**Council Meeting**

**Town of Meridian Hills**

**January 8, 2018**

**In attendance**: Walter Freihofer, Councilor

Sherman McMurray, Councilor

Greg Jacoby, Councilor

Mike Russo, Town Marshal

Jim Rush, Clerk Treasurer

William Hall, Crossroad Engineers

Sue Beesley, Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP

Brenda DeVries, Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP

**Residents & Visitors that signed in**:

Bob Barrows

**Call to Order**;

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Residential Forum:**

No Resident asked to speak

**Election of 2017 Council President**

Motion from Sherman McMurray to elect Walter Freihofer as President of the Town Council; Second by Greg Jacoby. Motion was 3 ayes for approval.

**State of the Town of Meridian Hills: 2017 President, Walter Freihofer**

None was Offered

**Approval of the Minutes**:

Council Meeting: November 13, 2017

Special Council Meeting: December 11, 2017

Motion for approval of both sets of minutes: Sherman McMurray,

Seconded by: Greg Jacoby

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

With a motion from Sherman McMurray and a second from Greg Jacoby, the warrants totaling $23,365.32 were approved unanimously.

**Approval of Service Contracts: The following contracts were approved**

Bingham Greenebaum Doll

Crossroad Engineers

LWG CPAs: Approved in December Special Council Meeting

Hedgeclippers Lawn Service: To be approved in March

Vine & Branch Tree Service: To be approved in March

ARW Trucking : To be approved in March

Globe Paving (Contract to fix potholes): To be approved in March

**Approval of Town Officials**

Approval of Town Attorney

Approval of Town Marshal

Approval of Town Engineer

Motion: S. McMurray, Seconded by Greg Jacoby, Motion Passed unanimously.

**Police Report:** Report had been distributed prior to the meeting.

President Friehofer made a Public Statement regarding the Town’s great appreciation for tenure and work that Deputy Marshal Andrew Jacobs gave to the Town over his 40+ years employment.

***Report of Town Attorney****: Nothing to Report*

***Town Engineer:***Engineer Willie Hall reviewed the new Engineers report and discussed various items.

1. *Hall reported that the bid for the new signage at 77th & Holiday Drive E had not been received as of the date of the Council meeting. The Council approved a budget of up to $3,500 for the expenditure. Vote: Motion from Sherman McMurray, second from Greg Jacoby- the motion passed unanimously.*
2. *Hall inquired regarding the need of an Ordinance approving the expansion of the signage from one stop sign to three. Town Attorney DeVries indicated that she would check on the need for an ordinance as well as if there is a need to cover the expansion if an ordinance had been approved in the past.*

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

* 1. Financial reports were distributed in advance by LWG.
  2. Announced that notifications for all 2017 Town Council meetings had been sent
  3. State Matching Grant for Road Projects was approved. CT reported that he had received the following message from Cassandra Hudson, LPA Program Director-Greenfield District, that said ‘*I will have the PO to you by next week. I am not certain at this time the date of deposit, but will send that with the PO when I have the information.*’
  4. CT indicated that he would be receiving and reviewing all of the service contracts for the town as they are received in the near term.

**Old Business:**

**A: Street Lighting:** Councilman Jacoby reported the final recommendation for the Street Lighting projects: Washington Blvd needed $2000 and Illinois Street needed $3,000. No further action was needed.

1. Approval of Rainy Day Resolution: $62,826. This action was taken as a corrective measure as a result of the Town’s attorney determining that the Rainy Day funds action only needed a Resolution instead of a Ordinance. A motion for passage from S. McMurray and a second from G. Jacoby . Motion passed unanimously.
2. Approval of Ordinance 2018-1 First Reading for adoption. Ordinance 2018-1 is to approve the multiple Stop Signage @ 77th and Holliday Drive East. Motion for first reading from S. McMurray and second from G. Jacoby. Motion passed unanimously. Next reading will be May 14, 2018.

**New Business:**

1. **Vine and Branch proposed tree work:** This request results from the CT and Town Arborist, Jud Scott touring the Town to identify risks of trees and limbs falling from Town property and Right of Ways. The motion to approve $4500 was made by S. McMurray and seconded by G. Jacoby. The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Payroll Provider:** Recommendation for change by Clerk Treasurer. It was recommended that the payroll provider be changed to PayChex from Prime Pay. The reasons were multiple:
   1. $500 less expensive per year
   2. Vendor provided electronic time sheets that will reduce the need for the Town Marshal to collect time cards and deliver them to LWG for payment.
   3. Information is available on line and is accessible.
   4. PayChex has been performing payroll services for LWG, the Town’s accounting firm for several years satisfactorily.

A motion was made for passage from G. Jacoby and a second from S. McMurray. Motion was passed unanimously.

1. **75th Street Path:** it was determined that there would be a special meeting to be held on March 27th for the discussion of this project.

**Committee Reports:**

1. **Development Standards Committee**

**Next Scheduled Meeting: March 12, 201**

**Meeting was adjourned**