

**TOWN OF MERIDIAN HILLS  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
MARCH 8, 2021**

<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	<b>WALTER FREIHOFFER</b>	<b>COUNCILOR-PRESIDENT</b>
	<b>GREG JACOBY</b>	<b>COUNCILOR</b>
	<b>COLLEEN FIELD</b>	<b>COUNCILOR</b>
	<b>COLE MARR</b>	<b>COUNCILOR</b>
	<b>ZACK GORDON</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
	<b>MICHAEL RUSSO</b>	<b>TOWN MARSHAL</b>
	<b>WILLIE HALL</b>	<b>CROSSROAD ENGINEERS</b>
	<b>JIM RUSH</b>	<b>CLERK TREASURER</b>

**PUBLIC ATTENDEES: *REPRESENTATIVE OF TOWN RESIDENTS***

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

**2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3) RESIDENT FORUM : NO RESIDENT COMMENTS WERE MADE.**

**4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. January 11, 2021: Motion for approval; Colleen Field, seconded by Cole Marr.  
Motion for approval: 4-0

**5.) Approval of Claims and Warrants: \$109,746.98**

Motion for approval: Colleen Field, seconded by Greg Jacoby. Motion passed 4-0

**7.) POLICE REPORT**

- A. See Report filed by Town Marshal
- B. Marshal Russo reported that there has been an increased vigilance on 64<sup>th</sup> Street as a result of the increased traffic from the bridge work on that street.

**8.) REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY:**

- A. Thoughts on Current Topics in process:
- B. STATUS OF UPDATE FOR MUNICIPAL CODE:
  - a. NO PROGRESS ON ANY OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE REVISED MUNICIPAL CODE

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**9.) REPORT OF TOWN ENGINEER (SEE PROJECT INVENTORY)**

- A. Updated Inventory discussion Willie has notified Citizens of the drainage problem at the south east corner of Illinois and 75<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Review of Sidewalk Conceptual drafts were presented.
  - a. Discussion included maintenance of the Sidewalk The town attorney was asked to review the options and liability concerns and report back at the May meeting for further discussion.
  - b. Discussion included sources of funding the Town's portion of the costs as well as landscaping. CT Rush indicated that this topic will be researched and a report will be available at the May meeting.
  - c. Fundraising was discussed and the council asked the town attorney to review the town ordinance and process that could be used to fund raise for the sidewalk if needed at the May meeting
- C. Opening of Bids for the INDOT CCMG Grant due by April 8, 2021.
  - a. Bidders:
    - i. Harding Group:\* \$349,941.10
    - ii. Baumgartner: \$360,093.25
    - iii. Midwest Paving: \$365,971.05
    - iv. Globe Asphalt: \$377,972.30
    - v. Grady Brothers: \$414,494.00
    - vi. JFKESInc. d/b/a Smith Projects: \$415,111.60
    - vii. Calumet \$446,000.00

\*After Willie Hall, Engineer for Crossroad Engineers preliminarily reviewed the winning bid for compliance, Greg Jacoby moved for approval of the bid and the motion was seconded by Cole Marr. Council voted to approve the Harding Group bid subject to a full review of their submitted bid package.

**10.) Clerk Treasurer Report**

- A. LIBERTY MUTUAL WORKERS COMP AUDIT WAS ACCEPTED WITH AN ADDITIONAL COST OF \$57 THAT HAS BEEN PAID.
- B. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT WAS FILED WITH SBOA ON GATEWAY PER IC 5-11-1-4
- C. SNOW REMOVAL COSTS TODAY: \$56,250. THIS AMOUNT EXCEEDED THE BUDGETED AMOUNT OF 50,000. A REPORT IN MAY WILL ADDRESS THE DEFICIENT APPROPRIATION.

**11.) SERVICE AGREEMENTS:**

- A. SAVEATREE: APPROVED 6.2020. RENEWAL IN PROCESS
- B. CROSSROAD ENGINEERS: MOTION FOR APPROVAL: COLE MARR, SECONDED, COLLEEN FIELD; MOTION FOR RENEWAL WAS PASSED 4-0
- C. DENTONS BINGHAM GREENEBAUM; APPROVAL Tabled UNTIL MAY 2021 COUNCIL MEETING
- D. AWR TRUCKING: APPROVED DECEMBER 2020
- E. HEDGECLIPPERS: APPROVED NOVEMBER 2020

F. LWG CPAs: APPROVED DECEMBER 2020

**12.) OLD BUSINESS**

A. 111 E. 75<sup>TH</sup> STREET: VARIANCE TO ALLOW SECOND CURB CUT.

- a. AFTER THOROUGH DISCUSSION, COLLEEN FIELD MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND COLE MARR SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 3-1 WITH GREG JACOB DISSENTING.
- b. MOTION FOR RESOLUTION THAT ALL APPLICATIONS FOR CURB CUTS BE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL AFTER REVIEW OF THE TOWN ENGINEER. MOTION FROM GREG JACOBY, SECONDED BY COLE MARR. MOTION PASSED 4-0
- c. CT RUSH PRESENTED A LIST OF THE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS THAT WERE MADE AT THE FINANCIAL YEAR-END 2020 WITH THE PRE-APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL AT THE DECEMBER 2020 MEETING. THIS INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED AS A FOLLOW UP TO THE APPROVAL. THERE WERE NO QUESTIONS.

**14.) NEW BUSINESS: THERE WAS NO NEW BUSINESS OFFERED.**

**15.) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A.) DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS COMMITTEE:

- a. 714 SHERWOOD DRIVE: APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE FOR AN OUTSIDE SHED THAT IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH SET BACK CODE WITHIN THE TOWN. THIS VARIANCE REQUEST RESULTED FROM A RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS THAT NOTED THE VIOLATION. THE VARIANCE WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE BECAUSE THE STRUCTURE HAD BEEN IN PLACE FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME. THE RECOMMENDATION WAS MADE WITH THE AGREEMENT THAT IF THE SHED IS TORN DOWN OR MOVED FOR ANY REASON, IT WILL NOT BE REPLACE. WITH A MOTION FROM GREG JACOBY, AND A SECOND FROM COLE MARR, THE MOTION PASSED 4-0
- b.

B.) SIDEWALK REPORT:

- a. CONTRACTS TO BE LET
- b. THE DRAWING OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT WAS PRESENTED.
- c. MAY MEETING WILL BE MEANINGFUL FOR SOME KEY DECISIONS.

C.) TOWN WEB SITE MANAGEMENT: NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: MAY 10, 2021**

**ADJOURNMENT**