

**Council Special Meeting
Town of Meridian Hills
June 10, 2020**

In attendance:

Walter Freihofer, Councilor
Greg Jacoby, Councilor
Colleen Field, Councilor
Cole Marr, Councilor
Zach Gordon, Councilor
William Hall, Crossroad Engineers
Cullen Cochran, Dentons Bingham Greenebaum LLP
Jim Rush, Clerk Treasurer

Meeting Attendees: See attached: Attendees represented the demographics of the Town

A. Residents Forum: None offered

B. Vouchers: \$14,316.53. Motion for approval: Cole Marr, Seconded by Greg Jacoby Motion passed unanimously.
In addition, the Council approved in the same motion the Vouchers for the May 11, 2020 that had been originally signed individually by the Council members.

C. Police Report – No police report was offered since this was a Special Meeting.

D. Report of Town Attorney : Attorney Cullen Cochran had no issues to report

E. Report of Town Engineer- Willie Hall, Crossroad Engineers, E.

1. Engineer Hall discussed the need to have a decision by the Council for the project to be submitted to INDOT for the Community Crossing Grant for 2021. Hall provided two summary sheets:
 - a. One project had projects for a total of \$44,920.31 with the Town's funding 25%, or 14,973.44.
 - b. One project was had total work to be done of \$241,457.81 with the Town funding 25%, or \$80,485.94. The larger amount would include the survice milling and for 75 Street as well as adding a sidewalk from Spring Mill Street to Illinois Street.
A motion was made by Greg Jacoby to approve alternative 'b' with a second from Colleen Field. The motion passed unanimously

F. Clerk Treasurer Report:

Clerk Treasurer reported that the lot at 7520 N. Pennsylvania Street had been overgrown with weeds and unmowed grass. However, priot to the meeting, the grass had been mowed. Therefore, there was no action requested.

G. Town Clean Up: Cole Marr, Councilor: Councilor Marr had been in discussion with the _____ regarding the roadside clean up for the area of 64th and Meridian. It had been reported that the City of Indianapolis had been notified and no progress had been made. Marr brought the question to the Councilor as to whether it was fair for the Town to incur the expense of a clean up when 1.) the

property's responsibility is someone else's and 2.) how we wanted to handle other similar situations; thus should we decide on a policy to address this circumstance?

It was agreed that Marr would do some research and present a proposal at the July meeting.

H. SERVICE AGREEMENT:

- a. **SAVEATREE:** The service agreement for SaveATree was received and distributed to the Councilors for their review. All Councilors acknowledged that they had received it and was willing to vote. With a motion from Greg Jacoby and a second from Colleen Field, the approval for the SaveATree was approved unanimously. For the record, SaveATree is the successor of Vine and Branch, their prior arborist and service provider for the Town.

I. Committee Reports –

- a. **Development Standards Committee:** W. Freihofer reported that he had been notified about a variance inquiry for a house to be built at 7520 N. Pennsylvania. Freihofer suggested that the Code, as written was confusing because of the original 77th Street that had been abandoned south of the originally planned street. Therefore, it created a difficult compliance parameter because, if interpreted in general, the set back had to be 40% of the lot or the 'average set back for the homes 'within the two cross streets'. Since 77th street initially was planned to go to Meridian, Freihofer suggested that 77th Street should be the parameter of consideration and not Williams Creek Blvd. After discussion, a motion was made by Greg Jacoby and was seconded by Colleen Field to approve an Ordinance that would identify the north parameter for the west side of Pennsylvania Street north of 75th street to be the abandoned 77th street as shown on the Town maps. The motion was approved unanimously. Attorney Cochran agreed to draft an Ordinance with the cooperation of President Freihofer to address the amendment to the Town's Municipal Code.
- b. **Sidewalk Report:** G. Jacoby suggested that the report, as proposed be accepted for Guidance to the Committee by the Council. (In January, Town Attorney, Cullen Cochran agreed to draft a Resolution for the Council's consideration at the July 2020 Council meeting.) Councilor Jacoby made a motion that the proposal to accept the Guidance of the Sidewalk Committee Report that was presented in January. The motion was seconded by Cole Marr and passed unanimously by the Council.

The next formal Meridian Hills Town Council meeting will be held July 13, 2020, at 7:00 PM in the Park Tudor 'Lower Library' subject to the State's approval to use the campus facility.