

**Council Meeting  
Town of Meridian Hills  
January 13, 2020**

**In attendance:**

Walter Freihofer, Councilor  
Greg Jacoby, Councilor  
Colleen Field, Councilor  
Cole Marr, Councilor  
Zack Gordon, Councilor  
Rick Batza, Deputy Town Marshal  
Jim Rush, Clerk Treasurer  
William Hall, Crossroad Engineers  
Cullen Cochran, Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLC

Residents in Attendance: See attached. *The Town's demographics was represented by the attendance of those at the meeting.*

**A. Call to Order;**

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Oath of Office for Elected Town Officials**

- a. Walter Freihofer
- b. Greg Jacoby
- c. Colleen Field
- d. Cole Marr
- e. Zack Gordon
- f. Jim Rush

**D. Election of Council President**

- a. Greg Jacoby offered a motion that Walter Freihofer be elected Council President. The motion was seconded by Zack Gordon. The motion as passed with an unanimous vote for election of Walter Freihofer.

**E. Residential Forum:**

- a. It was requested that the new Councilors introduce themselves. Each new Councilor introduced themselves and gave a brief summary of their respective backgrounds.

**F. Approval of the Minutes:**

1. Approval of Minutes: A motion was offered by Greg Jacoby and seconded by Zack Gordon for the approval of the minutes for both meetings. The motion was approved unanimously.
  - a. November 11, 2019

b. December 17, 2019

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**G. Vouchers:** With a motion for approval from Sherman McMurray and a second from Greg Jacoby, the warrants totaling \$27,423.52 were approved unanimously.

**H. Police Report:** Officer Batza, in the absence of Marshal Russo, that the Police Report had been filed and distributed. In addition, he reported on the attempted theft at a MH residence.

**I. Report of Town Attorney:** Cullen Cochran

1. Mr. Cullen deferred comments to discussion for resolution.

**J. Report of Town Engineer**

1. Willie Hall, Crossroad Engineers, updated the Council on the Town's inventory of work to be done.
2. Hall reported that the bids for the Town's projects were out and that the Opening needed to be before February 14, 2020 to accommodate INDOTS scheduling. It was agreed that the opening would be set for February 10 which would be accommodate INDOTS deadline for funding requirements.

**K. Report of Town Clerk Treasurer**

1. CT thanked Councilor Freihofer, Councilor Jacoby and Councilor McMurray for accommodating the INDOT request for signatures. The signed documents have been delivered to INDOT. Funding should go forward as planned.
2. CT reported that the Liberty Worker's Compensation Audit had been completed and acknowledged. The results increased the Town's policy by \$3.00.
3. CT reported that the Town's organizational meeting had been held as scheduled on December 17<sup>th</sup>.
4. IND 100 Report had been filed with the State of Indiana providing the name, address, and compensation of Town Employees
5. A report to the Marion County Treasurer with Town employees and addresses had been filed.
6. Town Service Providers: To be addressed at the March 2020 meeting.
7. Indiana Municipal Video Franchise report filed.
8. CT thanked Cullen Cochran for agreeing to take minutes at the February 10<sup>th</sup> Special Council meeting in the CT's absence.

**L. Requested 2020 Approvals:** At the request of President Freihofer, the request for approvals were table until the March meeting.

1. 2020 Internal Controls
2. 2020 ADA Policy
3. 2020 Title IV Policy

**M. Old Business:**

1. Resolution MH 2019-9: Resolution recognizing newly elected Councilors for 2020.  
Motion from S. McMurray and seconded by G. Jacoby Motion passes 3-0

**N. New Business:**

1. No New business was proposed.
- 2.

**O. Committee Reports:**

- a. **Sidewalk Committee report:** *Sidewalk Committee: Councilor Greg Jacoby provided a detailed update on the research and progress of the Meridian Hills Sidewalk project.*
- b. **Development Standards Committee:** No meeting was held.
- c. **Town Website Management Committee:** Colleen Field has agreed to lead the Town's Website Management. She will be meeting with the service providers within the next month.

The next formal Meridian Hills Town Council meeting will be held May 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Park Tudor 'Lower Library'