

Town of Meridian Hills
Town Council Meeting
November 10th, 2014

The meeting of the Meridian Hills Town Council was called to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held in the library of the Early Childhood Learning Center at Park Tudor School

In Attendance: Walter Freihofer, Councilor
 Kristina Frey, Councilor
 Terry O'Brien, Councilor
 Michael Russo, Town Marshall
 Bernie Bruno, Assistant Clerk – Treasurer
 Jay Vorisek, Town Engineer
 Sue Beesley, Town Attorney

After the Pledge of Allegiance, President Walter Freihofer greeted everyone.

Residents Forum

There were no resident comments presented at this time.

Approval of Minutes

Council approved the Council Meeting Minutes for September 8th Regular Council Meeting.

Police Report

Town Marshall Russo submitted the Monthly Police report and commented that there was nothing additional to add. He commented that the only thing to report was a rare occurrence of snow during Halloween made the distribution of Candy less busy than usual.

Report of Town Engineer

Town Engineer Jay Vorisek reported that the 2014 roadwork is now complete. A fix was implemented on Pennsylvania Street south of 71st. The drainage issues at that location from the paving project required new grading and the work seems to have solved the issue.

Town Attorney

Town Attorney Sue Beesley agreed that further follow up should be taken after initial communication regarding a resident's encroachment situation.

Report of Clerk Treasurer

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Bernie Bruno reported that the 2015 Town Budget was approved with approximate 3% total increase in spending and revenue. Snow Contract with ARW-Trucking for this season is in process but not yet signed. Council signed the Nepotism and Contracting Certification agreements IC36-1-20.2 and IC 36-1-21 per the state law requirement.

Old Business

Nothing to report

New Business

Discussion concerning 72nd Street Traffic Calming took place. Majority of residents of 72nd Street between Meridian Street and Meridian Hills Blvd were present at the meeting and presented a statement signed by all property owners (except on non-resident owner) requesting speed humps or closure of 72nd Street. Options for speed humps and road closure were discussed. Councilor Frey will follow-up with residents to continue the process.

Councilor Terry O'Brien presented proposal for additional updated streetlights and street signs. Motion was made to approve purchase and installation of streetlights at a cost of approximately \$10,621. Motion was approved 2-1.

Committee Reports

Development Standards Committee -

President Freihofer reported on four variance projects brought before the Development Standards Committee.

- 1) 7474 Holliday Drive East – 7 ft variance for garage, supported by all affected

- neighbors. Variance approved 3-0.
- 2) 7505 North Central – House was built 20ft forward from approved plans to save a large tree, and is now approximately 5 ft outside of front setback requirement. City now requiring retroactive variance approval for deviation from front setback requirements. House is only out of front set back requirement due to one house on the street that is set very far back, that makes the average set-back unusually long. House is in line with other homes on the block. The Committee recommended approval of variance but stated for the record disapproval of after-the-fact variance approval. Variance approved 2-1. Freihofer and O’Brien in favor.
 - 3) 7620 N. Pennsylvania St. – Variance requested for 7 ft encroachment on side setback. Committee recommends approval contingent on receipt of letters of support from neighbors. Motion was made to adopt recommendation and approve variance pending receipt of support letters. Variance approved 3-0.
 - 4) Drainage project at 74th Street and Holliday Drive West/ Spring Mill Rd. presented by contractor for right of entry request. No action by Council needed, Town Engineer will approve right of entry.

Update was provided from Neighbors on Central Avenue drainage issue.

Claims & Vouchers

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Bruno submitted September and October Vouchers. Council approved claims and vouchers for September 2014 for \$17,165.55 and October 2014 for \$18,271.93

Town of Meridian Hills, Indiana

Accounts Payable Vouchers Submitted September 8, 2014

Town Payroll 9/4/14- 9/17/14 EFT (estimated)	\$6,800.00
Town Payroll 9/18/14- 10/1/14 EFT (estimated)	5,000.00
2692 AT&T	118.65
2693 Speedway	337.02
2694 Verizon (air card monthly usage)	30.05
2695 Stavros Lawn Service	984.00

2696	Crossroad Engineers	1,652.00
2697	Bingham Greenebaum Doll (Sept. retainer)	1,000.00
2698	Info. Services Agency	104.67
2700	Indy Tire	48.98
2701	IPL	1,090.18
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		\$17,165.55
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Town of Meridian Hills, Indiana

Accounts Payable Vouchers Submitted October 13, 2014

EFT	Town Payroll 10/2/14- 10/15/14 (estimated)	\$5,000.00
EFT	Town Payroll 10/16/14- 10/29/14 (estimated)	5,000.00
2702	AT&T	118.63
2703	Stavros Lawn Service	492.00
2704	Speedway	366.44
2705	Verizon (air card monthly usage)	30.07
2706	Crossroad Engineers	3,220.00
2707	Bingham Greenebaum Doll (Oct. retainer)	1,000.00
2708	Info. Services Agency	34.89
2709	Morphey Construction (stop sign repairs)	728.00
2710	IPL	545.09
2711	Indianapolis Star (legal advt.- budget)	251.66

2712	Indy Tire (Invoice 5248552)	1,285.28
2713	Mike Russo - office supplies, paper, & toner	78.97
2714	Terry O'Brien- Network Solutions reimbursement	120.90
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		\$18,271.93
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President Freihofer thanked all those in attendance and for their participation. The meeting was adjourned.

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Bernie Bruno thanked Councilor Frey for taking the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

John Taylor
Clerk Treasurer