

9-11-06  
Town of Meridian Hills  
Minutes of Town Council Meeting 6:45PM

Meeting called to order at 6:45PM. A motion was made to approve the 2007 Budget, and seconded. This motion was approved 3-0. The meeting was then adjourned.

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, President O'Brien called for a Moment of Silence in remembrance of the events of September 11, 2001.

#### Town Attorney Report

Sue Beesley remarked that the speed limit ordinance passed, subject to legal review, at the August 2006 meeting was in violation of a new state law passed in 2006 which calls for a traffic study where the speed limit falls below 25 MPH. The Town has 5 options:

- \*\* Let the ordinance stand
- \*\* Repeal the ordinance
- \*\*Keep at 20 MPH and complete a traffic study
- \*\*Amend speeds to 25 MPH from 20 MPH, grandfather current 20 MPH limits
- \*\* Amend all speeds to 25 MPH

Cecil Whitaker then discussed the possibility of a line of sight, standard driven study. A motion was made to ask Cecil Whitaker to complete research of what kind of study is needed and how involved this would be. This motion was seconded and approved 3-0.

#### Police Report

Mike Russo mentioned a monitoring of school bus speeds completed last August 17. 17 buses were clocked with the fastest speed clocked at 32 MPH on 75<sup>th</sup> Street. Mike also encouraged residents to report solicitors in the area- 5 or 6 have been stopped within the last month.

#### Approval of Minutes from August 14 Meeting

A motion was made to approve the August 14 minutes, as amended. This was seconded and approved by a vote of 3-0.

### Town Engineer Report

Engineer Whitaker reported briefly on the issues of Drainage and Roads. Without regard to the costs of any drainage issues, paving alone on the roads is estimated to be \$70,000 next year, and \$100,000 in 2008. "Once the base is lost, that's it," remarked Engineer Whitaker.

### Clerk-Treasurer Report

No report.

### Streets & Thoroughfares Committee

Letters were sent to schools, churches & Washington Township Transportation Director asking for their cooperation redirecting busses and addressing speed control within the Town. Additionally, the City has installed two advanced pedestrian crossing signs as requested on 71<sup>st</sup> near Pennsylvania compliant with our new sign standard.

### Police & Law Enforcement Committee

Nothing further to add to Marshal's report.

### Finance Committee

Nothing further to add to Treasurer's report.

### Development Standards Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 28. One discussion point will be a resolution for a driveway permit at 79<sup>th</sup> & Spring Mill Road.

### Town Planning Committee

No meeting last month.

### Communications Committee

It was reported that the calendar on the 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the newsletter is not yet complete and will be changed. Discussion of the speed limits will also need to be changed. After these changes are made, a motion was made to send the Town Newsletter out in late September. This was seconded and approved 3-0.

At this time, President O'Brien made a motion to award a \$100.00 Gift Card to Charles Fox, the former web site volunteer, as a small token of appreciation for his service to the Town. The motion was seconded and approved 3-0.

### Council Review & Election Committee

A committee directive was distributed with any comments to be forwarded to President O'Brien.

Resident Forum

A resident thanked the Town Council for addressing the speed limit issue.

A prospective resident, Brian Stewart, is considering purchasing property in Meridian Hills, and inquired about the issues which the Town Council is accustomed to addressing.

Claims and Warrants

A motion was made to approve the Claims and Warrants. This was seconded and approved 3-0.

## Town of Meridian Hills, Indiana

### Accounts Payable Vouchers Submitted September 11, 2006

EFT	Town Payroll	8/31/06- 9/13/06 (estimated)	\$4,600.00
EFT	Town Payroll	9/14/06- 9/27/06 (estimated)	5,800.00
1078	AT&T		93.70
1079	IPL		625.01
1080	Speedway SuperAmerica		394.21
1081	Bingham McHale		1,085.55
1082	Schneider Corp		1,385.50
1083	The Indianapolis Star		131.28
1084	US Uniform & Supply		49.99
1085	Freije Lawn Care		270.00
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The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.