

**TOWN OF MERIDIAN HILLS
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
MARCH 14, 2022**

1) CALL TO ORDER

- 2.) Present:** Walter Freihofer
Greg Jacoby
Colleen Field
Cole Marr
Zack Gordon: Attendance by Phone
Mike Russo, Town Marshal
Willie Hall, Town Engineer
Jacob Bonifield
Maddlyn Clary, Town Attorney
Jim Rush, Clerk Treasurer

2) RESIDENT FORUM –ATTENDEES WAS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TOWN’S RESIDENT

- A. In interest of time for the applicant, a variance request was considered for 48 W. 65th Street earlier in the meeting:
- With the consideration to the nearest neighbors, Meridian Hills CC and neighbors on either side along with consideration that the property had not had significant refurbishment since the original construction in 1939, a request for significant improvements that would include a two-car garage and addition extending north to the 4-foot utility easement. The request acknowledged that the improvements would be within the 25-foot setback established in the Municipal Code. The applicant provided three Neighbors’ approval including owners on either side as well as the President of the Meridian Hills Country Club.
 - After discussion with the contractor, Michael D. Maiorano, Monarch Homes, the son of the owners and the architect, Doug Dickinson of DSD Architects, a motion by Greg Jacoby and a second by Zach Gordon resulted in an approval of 5-0.

3.) Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of January 17, 2022 minutes: Approved by Roll Call 5-0
- B. Approval of February 7, 2022 Special Meeting: Approved by Roll Call 5-0

4.) Vouchers: \$79,211.16. Motion by Cole Marr, Seconded by Colleen Field. Approved 5-0

5.) REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY:

- A. Town Attorney Jacob Bonifield reported that no progress had been made on the Municipal Code. However, President Freihofer requested that an objective of having positive proposals for the May 9, 2022 meeting.
- B. Maddlyn Clary, Attorney attended the Council meeting to answer any questions on the American Rescue Plan ordinance. With a motion from Cole Marr and a second from Greg Jacoby, the Council passed the ordinance 5 to 0.
- C. C/T requested that Town Attorney provide Ordinance and Resolutions numbering from their records.

6.) POLICE REPORT: REPORT FILED ON LINE.

- A. IN ADDITION TO THE POSTING THAT WAS MADE BY MARSHAL RUSSO, TOWN MARSHALL RUSSO UPDATED THE COUNCIL ON THE RECENT NOTIFICATION FROM THE INDIANAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT INDICATING THAT TRANSPORTING OF PRISONERS WOULD, IN FACT, BE AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, IT BROUGHT UP A DISCUSSION ON FUTURE NEEDS OF THE TOWN'S VEHICLES. NO RESOLVE WAS CONCLUDED BUT RENEWED THE NEED TO DISCUSS FURTHER.

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

- A. Updated the Council on the Town's work inventory
- B. Hall discussed potholes at that needed addressing.
- C. Hall indicated that he would be reaching out to Indianapolis DPW to resolve the final tally for the highway miles for which the Town is responsible. mi
- D. Hall indicated that he had met with Eric and Lauren Roberts to discuss the drainage issues in their front lawn.

8.) Clerk Treasurer Report

- A. CT requested that all Councilors sign the vouchers prior to leaving.
- B. CT reported that the Liberty Mutual's Worker's Compensation Audit had been completed.
- C. IND 100 R report: Name, Address and compensation of Town Employees had been completed.
- D. Service Providers had been requested to be addressed for the March 2022 Council meeting.
- E. Public notice for 2022 Town Meetings: Filed with IBJ and Indy Star.

9.) Service Agreements:

A. Save A Tree: Approved May 2021

B. Crossroad Engineers: Approved January 2021. Proposal to be recommended for approval May. 2022 through January 2023

C. Dentons Bingham Greenebaum LLP: Requested increase to \$3,000 per month from \$2,000. Motion from Greg Jacoby, and seconded by Colleen Field, motion passed with agreement that itemized invoices would be submitted to the Town.

D. AWR Trucking: Approved December 2021. Discussion regarding the large costs of snow removal included specifics about the one large \$31k invoice. C/T indicated that he would research the invoice and report back to the Council.

E. Hedgeclippers: Service Agreement was approved November 2021 through November 2022.

F. LWG CPAs, Service Agreement was approved December 2021 through December 2022.

10.) REQUESTED APPROVALS: PRESIDENT FREIHOFFER REQUESTED THAT THESE APPROVALS BE TABLED UNTIL THE MAY COUNCIL MEETING.

A. 2022 INTERNAL CONTROLS

B. 2022 ADA POLICY

C. 2022 TITLE IX

D. NOTICE FOR NON-DISCRIMINATION UNDER AMERICAN DISABILITIES

11.) NEW BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION (ORDINANCE?): AN ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF MERIDIAN HILLS, INDIANA, ESTABLISHING THE ARP CORONAS VIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND (FUND # ____): WITH SUGGESTIONS FROM JIM HIGGINS TO INCLUDE IN THE ORDINANCE LANGUAGE THAT INCLUDED 'THE TOWN SHALL ONLY APPROPRIATE AND USE THE FUNDS TO COVER EITHER THE (A) STANDARD ALLOWANCE FOR REVENUE LOSS OF TEN MILLIONS DOLLARS (\$10,000,000) OR (B)THE FULL REVENUE LOSS OF THE TOWN, WHICH IS CALCULATED USING THE COSTS INCURRED BY THE TOWN BY DECEMBER 31, 2024, FOR THE FOLLOWING AS DESCRIBED IN THE ORDINANCE WITH FOUR OPTIONS. THE RESOLUTION (ORDINANCE ?)WAS APPROVED 5-0 AFTER A MOTION FROM COLE MARR AND A SECOND FROM GREG JACOBY.

B. ORDINANCE: (CORRECTIVE ACTION) AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OBTAINING AND USE OF A TOWN CREDIT CARD FROM NATIONAL BANK OF INDIANAPOLIS. THIS WAS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL IN 2020 WITHOUT AN ORDINANCE PER THE REQUIREMENT OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS.

C.) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT A REQUEST FOR ADJUSTED APPROPRIATIONS WILL BE ON THE AGENDA FOR THE MAY 9, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING.

12.) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A.) Development Standards Committee:

- a. 7210 Washington Blvd. Variance Request:** The Committee recommended the approval of Greg and Jamy Brase. The request is to allow a detached garage to be with 23 feet of the rear setback as opposed to the 30-foot setback parameter within the town resulting in 77% open space vs. the 80% coverage required. The Brase's provided letters from adjoining property owners consenting to this variance. With a motion from Greg Jacoby and a second from Zack Gordon, the motion passes 5-0.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: MAY 9, , 2022

ADJOURNMENT