

**TOWN OF MERIDIAN HILLS
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

1) CALL TO ORDER

2) RESIDENT FORUM - *Please limit comments to five minutes*

- A.** Resident Sean McGoff whose home is on W. Holliday Drive reported that there are a number of residents who have expressed concern for the safety of children crossing W. 75th Street on their way to and from school at St. Luke's Catholic School. President Freihofer acknowledged the need to be vigilant and to protect the children. Marshal Russo also spoke to it as well.
- B.** Resident Beth Mills reported that the traffic to the Park Tudor School was backing up and causing drivers to block her driveway and turn around in her driveway. President Freihofer said that he would call the school administration to discuss the inconvenience with the administration.

3.) Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of August 12 2020 minutes: Approved 5-0

4.) Vouchers: \$31,950.87. Approved 5-0

5.) REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY:

- A. Town Attorney distributed a draft of an Ordinance addressing 'Virtual Meetings' to be discussed at some future meeting.
- B. Attorney Cochran indicated that he had received suggestions for updates to the Town's Municipal Code from CT Rush and would forward them to the Council for their consideration.

6.) POLICE REPORT: REPORT FILED ON LINE.

- A. MARSHAL RUSSO INDICATED THAT REQUESTS HAD BEEN RECEIVED TO ADDRESS THE SPEED ON MERIDIAN STREET AND THEY WOULD BE DOING THAT.

B. Councilor Marr asked Marshal Russo if the protests referred to in an email Russo sent on 9 Sept occurred as predicted. Marshal Russo replied that the protests were organized by PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) and occurred at the home of the Eli Lilly and Company Chief Executive Officer, on Washington Blvd on Thursday 10 September 2020. He said the protest activity was orderly, and without incident. This was the second time PETA protested at the home and will likely not be the last. PETA has been professional and cooperative with respect to their protests and are easy to work with. Meridian Hills officers were posted at the site during last week's protest, along with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police.

7.) REPORT OF TOWN ENGINEER (SEE PROJECT INVENTORY)

- A. Reported that NIP request had been approved that would net Town approximately \$60k for project just completed.
- B. Reviewed inventory.
- C. Reviewed issue with 7515 N. Pennsylvania storm water.
- D. Reported that INDOT had announced today that the grant requests would be open from 9/23/2020 through 10.21.2020. G. Jacoby requested that the Alternative 'B' be resent to the Councilors for their review acknowledging that it had been approved at the June special meeting. However, with the recent review, they would like to review it one more time before it is submitted to INDOT.
- E. It was agreed that Hall would put a cost summary together by the end of the week to summarize the expected costs of engineering to expedite the construction plan with the approval of INDOT.
- F. G. Jacoby suggested that position flags as well as communications with the affected residents to communicate the plan when implemented.

8.) Clerk Treasurer Report

- A. Budget 2021: The review of the need to approve the Ordinance of the 2021 Budget. CT offered the support of Jim Higgins, CPA LWG for any questions.
- B. E. 75th Street home construction lawn care remains mowed to date.

9.) Town Clean up: Cole Marr Report;

- A. Marr reported that, hopefully, but the next time the Council met the entrance signs will cleaning will be completed.

10.). Old Business:

- A. Ordinance No. 20920-01 Ordinance for the Appropriations and Tax Rates for 2021Vote 5-0
- B. Resolution No. 2020-01: Resolution Concerning the Reduction of Current Year 2020 Appropriations. Approved 5-0
- C. Ordinance for 77th Street Extension was tabled until Atty Cochran discussed the issue with the City of Indianapolis Attorney regarding the specific application.

11.) NEW BUSINESS:

- A. 7515 N. PENNSYLVANIA STREET ISSUE: PRESIDENT FREIHOFFER WENT INTO GREAT DETAIL DESCRIBING THE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THIS ADDRESS AND CONFLICTING ISSUES WITH DPW AND THE TOWN'S OBJECTIVES. THE PURPOSE OF THE DISCUSSION WAS TO GET THE READING FROM THE COUNCILORS ON THEIR OPINION OF THE DILEMMA. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE ISSUED NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED AND ALL OF THE OPINIONS ARE NOT YET KNOW FROM THE CITY'S DPW AND OTHER SUPPORTING ENTITIES. HOWEVER, IT IS FREIHOFFER'S INTENT AND OBJECTIVE TO GET THIS ISSUE RESOLVED AS SOON AS PRACTICAL.

12.) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A.) Development Standards Committee: Report in the ‘New Business Section’

B.) SIDEWALK REPORT: UPDATE: NONE

C.) TOWN WEB SITE MANAGEMENT: NONE

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: NOVEMBER 9, 2020

ADJOURNMENT