

Town of Meridian Hills
Minutes of Town Council Meeting
November 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 Rick Batza, Officer representing
Kay Ivceovich, Councilor Town Marshall
Sue Beesley, Town Attorney
John Taylor, Clerk Treasurer Alex Saunders, representing
Bernie Bruno, Asst Clerk Treasurer Town Engineer

Following the pledge of allegiance,

Margie Smith Simmons, Department of Public Works (DPW) presented Mayor of City of Indianapolis, Bart Peterson \$ 435 million Sewer Project proposal. This is the start of a \$2 billion, 20 year project to repair and rebuild the metropolitan sewer system.

The expected rise in sewer bills for town residents from the current \$9.59 rate is \$12.38 rate in 2006, and \$17.96 in 2008. Property tax would also increase from a rate of \$1.25 per month to \$ 2.25 per month.

The Council discussed the desire for the Towns drainage problems to be addressed by DPW. Margie stated that there are 5 Neighborhood Flooding and Drainage projects totaling \$35 million. For further information on these projects she recommended that residents refer to the website, www.indycleanstreams.org

Police Report

Officer Rick Batza representing the Town Marshall, submitted the monthly Police Report.

Officer Batza reported that October was relatively quiet. The town police had two prowler runs. Motion lights and a call to 911 prevented one incident. Officer Batza recommended the use of lights and motion lights as a method for residents to use to prevent crime.

Four officers distributed candy during Halloween and Officer Batza thanked the Town for the \$125 contribution towards this well received activity. A few solicitor complaints and report of a coyote in the town limits completed Officer Batza's report.

President O'Brien made a motion to approve the Resolution of the Town Council for the Purchase of Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

Officer Batza reported that a paging system was tied to the Fire Chief's Safety Dispatching System to be used within any location of Meridian Hills and Williams Creek.

Council discussed training costs and response times required to be effective. Officer Batza stated that he used research from the American Heart Association (AHA) for his proposal. Town residents were encouraged to purchase their own AED as well as take a CPR class.

Motion was approved by a vote of 2-1, President O'Brien and Councilor Ivceвич voting in favor and Council Hohman voting against.

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

Alex Saunders of Schneider Corporation, in Cecil Whitaker's absence, submitted Town Engineers monthly report. He reported that Globe Paving would be starting the 75th Street paving project the following week.

Discussion of other projects by the Town Engineer was tabled until the December Meeting.

Report of Town Attorney

Town Attorney, Sue Beesley reported the preparation and completion of the Town Resolution for the Purchase of AED. Attorney Beesley reported meeting with Town Marshall Mike Russo and Officer Andy Jacobs. She also reported efforts to obtain additional revenue for the Town from DLGF contact.

Report of Clerk Treasurer

John Taylor, Clerk Treasurer, submitted a Snow Removal proposal from Bedwell Construction. President O'Brien made a motion to approve as submitted. Motion passed 3-0.

Assistant Clerk Treasurer Bernie Bruno presented a report on cash flows for each of the Town funds. Clerk Treasurer Taylor requested a finance committee meeting before the December Town Meeting to review bank proposals for 2006 banking for the Town.

Clerk Treasurer expected to report the status of the State Audit at an upcoming meeting.

Old Business

Old Business covered in committee reports.

New Business

None reported.

Committee Reports

Street and Thoroughfare Committee-

Councilor Ivceвич reported that Vine & Branch would begin the August approved trimming project on November 17th.

Councilor Ivceвич also reported that traffic signs at 71st and Pennsylvania have been installed.

Development Standard and Residential Construction Committee –

Councilor Hohman submitted the committee report.

Councilor Hohmann reported that the committee had reviewed Jim Fry property at the Southwest corner of 75th Street and Pennsylvania. In question are dirt piles around the property that are in violation of permits. Committee member Greg Jacoby will meet and review the issue as soon as possible.

Councilor Hohmann reported on the Huntley Residence at 7475 N. Pennsylvania. Front setback issues suggest that the property is further forward than other houses and in violation of Town setback guidelines. Clerk Treasurer Taylor will contact builder Estridge to cease construction until issue is corrected or a variance is obtained.

A motion was made for Councilor Hohmann to call Estridge over the problem. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Councilor Hohmann discussed driveway permits on 71st and 75th street that have created double cut driveways from current single cuts. Councilor Hohmann invited Department of Metropolitan Development to discuss with committee and report with a written agreement on issuing driveway permits. The concern is over aesthetics and drainage issues.

Finance Committee –

Councilor Ivceвич reported no additional information

Communications Committee Report -

President O'Brien submitted the committee report.

President O'Brien commented that the next newsletter will be published in January and solicited any additional articles from the Council.

President O'Brien reported that the grant proposal he had submitted for Town Gateway entrances was not accepted.

Resident Forum

Residents in attendance were:

Helen Carroll
Donald Lucas

A resident complained of a break in on a resident's storage shed and expressed concern over the tree trimming crews from IPL contractor, Wright Brothers. Officer Batza encouraged residents to call police department to report suspicious activity or crimes.

Approval of Claims and Warrants

Assistant Clerk Treasure, Bernie Bruno, submitted accounts payable vouchers of
\$15,736.08 for approval

Town of Meridian Hills, Indiana

Accounts Payable Vouchers

Submitted November 14, 2005

EFT	Town Payroll	\$4,400.00
	11/10/05- 11/23/05 (estimated)	
EFT	Town Payroll	4,400.00
	11/24/05- 12/7/05 (estimated)	
1316	IPL	625.01
1317	Liberty Mutual	2,704.00
1318	Freije Lawn Care	240.00
1319	U.S. Post Office	68.00
1320	SBC	95.94
1321	Butler Ford	29.95
1322	MECA	16.86
1323	Traffic Sign, Inc.	845.12
1324	Speedway	148.96
1325	Express Service Print	322.80
1326	Bingham, McHale	1,000.00
1327	Schneider Corp	683.33
1328	Michael S. Russo	156.11
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Adjournment

There being no further business, President O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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