

**Council Meeting  
Town of Meridian Hills  
March 14, 2016**

**In attendance:** Walter Freihofer, Councilor  
Sherman McMurray, Councilor  
Greg Jacoby, Councilor  
Mike Russo, Town Marshal  
Jim Rush, Clerk Treasurer  
Elisha Wenzil, London Witte Group, CPA  
Jay Vorisek, Crossroad Engineers

**Residents & Visitors that signed in:**

Bloor & Molly Redding  
David Lucas  
Bob Barrows  
Tom Aschauer  
Colleen Fanning  
Jan Need

**Call to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Residential Forum:**

Bloor Redding spoke in behalf of some of the resident on Washington Blvd with a prepared statement opposing the re-platting of one lot on 77<sup>th</sup> Street to three.

Colleen Fanning, Indianapolis City Councilor, representing the district that includes Meridian Hills spoke as in introduction to her newly elected position.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Council Meeting: January 11, 2015  
Motion for approval of minutes: Walter Freihofer,  
Seconded by: Sherman McMurray  
Vote: The motion passed unanimously

With a motion from Sherman McMurray and a second from Greg Jacoby, the warrants totaling \$50,794.02 were approved unanimously after a motion from Councilor McMurray and a Second from Councilor Jacoby.

**Police Report:** Submitted and reviewed by Marshal Russo:

**Town Engineer:** Engineer Jay Vorisek, Crossroads Engineer, fielded questions about the report that had been filed.

1. The project @ Central Ave. and southwest 75<sup>th</sup> Street was discussed. Mr. Vorisek provided a draft of the survey that was in process for the Councilors to review. After a couple of suggestions, Engineer Vorisek was requested to contact Citizens Energy to request its support and financial assistance for the project.

2. Engineer Vorisek reported to the Council the recommendation for the intersection of Pennsylvania St. and Washington Blvd. 1.) No All-Way Stop. 2.) Install 'Intersection Ahead' sign on southbound Pennsylvania. 3.) Install 'Right Turn Only' sign for eastbound Washington Blvd.  
Per motion of Walter Freihofer and Second by Sherman McMurray, motion passed unanimously to proceed with that plan. Jan Need was at the meeting as well.
3. After a discussion regarding the need for an additional sign on west bound 75<sup>th</sup> Street, as requested by the Police, it was decided that and approved unanimously that the Engineers would coordinate having the Speed Monitor Sign that is currently on Pennsylvania Street moved to west bound 75<sup>th</sup> Street. The motion was made by Walter Freihofer and seconded by Greg Jacoby.

**Town Attorney:** Sue Beesley was not at the meeting. President Freihofer indicated that he had contacted Ms. Beesley and she had nothing to report.

**Clerk Treasurer Report:** Clerk Treasurer Rush: CT Rush reported:

#### Financial

- a. Financial reports were distributed in advance by LWG.
- b. Three spreadsheet were distributed in advance by the Clerk Treasurer
  - i. Revenue Summary for five years
  - ii. Rainy Day Reconciliation for five years
  - iii. Review of significant Disbursements for five years.
    1. Reduction of the 2016 snow removal costs down to \$22k
    2. Increase in Professional Services from \$12k to \$75K+.
- c. Review of special report from Jennifer Hudson, LWG reviewing of the impact of the State's reduction in funding requests. Reduction included a reduction of \$4,426 in the General Fund and \$912 reduction in the Motor Highway distribution to the Town. According to Jim Higgins, LWG, the reduction will result in an increase in the similar amounts in 2017. To appropriately account for the action a Public Hearing will need to occur to approve the adjustment in appropriations prior to the next meeting. It was agreed that the Public Hearing will be held 15 minutes prior to the next Council Meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The Clerk Treasurer will send the appropriate notice out two weeks prior.
- d. The CT reported that the Town's Bond had been renewed for \$15,000. However, the Ordinance prepared by S Beesley at the beginning of the year required a bond for \$30,000. The CT indicated that he would clarify the amount and order one for President Freihofer, since he is an approved signor on the Town's checks. The CT has since confirmed that the appropriate amount of the bond is \$30,000 and has requested the revised amount from our insurance carrier.
- e. Damaged Sign-the Town has received the insurance proceeds of \$8500. Engineer Vorisek was directed by the Council to proceed with the sign's repair.
- f. Personal Service Contracts: CT reported that all of the contracts have been received and the insurance binders have been received from all vendors. However, the Stavros contract needs to additional attention. The CT indicated that he needed to meet with Mr. Freihofer to conclude this contract.

**Old Business:** There was no old business.

**New Business:**

- A. Request for Common-sizing: per the initial email sent by Jim Higgins, the proposed cost to provide other Town's operating rations of \$1,500 was not recommended by CT Rush. Therefore, there was not action on this request.

**Committee Reports:**

- A. Development Standards Committee: Councilor Freihofer reported that there had been no meeting of the committee however he has been approached on the need to address two possible inquiries before the next meeting. Councilor Jacoby volunteered to Chair the Committee to eliminate the conflict of the State Code by having two Councilors at the same meeting without having a Public Notice. Resident David Lucas also volunteered to serve on the Committee.

**Next Scheduled Meeting: May 9, 2016**

**Meeting was adjourned.**

TOWN OF MERIDIAN HILLS, INDIANA

Accounts Payable Vouchers

The undersigned, as the council members of the Town of Meridian Hills, certifies that the invoices attached to this Accounts Payable Voucher listing were approved at a meeting of The Town of Meridian Hills on the 14th day of March, 2016.

The Town Accountant, London Witte Group, LLC, is hereby authorized to pay the claims attached to this Accounts Payable Voucher listing.

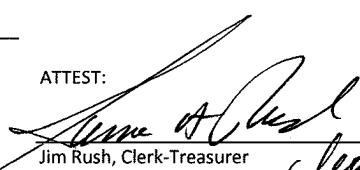
Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March 2016.

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Walter Freihofer, President

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Greg Jacoby, Council Member

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Dr. Sherman McMurray, Council Member

ATTEST:

  
Jim Rush, Clerk-Treasurer



Payment Type	Vendor	Amount	Date Paid
EFT	Town Payroll	4,549.61	1/22/2016
EFT	Town Payroll	4,648.51	2/5/2016
EFT	Town Payroll	4,411.55	2/19/2016
EFT	Town Payroll	4,447.07	3/4/2016
2856	Verizon	30.03	1/19/2016
EFT	Indianapolis Power & Light	549.55	1/28/2016
ACH	National Bank of Indianapolis	35.00	2/5/2016
ACH	AT&T	140.74	2/5/2016
ACH	PrimePay LLC	308.19	2/5/2016
EFT	Superfleet	157.51	2/8/2016
EFT	Indianapolis Power & Light	549.55	2/23/2016
ACH	PrimePay LLC	151.67	3/5/2016
ACH	AT&T	140.70	3/7/2016
EFT	Indianapolis Power & Light	549.55	3/10/2016
EFT	Superfleet	106.80	3/14/2016
2858	Crossroad Engineers	850.18	
2859	Terry O'Brien Reimbursement	78.06	
2860	ARW Trucking	19,627.00	
2861	Midwest Radar & Equipment	40.00	
2862	London Witte Group	579.50	
2863	Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP	7,837.50	
2864	Star Media	23.77	
2865	Jim Rush - postage	41.25	
2866	Penske Chevrolet	111.65	
2867	Waymire APS	49.00	
2868	Verizon	60.08	
2869	London Witte Group	500.00	
2870	Roundpeg.	100.00	
2871	CNA Surety	120.00	
Total		<del>50,874.02</del> \$50,794.02	