

Town of Meridian Hills
Minutes of Town Council Meeting
March 14, 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	Sue Beesley, Town Attorney
Mike Russo, Town Marshall	Kay Ivceвич, Councilor
Andrew Cochrane, Schneider Corp	
John Taylor, Clerk Treasurer	

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

Police Report

Mike Russo reported a tree had fallen at the home of Julie Christensen and completely blocked the road on Wellington Drive. Vine and Branch responded quickly and removed the debris within 24 hours. Councilor Ivceвич would determine the potential liability based on a measurement of whether the tree is in the right of way. Mr. Russo also reported a laptop failed in one of the Meridian Hills police cars and it was determined that the Power supply and battery would need to be replaced. Approximate cost \$415. He presented a proposal for a Defibrillator purchase for the Town. Outline for estimated cost of \$3,200 for equipment and training classes was presented. He offered a Seasonal Reminder: Magazine Solicitation Awareness and suggested general guidelines:

- Don't have to answer the door
- Can say no
- Don't engage them
- They should have a license
- Call 911 if they won't leave

Questions came up on how to remove signs from poles in town. Indianapolis Mayor's action section – has code information. Councilor Hohmann reported that she had the opportunity to meet with Joe Wynns, the Director of Indy Parks, and that he mentioned that the parks department was taking care of the locking of Holliday Park, an issue that had been discussed previously.

Approval of Minutes

February Minutes were approved by a vote of 2 to 0, with Councilor Hohmann abstaining.

Report of Town Engineer

Cecil Whitaker's report was presented by Andrew Cochrane, a member of Schneider Corp. He reported that 1) Two companies had been selected to fix potholes. Grady Brothers and Globe were chosen. These were time and material bids based on price and availability. Discussion followed to make sure we new the scope of the contracts. Mr. Schneider would verify the list of potholes from which this was to be billed. 2) Councilor Hohmann agreed to contact Ms. Gaha in regards to grant writing. 3) Drainage issue at 7401 Holliday Drive East was discussed. A motion was made to engage a contractor for less than \$4500 to repair the drainage at this location with the award going to the lowest responsive responsible contractor subject to the town obtaining an easement from the homeowner in favor of the town. There was further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Report of Town Attorney

Sue Beesley reported she conferred with and responded to the Department of Local Government Finance regarding the 1728 notice for the 2005 budget.

Report of Town Clerk Treasurer

John Taylor reported that he is evaluating the checking and savings accounts to verify the value and structure of these accounts as they apply to the use by the town. He will report findings at a future meeting. John will introduce Bernie Bruno at the next town meeting as the Assistant Clerk –Treasurer. Bernie has extensive financial management background and will quickly tackle the reports that have been incomplete back to November 2004. A motion was made and approved unanimously for training costs for sending John and Bernie to the IACT training for Clerk-Treasurers and for Budget training.

Old Business

Ordinance MH 09-04 At-Large Election of Town Council was brought back to the table for discussion. Councilor Ivcevich made a motion to accept first reading of the ordinance as written. Councilor Hohmann seconded and suggested that we solicit input from the town before we voted on this issue at a second reading. President O'Brien will send out the newsletter including an article to address the options for town members to respond. John Taylor will tally the feed back. April Meeting will seek further town feedback with a vote to be cast at the May Meeting.

Resolution MH 01-05 approving \$3600 for an Assistant Clerk-Treasurer was approved 3-0.

Resolution MH 02-05 concerning additional appropriation of funds for street repair completed in 2004 but not carried over in 2005 budget was approved 3-0.

New Business:**Committee Reports:**

Street committee: Further discussion on the tree at Wellington Drive, trash cleaning at 75th and college.

Police & Law Enforcement Committee: Crime Prevention Program in April.

Finance Committee will report end of month reports at next meeting.

Development Standards and Residential Construction expected to be busy with Spring additions.

Communications Committee: Newsletter will be sent out pending Council approval of article that addresses election procedures.

Resident Forum

Residents were invited to make any comments to the Council.

Approval of Claims and Warrants

The following claims and warrants were approved and signed

<u>Claim#</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
254	Stan's Sign Design	\$ 455.00
255	Bedwell Construction	3,950.00
256	Midwest Radar & Equip.	90.00
257	Bingham McHale LLP	3,276.67
258	Jerry Alderman Ford	29.95
259	IPL	623.80
260	SBC	58.39
261	Speedway SuperAmerica	253.00
262	Globe Asphalt Paving	11,444.14
263	Police Payroll 3/3/05 – 3/16/05	
264	Police Payroll 3/17/05 – 3/30/05	

Adjournment

There being no further business, President O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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