in her absence for the Streets & Thoroughfares, Police and Finance Committees. Councilor Ivcevich submitted minutes of the Streets and Thoroughfares Committee meeting on October 27th.

Councilor Hohmann provided a committee report for the Development Standards and Residential Construction Committee, and passed out copies of the October 28th committee meeting agenda.

President O'Brien provided a committee report for the Communication Committee and made a motion to add an electronic version of the Municipal Code to the Town's website. Councilor Hohmann seconded

the motion and it carried by a vote of 2-0. He reported that an IACT Roundtable for the 12 Towns within the City will be held at the Meridian Hills Country Club on November 17th at 6pm.

Approval of Claims and Warrants

President O'Brien moved to accept the following claims as submitted. Councilor Hohmann seconded the motion, and it carried by a vote of 2-0.

	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	
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186	William Nunery	Clerk-Treasurer Salary	650.00
187	Bingham McHale	Attorney Salary	800.00
188	Schneider Corp	Engineer Salary	650.00
189	MH Police	Payroll 11/12	TBD
190	MH Police	Payroll 11/26	TBD
191	Ipls Power & Light	Street Lights	623.80
192	Prime Pay	Payroll Service	111.19
193	SBC	Police Phone	TBD
194	Speedway	Police auto fuel	195.80
195	Kinko's	Copying – Oct TC mtg	48.88
196	Boyce Forms	Claim forms	63.36
197	Liberty Mutual	Workman's Comp Insurance	2,226.00
198	Schneider Corp	Sign Program	300.00
199	Schneider Corp	Bidding – Road Mgmt Pgm	2,380.00
200	Freije Lawncare	Mowing Service – Oct	210.00

Adjournment

There being no further business, President O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrence W. O'Brien
President
Town of Meridian Hills