**Special Council Meeting**

**Town of Meridian Hills**

**June 6, 2017**

**In attendance**: Sherman McMurray, Councilor

Greg Jacoby, Councilor

Jim Rush, Clerk Treasurer

William Hall, Crossroad Engineers

Mark Beck, Crossroad Engineers

Lance Stahley, Crossroad Engineers

**Residents & Visitors that signed in**: None

**Call to Order**; First Congregational Church @ 5:30 PM

**Approval of Minutes:** No minutes of prior minutes were reviewed

**Report of the Town Engineer: Willie Hall**

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss recent information received from the Indiana Department of Transportation. In a recent notice since the last Town Council Meeting the Council was notified that the Indiana Community Crossing Grant has been extended. The primary difference between 2016’s program that reimbursed the Town 50% of the costs of the maintenance projects and 2017 is a reimbursement of 75% of the costs for this year’s projects. Since the Town Council has already approved an expenditure of $85,000, it appears that the Town can increase the scope of the work under consideration.

**Report of Town Clerk Treasure:**

1. Financial Summaries of the MVH and Local Streets and Roads funds were re-distributed in advance of this meeting.

**Old Business:**

1. After a discussion of the new Community Crossing Grant proposal, a motion was made for approval by Sherman McMurray and seconded by Greg Jacoby:

The motion was:

Revise the approval for the 2016 Street Maintenance project to include four phases:

1. Phase I will be the same that was approved at the last Council meeting that included the approval of work up to $85,000. This Phase included letting for bids for the highest priority projects for Town’s street maintenance.
2. Phase II includes additional maintenance work for the Town’s street up to an additional $85,000. The work for Phase II would be bid out subject to INDOT’s approval for the work to be included in the Community Crossing Grant.
3. Phase III includes yet as third level of maintenance for the Town’s streets and infrastructure. Again, Phase III would be approved and initiated only with the approval of INDOT’s approval of the projects and guidance on the timing for availability of funding. Work would not be initiated until the approval was received and the Town could be assured that the funds to pay the 75% would be received in a timely manner with which to pay the contractors.
4. Phase IV includes yet another dimension to the Town’s infrastructure and maintenance. It is anticipated that Phase IV will result as a plan for 2018, a year that is included in the State’s Community Crossing Grant’s approval window.
5. The motion also included the guidance from the Council to the Crossroad Engineers to review projects that may include ways to not just maintain but to improve the infrastructure if the need was warranted. The Council considers the Community Crossing Grant as an opportunity to engage capital for constructive purposes as well as maintenance purposes.

Motion passed unanimously with two ayes from the attending Councilors.

All parties agreed to meet on June 19, 2017 for another Special Council Meeting to review the work and recommendations of Crossroad Engineers on these projects. It is anticipated that the meeting will again be held at the First Congregational Church, No. Pennsylvania St. at 5:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 Pm