**Council Meeting**

**Town of Meridian Hills**

**January 9, 2017**

**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

**Residents & Visitors that signed in**:

Bob Barrow, Resident

**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 2 ayes for approval. Freihofer abstained.

**State of the Town of Meridian Hills: 2016 President, Walter Freihofer**

See attached

**Approval of the Minutes**:

 Council Meeting: November 14, 2016

Motion for approval 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 $43,310.52 were approved unanimously.

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

Bingham Greenebaum Doll

 Crossroad Engineers

 LWG CPAs

 Stavros Lawn Service

 Terry O’Brien Consulting

 Vine & Branch Tree Service

 ARW Trucking (Previously approved @ November 9, 2016 Council meeting for 2016-2017)

 Globe Paving (Contract to fix potholes)

**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. Marshal Russo reported three incidents without personal invasion.

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

**Town Engineer:** Engineer Willie Hall reviewed the new Engineers report and discussed various items. The Council approved new School Crossing Sign for 75th and Holiday Drive. Motion: S. McMurray & Second by Greg Jacoby; Motion passed unanimously. It was suggested that Councilor Freihofer meet with Monsignor Schlagle to alert him that the new sidewalk had been constructed on the Town’s right of way.

**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 the initial request for information had been submitted that would facilitate the distribution to the Town. It is expected that the Town’s distribution will be received sometime in late December, 2016 or early 2017. CT has confirmed that the INDOT has received the forms needed for the approval of the distribution. Since the meeting, CT has been informed that funds are to be received February 22, 2017.
	4. Vine & Branch proposal was submitted as a result of a Town tour with Jud Scott.
	5. CT reported that letters prepared by Vine & Branch for CT’s signature were sent to 20 residents as a courtesy when there was a tree on private property appearing to be at risk to the property owner.
	6. CT reported that the boat parked at 7601 N. Meridian had been moved respectfully.
	7. CT reported that ARW Trucking had been asked to treat the Town’s streets in response to the weather forecast for heavy freezing rain.
	8. CT reported that Vine & Branch had completed the work authorized at the last council meeting resulting from the Town tour of the CT and Jud Scott.

**Old Business:** There was no Old Business for consideration.

**New Business:**

1. Recommendation to move $40,000 from the General Fund to the Rainy Day Fund. This addition along with the reimbursement from INDOT and the prior balance remaining will bring the Rainy Day Fund to $87,000. Motion for adoption of Ordinance Number MH 2017-1 Approval: Greg Jacob, Seconded by Sherman McMurray. Motion Passed with 3 Ayes.
	1. Motion by Greg Jacoby to waive the rules for the second reading; Seconded by S. McMurray, the motion passed unanimously.
	2. Motion for the second reading of the ordinance to approve the movement of $40,000 into the Rainy Day Fund: Motion by Greg Jacoby, Seconded by S. McMurray: Motion Passed unanimously.

**Ordinance was signed by all Council members.**

**Committee Reports:**

1. **Development Standards Committee**

Although there had been no meetings since the November 9, 2017 meeting, it was announced by Councilor Freihofer that there would be a meeting forthcoming to address two inquiries: one for the owners of 720 Nottingham Court and one for the owners of 7801 N. Pennsylvania Street.

 **Next Scheduled Meeting: March 13, 2017**

**Meeting was adjourned**