

TOWN OF MERIDIAN HILLS  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
MAY 10, 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>COUNCILOR</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: NINE ATTENDEES WERE REPRESENTATIVE OF TOWN RESIDENTS**

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

**2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3) RESIDENT FORUM : SANDRA WELCH EXPRESSED HER GRATITUDE FOR THE WORK THAT THE MERIDIAN HILLS POLICE DO FOR THE TOWN.**

**4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. March 8, 2021: Motion for approval; Colleen Field, seconded by Greg Jacoby.  
Motion for approval: 5-0

**5.) Approval of Claims and Warrants: \$44,891.07 + \$2,485.12(late submission from Crossroad Engineers). Total: \$47,376.19**

Motion for approval: Colleen Field, seconded by Greg Jacoby. Motion passed 5-0

**7.) POLICE REPORT**

A. See Report filed by Town Marshal

B. Marshal Russo reported that, in anticipation of the Broadripple Farmers' Market starting at Second Presbyterian Church on Saturdays, he had met with the leadership at the Church and discussed some key issues that may affect the Town. He reported that the Church had been very accommodating to the requests of the Town and he was pleased with the effort of all parties.

C. MARSHAL RUSSO REPORTED THAT THE STOP SIGN AT WILLIAMS CREEK DRIVE AND N. PENNSYLVANIA HAD BEEN REPLACED.

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

- A. No progress had been offered for the Municipal Code update.
- B. JAKE BONIFIELD, ATTORNEY FROM DENTON'S WAS INTRODUCED BY CULLEN COCHRAN AS THE NEW ATTORNEY WHO WOULD BE WORKING WITH THE TOWN AS A REPRESENTATIVE FROM DENTONS.

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

- A. Updated Inventory discussion
- B. Engineer Hall reported that he had not been informed of the final amount for the NIP grant. He anticipates that information will be coming soon.
- C. Review of Sidewalk Conceptual drafts were presented.
  - a. Discussion included maintenance of the Sidewalk.
  - b. Council voted 5-0 to approve the conceptual drafts presented by Engineer Hall subject to final approval of plan at the July Council meeting.
- D. Hall indicated that he had received the final plans for 111 E. 75<sup>th</sup> Street which included the driveway addition but did not include the back-yard changes originally requested.
- E. Hall reported that Harding Group, winners of the bid for the Town's work to begin by June 8<sup>th</sup> had requested the consent to start early if a 'window' opened in their scheduling. The Council agreed as long as all contracts had been signed and all conditions of the contract were met.

**10.) Clerk Treasurer Report**

- A. C/T REQUESTED THAT THE TOWN COUNCILORS ADDRESS UPDATES ON THE MUNICIPAL CODE.
- B. C/T AND JIM HIGGINS, CPA, LWG REVIEWED THE REPORT DISTRIBUTED PRIOR TO THE MEETING REGARDING A FUNDING ANALYSIS FOR THE SIDEWALK PROJECT.
- C. TOWN FINANCIALS FOR 3.31.2021 HAD BEEN POSTED ON THE TOWN WEBSITE. C/T REPORTED THAT, AFTER BEING APPROACHED BY SEVERAL MUNICIPAL SPECIALISTS AND CONSULTING WITH THE TOWN PRESIDENT, IT WAS DETERMINED TO THE TOWN WOULD WELCOME NEW PROPOSALS FOR THE TOWN'S INSURANCE POLICIES THAT WERE UP FOR RENEWAL JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE PROPOSALS WOULD BE RECEIVED AND REVIEWED BY C/T AND JIM HIGGINS, CPA AND PARTNER OF LWG, TOWN'S CPA FIRM. BECAUSE OF THE TIMING, IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE RESULTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE JULY, 2021 MEETING.
- D. C/T REPORTED THAT DOCUMENTS HAD BEEN SIGNED AND SUBMITTED FOR THE INDOT CCMG GRANT.
- E. C/T REPORTED THAT HE IS RESEARCHING THE TRUST INDIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL AS AN OPTION FOR INVESTING THE TOWN'S EXCESS FUNDS.
- F. C/T REPORTED THAT HIS PRINTER HAD LOST SOME OF THE FUNCTIONALITY NECESSARY FOR THE TOWN'S BUSINESS SO HE HAD CONTRIBUTED IT TO ST.

LUKE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH AND PURCHASED ANOTHER. C/T REPORTED THAT HE HAD REPLACED THE PRINTER WITH HIS OWN FUNDS BUT HAD SUBMITTED A VOUCHER FOR THE ADDITIONAL PRINTER CARTRIDGES TOTALING \$104.99

## **11.) OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. SIDEWALK PROJECT.**

- a. ENGINEER HALL REVIEWED THE SIDEWALK DIAGRAM. MUCH DISCUSSION RESULTED. WITH A MOTION FROM GREG JACOBY AND A SECOND FROM COLE MARR, THE LAYOUT DIAGRAM WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE TOTAL PLAN AT THE JULY 12, 2021 MEETING. VOTE WAS 5-0 FOR APPROVAL
- b. THE COUNCIL REVIEWED THE FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF FUNDING FOR THE SIDEWALK. WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF JIM HIGGINS, CPA FOR LWG, THE C/T PRESENTED THE FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF THE FUNDING SOURCES. IT WAS REPRESENTED THAT THE TOWN CURRENTLY HAD FUNDS TO COMPLETE PHASE 1 WITH FULL RECOGNITION THAT THERE WOULD BE PRIORITY DECISIONS TO BE MADE LATER. THESE PRIORITIES WILL BE DISCUSSED IN MORE DETAIL AT THE JULY COUNCIL MEETING.

**12.) NEW BUSINESS:** A RESOLUTION WAS INTRODUCED BY CULLEN COCHRAN, DENTON'S ATTORNEY, THAT WOULD AUTHORIZE THE COUNCIL TO RAISE DONATIONS FOR THE TOWN'S SIDEWALK PROJECT. THERE WAS NO ACTION TAKEN ON THE RESOLUTION AT THE TIME.

## **13.) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A.) DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS COMMITTEE (DSC):**

- a. 25 E. WILLIAMS CREEK BLVD: THE FAMILY WAS REPRESENTED BY MURRAY CLARK, ATTORNEY, WHO REQUESTED A VARIANCE TO THE TOWN'S MUNICIPAL CODE FOR FENCE SET BACK. IT WAS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE DSC AFTER A HEARING BY THE COMMITTEE RESULTED IN THE COMMITTEE'S VOTE FOR APPROVAL. A MOTION OF GREG JACOBI AND A SECOND BY COLE MARR RESULTED IN A VOTE OF 5-0 FOR APPROVAL.
- b. 7201 N. ILLINOIS STREET: NEW RESIDENTS APPEARED BEFORE THE DSC REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO THE CODE THAT RESULTED IN THE PROPERTY HAVING TWO 'FRONT YARDS'. THE APPROVAL RESULTED IN THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE DSC THAT SUPPORTED THE VARIANCE AND RECOMMENDATION FOR THE COUNCIL APPROVAL. WITH A MOTION OF GREG JACOBY AND A SECOND FROM COLLEEN FIELD, THE MOTION FOR APPROVAL PASSED 5-0.

### **B.) SIDEWALK REPORT:**

- a. SEE 'OLD BUSINESS'.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: JULY 12, 2021**

**ADJOURNMENT**