

Town of Meridian Hills
Minutes of Town Council Meeting
December 12, 2005

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 Mike Russo,
Kay Ivceovich, Councilor Town Marshall
Sue Beesley, Town Attorney
John Taylor, Clerk Treasurer Cecil Whitaker,
Bernie Bruno, Asst Clerk Treasurer Town Engineer

Following the pledge of allegiance, Beverly Turner, Senior Regional Manager for the American Heart Association presented a CPR in home training kit, CPR Anytime. She commended the town for the recent purchase of AED (Automated External Defibrillator) for the Town's Police Department. She suggested that residents purchase the home training kit to further educate them on how to save lives in the case of an emergency and emphasized that speed to react to an emergency can save lives. The CPR Anytime kit costs \$29.99 and can be purchased from the American Heart Association at 1-877-242-4277 or online at www.cpranytime.org

Police Report

Mike Russo, Town Marshall, submitted the monthly Police Report.

Marshall Russo reported that the AED's are scheduled to be implemented early in 2006. Officers Rick Batza and Harry Morris, both certified paramedics will take the training course and conduct the training for the Town Police department.

Marshall Russo informed the council of last month's \$1000 gift to the Police department from Town residents, Randy and Mary Ann Tobias.

Marshall Russo mentioned that he had received positive responses from town residents to the recent snow removal. He reminded residents that it is unlawful for residents to push snow into the streets, and recommended that residents remind any private plowing service providers of this law.

Marshall Russo reported a burglary on November 28th on East 73rd Street and also noted two incidents of reported "Peeping-Tom's" and advised residents to be on alert.

Approval of Minutes

After discussion, the September 12th Town Council Minutes were approved as amended by a vote of 3 to 0.

Report of Town Engineer

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

Engineer Whitaker stated that with snow and winter conditions, any Department of Public Works (DPW) projects will not be conducted until the start of 2006.

Engineer Whitaker stated that there will be an informational meeting one hour before the next Town Meeting on January 9th to update the status of Town projects.

Engineer Whitaker also reported that there will be an open town meeting on Tuesday evening March 7th, where Margie Smith Simmons of DPW will host a Drainage Presentation and discuss Drainage Issues within the Town.

Engineer Whitaker provided a copy of a standard form for "Right of Entry" for informational purposes. He described it as a standard form to be used between DPW and town residents. It will be used for access by the city to perform maintenance for specified work. The form will describe the work and time frame for the work. Council discussion followed. Town Attorney Sue Beesley had reviewed the form and stated that it was satisfactory.

Councilor Hohman questioned follow up on town projects and Engineer Whitaker reconfirmed that DPW will not be doing anything until 2006.

Report of Town Attorney

Town Attorney, Sue Beesley reported that Ron Stephenson, of Stephenson Law Firm, remained on the case for Officer Andy Jacobs. She also reported that she will wait to pursue her contacts with DLGF for additional revenue for the town until spring of 2006.

Report of Clerk Treasurer

John Taylor, Clerk Treasurer, reported the status of the recent State Board of Accounts regular audit of the Town's financial books will be completed by the end of the year. The State Board is planning to meet with the Clerk Treasurer and Assistant Clerk Treasurer and review the results upon completion of the report.

Clerk Treasure Taylor reported the Finance Committee had met before the town meeting to discuss the bank proposals for the Town's banking. Clerk Treasurer Taylor will be sending a spreadsheet of the comparisons of the proposals to committee members within the coming week.

Clerk Treasurer Taylor will also act to complete any scheduled 2005 payments and encumber any additional town funds for 2006 as is required by the State Board of Accounts.

President O'Brien requested that the town minutes be submitted to the Council on a timelier basis.

Old Business

None Reported.

New Business

President O'Brien introduced a motion to establish an Ad Hoc "Town Planning Committee." Council discussion followed. President O'Brien offered to chair the committee, and stated that the committee would plan to meet in late January. Membership to the committee would be open to those that express interest and will be communicated in the Town's newsletter or by email.

Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Committee Reports

Police and Law Enforcement-

Resident George Charbonneau suggested to residents that they consider taking a CPR course or purchase the CPR Anytime course previously referenced in the minutes by Beverly Turner from the American Heart Association.

Street and Thoroughfare Committee-

Councilor Ivceвич reported that Vine & Branch tree trimming in 2006 would begin in March. She requested coordinating with the Police department for traffic control for work to be done on College Avenue.

Councilor Ivceвич reported the move of the IPL light at 71st and Pennsylvania is still an open project. She also reported bent signs at 71st and Pennsylvania and at 75th and Holliday Drive West.

Councilor Ivceвич also discussed with the Council a collapsed culvert at Williams Creek Drive and suggested that fire hydrants might be a good Boy Scout project for painting.

Finance Committee –

Councilor Ivceвич reported no additional information

Development Standard and Residential Construction Committee –

Councilor Hohman submitted the committee report.

Councilor Hohmann reported that resident and real estate agent Ted Butz had made a request to develop 2 lots on Holiday Drive West.

Councilor Hohmann also reported on-going discussions with Jim Fry regarding the property at Southwest corner of 75th and Pennsylvania. Mr. Fry will submit a landscape plan. The issue of the current mound of dirt in the right of way is the issue under discussion.

Councilor Hohmann also reported that the Huntley residence project at 7475 N. Pennsylvania Street has stopped due to a 6 foot encroachment on the front set back. The builder is seeking a variance.

Communications Committee Report -

President O'Brien submitted the committee report.

President O'Brien commented that the draft of the January newsletter will be submitted by December 26th. The Committee is planning a meeting in the coming month.

The Council discussed the Town Meeting signs used to announce the monthly meetings. Marshall Russo had mentioned that Officer Jeff Lumpkin who places the signs had reported that some of the signs had been damaged and that he recommended that future signs be made to hang from the Town Signs rather than be placed in the ground.

Resident Forum

Residents in attendance were:

George Charbonneau

Barbara Hamilton

Frances Gharrett

Resident George Charbonneau questioned the use of Tasers by the Police department. Sighting adverse publicity about the manufacturer and reported misuse of the Tasers.

Marshall Russo commented the Tasers can be use 1) to prevent use of deadly force and 2) all of the Marion County Sheriffs have Tasers, and 3) Marshall Russo will monitor the use and reports of the product.

Approval of Claims and Warrants –**Submitted December 12, 2005**

Assistant Clerk Treasure, Bernie Bruno, submitted accounts payable vouchers of \$29,184.34 for approval, and approved the payment of \$2,000 for clothing allowance to the Town's police officers. Additionally the recently completed paving project by Globe Paving was also approved to be paid in 2005 upon receipt of the invoice in December, as long as the invoice didn't exceed previously approved amount of \$25,000. Total for December = \$56,184.34

<u>Claim #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
EFT	Town Payroll 12/8/05- 12/21/05 (estimated)	\$5,600.00
EFT	Town Payroll 12/22/05- 1/4/06 (estimated)	4,600.00
1329	IPL	625.01
1330	Freije Lawn Care	150.00
1331	SBC	86.08
1332	MECA	183.72
1333	Traffic Sign, Inc.	779.74
1334	Speedway	204.51
1335	Bingham, McHale	1,115.45
1336	Schneider Corp	683.33
1337	Vine & Branch	5,000.00
1338	Bedwell Construction	1,580.00
1339	MECA	49.00
1340	I-Quest	105.00
1341	Schneider Corp	252.50
1342	Bedwell Construction	8,170.00
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	Initially submitted	\$29,184.34
1343-		
1352	Police Officers clothing allowances (10 officers @ \$200 each)	2,000.00
	Globe Asphalt- estimated- invoice not rec'd	<u>25,000.00</u>
		\$56,184.34

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Adjournment

There being no further business, President O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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