

Town of Meridian Hills
Minutes of Town Council Meeting
January 9, 2006

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

Absent: Abbe Hohmann, Councilor

Following the pledge of allegiance, President O'Brien presented the "State of the Town". President O'Brien highlighted the accomplishments for the past year, and addressed some of the upcoming projects.

Police Report

Town Marshall, Mike Russo submitted the monthly Police Report.

Marshall Russo reported increased burglary activity during the past month. He discussed how to defense against "Knock & Kick" burglaries. The police will continue to monitor these activities.

Marshall Russo discussed the funeral of Dick Parker. Dick was the former marshal for Williams Creek.

Marshall Russo reported that the new Heartstart Defibrillator has been acquired.

Marshall Russo provided the Town Police Office phone number 253-5678 for residents to call to report vacation vacancy so the police can be watchful of your residence while a resident is out -of -town.

Approval of Minutes

President O'Brien made a motion to approve the December 12th council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded. After discussion, minutes were approved as amended by a vote of 2 to 0.

Report of Town Engineer

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

The Town Engineer reported that street paving is not completed. An assessment will be made in March to see what damage the winter has done. Funding for preventative work will be a challenge for 2006. An assessment may be available in time for the March Town Council Meeting provided the winter continues to be mild.

Engineer Whitaker pointed out that there comes a point in time when patching becomes more expensive than re-paving. The application of the chemical reclamite would extend the life of the asphalt. Current funding levels do not allow for the application of this chemical for the Town.

Engineer Whitaker mentioned that a meeting with DPW (Department of Public Works) on issues of Town drainage will be held at Park Tudor on Tuesday March 7th at 6:30 PM.

Report of Town Attorney

Town Attorney, Sue Beesley discussed the liability aspects of damage to Town owned signs as the result of auto accidents. Usually in these cases, letters are sent to the responsible parties and estimates of damage are provided.

Report of Clerk Treasurer

Bernie Bruno, Assistant Clerk Treasurer, provided an update on the State Board of Accounts regular audit for 2003-2004. December financial statements were provided to the councilors and discussed.

Old Business

None Reported.

New Business

Councilor Ivcevich made a motion to elect Terry O'Brien for President for the Town Council for the coming year. The motion was seconded. There was some discussion and the motion passed by a vote of 2-0.

President O'Brien made a motion to approve Resolution MH-1-06, which would transfer \$30,000 from the General Fund to the Rainy Day Fund. The motion was seconded. There was some discussion and the motion was approved by a vote of 2-0.

President O'Brien made a motion to switch the Town banking services from Chase Bank to First Indiana Bank. The motion was seconded. There was some discussion and a recommendation from the Clerk Treasurer. The motion was approved by a vote of 2-0.

Committee Reports

Street and Thoroughfare Committee-

Councilor Ivcevich reported leaky fire hydrants and the movement of certain utility polls.

Finance Committee –

A resolution to change Banking services was discussed. Following a recommendation by the Clerk-Treasurer to transfer Town accounts to First Indiana Bank, a motion was made and approved by a vote of 2-0.

Communications Committee -

President O'Brien submitted the committee report.

President O'Brien reported that the committee met January 6th to discuss the newsletter. A draft of the newsletter was reviewed. President O'Brien made a motion to approve the draft for mailing, with updates to be included. The motion was seconded. There was discussion and the motion passed with a vote of 2-0.

The committee also discussed Town entry and yard signs.

President O'Brien announced that there will not be a Town Council meeting in February 2006 due to a lack of quorum.

Town Planning Committee

President O'Brien reported that the committee has not yet met.

Development Standards & Residential Construction Committee

There was no report submitted.

Resident Forum

Questions about the open foundation at the Southwest corner of Pennsylvania and 75th Street were brought up for discussion.

Also discussed were speed limits in school zones and radar monitoring in those zones.

Residents are pleased with Snow removal efforts so far this winter.

Approval of Claims and Warrants –

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<u>Claim #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
EFT	Town Payroll 1/5/06- 1/18/06 (estimated)	\$4,500.00
EFT	Town Payroll 1/19/06- 2/1/06 (estimated)	4,500.00
1354	IPL	625.01
1355	SBC	90.17
1356	Speedway SuperAmerica	272.94
1357	Bingham, McHale	1,000.00
1358	Schneider Corp	683.33
1359	Bedwell Construction	5,515.00
1360	Coffey Medical Inc	1,190.00
1361	Stephenson, Morrow & Semler	1,865.50
1362	Michael S. Russo	62.34
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Adjournment

There being no further business, President O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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