**Town of Meridian Hills**

**Town Council Meeting Agenda**

**November 13, 2017**

1. **Call to order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Resident Forum :** No one requested to speak
4. **Attendees:**

Bob Barrows

David Lucas

Ted Reese

Brenda DeVries

Larry Becker, Becker Landscape

John J. Moore, Doninger, Thouhy & Bailey, LLP

Sue Lerchen, F.C Tucker Co

Alec Michialeides, Lan Plus Associates, Ltd.

1. **Approval of Minutes**: A motion from Sherman McMurray and a second from Greg Jacoby the motion passed unanimously for the approval the minutes for:

Minutes for 9*.11.2017*

Minutes for 9*.25.2017*

1. **Approval of Claims and Warrants:** $43584.56

Motion from Sherman McMurray, Seconded by Greg Jacoby was passed unanimously

1. **Police Report:**
2. Town Marshal Russo thanked the Council for the approval of officer compensation for the 2018 budget.
3. Town Marshal Russo also thanked Walter and Williams Creek Officer EJ Frank for the new furniture in the office. Walter arranged for it and EJ supervised the install.
4. **Report of Town Attorney: Accompanied by Brenda DeVries, Attorney at Bingham Greenbaum Doll.**

It was announced that Sue Beesley, Sr. Council at Bingham Greenbaum Doll who has represented the Town for the last 15 years will be retiring at the end of January 2018. Ms. Brenda DeVries,

1. **Report of Town Engineer (See Project Inventory)**
2. Status of INDOT Grant Application

The INDOT had approved the Community Crossing Grant for the Town of Meridian Hills.

The approval was for $218,060.25 which represented 75% of the projected costs of the combined bids of street work in the Town. However because of bids coming in lower, the grant was reduced to $179,539.37 which represents 75% of the final costs of $239,385.82 final cost of the projects.

1. Other projects were reviewed as listed on Crossroad website of inventory in process.

1. **Report of Town Clerk Treasurer**
2. 2018 Budget
3. INDOT Approval and support documents have been filed. The Town has been notified that all documents have been filed and funds should be disbursed prior to the end of the year.
4. Website Support: Payment Requirements—each of the two vendors for the Town’s website requires that payments be made via a charge card. Currently, the payments are being made via a Council member or friend of the Town charging the expense to their personal charge card which is reimbursed by the Town. We will be assessing other options so that individuals will not be required to personally put these expenses on their charge cards.
5. **Old Business**
6. **New Business**
7. Ordinance No. 2017-5: The Ordinance had been open for public discussion at an earlier meeting prior to the Regularly Scheduled Town Council meeting. The Ordinance provides for needed new Appropriations to accommodate new expenditures incurred since the original approval. Those expenditures include:

2018 Salaries:

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| Town Councilmember | $2,400 annually |
| Clerk-Treasurer | $300.00 bi-weekly |
| Town Marshal | $346.15 bi-weekly |
| Chief Deputy Marshal | $346.15 bi-weekly |
| Deputy Town Marshal | $25.25-$28.25 hourly$100 bonus per shift for holiday |

1. Ordinance No. 2017 MH-6

Appropriations for the 2017 Expenditures:

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| General FundOther Services and Charges Professional Services Town Attorney Town Engineer | $2,000.00$12,000.00 |
| Repairs and Maintenance Auto Repair / Fuel / Oil | $1,000.00 |

Motion for adoption by Sherman McMurray and seconded by Greg Jacoby of Ordinance Number MH 2017-5 & 6: Approval by vote of three ayes.

Motion by Greg Jacoby to waive the rules for the second reading: Seconded by Sherman Mcmurray, the motion passed unanimously

Motion for the Second reading of the ordinance to approve the increased Appropriations in Ordinance MH 2017-5&6 was made by Greg Jacoby, seconded by Sherman McMurray and passed unanimously. The ordiance was signed by all of the Council members.

1. Approval of LWG Engagement Letter for 2018
	1. Move for approval Greg Jacoby, Seconded by Sherman McMurray, the motion passed unanimously.

1. **Committee Reports**
2. Development Standards Committee
	1. 7900 N. Pennsylvania ST. : Variance for the setback for the new home to be constructed on the site of current home: Motion by S. McMurray, Seconded by Greg Jacoby. Motion passed 3 ayes, 0 nays.
	2. 7940 N. Pennsylvania St. Variance to accommodate the construction of an outdoor fireplace and outdoor activity area resulting from the construction of a pool contractor error of building the pool five feet too far south. all neighbors were in agreement with the variance.

C. 365 E. 75th Street: A property owner request for a front yard & gate. The motion to not support the variance was approved 3.0 after the motion was made by Sherman McMurray and seconded by Greg Jacoby.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: January 8, 2018**

 **Meeting adjourned @ 8pm.**