

**TOWN OF MERIDIAN HILLS
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 8, 2023**

1.) Present: Walter Freihofer Town Councilor; President
Greg Jacoby – Town Councilor
Colleen Field- Town Councilor
Cole Marr- Town Councilor
Zack Gordon- Absent
Mike Russo, Town Marshal
Willie Hall, Crossroad Engineers: Town Engineer
Ryan Mann, Dentons: Town Attorney
Jim Rush, Clerk Treasurer

2.) Pledge of Allegiance

3.) Election of Officers: *Motion nominating Walter Freihofer as President from G. Jacoby, and seconded C. Field. Motion passed 3-0 with Freihofer abstaining.*

4.) RESIDENT FORUM –ATTENDEES WERE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TOWN’S RESIDENT

A. NO COMMENTS WERE OFFERED

5.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. NOVEMBER 13, 2023: *A MOTION FROM C. FIELD AND A SECOND FROM C. MARR RESULTED IN AN APPROVAL WITH A 4-0 VOTE*

6.) APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND WARRANTS: \$176,553.37. *MOTION BY C. FIELD WITH SECOND FROM C. MARR PASSED 4-0*

7.) POLICE REPORT: REPORT FILED ON LINE.

A. TOWN MARSHAL RUSSO REPORTED THAT HIS REPORT HAD BEEN PUBLISHED ON LINE.

8.) DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS ISSUE: MOTION BY G. JACOBY AND A SECOND BY C. MARR TO MOVE THE AGENDA ITEM UP BECAUSE OF THE DELAY FROM THE TOWN ENGINEER. MOTION PASSED 4-0

- A. DUE TO THE AVAILABILITY OF W. HALL, CROSSROAD ENGINEERS DELAY, THE PRESIDENT CHOSE TO MOVE THE VARIANCE REQUEST FROM THE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS COMMITTEE TO AN EARLIER POSITION IN THE AGENDA.
- B. BRIAN TOUHY, ATTORNEY WHO REPRESENTED THE APPLICANTS, MR. & MRS. JOHN TAYLOR WHOSE HOME, LOCATED AT 7508 N. CENTRAL AVE. WILL BE REPLACE BY A HOME TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON THE COMBINED LOT OF 7508 N. CENTRAL AND THE LOT IMMEDIATELY TO THE NORTH ON CENTRAL AS WELL. THE TAYLORS HAVE APPROVAL FOR THE VARIANCE FROM ALL OF THE NEIGHBORS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE WEAVERS.
AFTER A PRESENTATION ON THE REASONS FOR THE VARIANCE REQUEST AND A REVIEW OF THE PICTURES OUTLINING THE PLANS, A MOTION FROM G. JACOBY AND A SECOND FROM C. FIELD PASSED 4-0 SUBJECT TO THE RECEIPT OF THE APPROVAL OF THE WEAVERS.

9.) REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY:

- A. RYAN MANN, DENTON'S AND TOMH COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF TOWN'S USAGE OF RICK BATZA'S VEHICLE PART TIME. AFTER A CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION, THE IDEA WAS TABLED.

10.) REPORT OF TOWN ENGINEER:

- A. WILLIE HALL DISCUSSED THE TOWN'S PROJECT INVENTORY.
- B. 2024 -01 PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROPOSAL UPDATE WAS PROVIDED.
- C. INDOT CCMG AND INDIANAPOLIS NIP APPLICATION UPDATE
- D. 75TH STREET SIDEWALK UPDATE
- E. REPORT THAT THE TOWN'S SIGN INVENTORY WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW THE FOLLOWING MONDAY.
- F. THE COUNCIL REQUESTED THAT THE EQUIPMENT FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA STREET BRIDGE THAT IS BEGINNING SOON BE DELIVERED TO THE SIGHT VIA THE WILLIAMS CREEK BLVD. VENUE AS OPPOSED TO HAVING THE EQUIPMENT DELIVERED FROM THE SOUTH SIDE OF PENNSYLVANIA STREET.

11.) CLERK-TREASURER REPORT

- A. COUNCILORS WERE REMINDED THAT THEIR SIGNATURES WERE NEEDED INDICATING THEIR APPROVAL OF THE VOUCHERS LISTING.
- B. CT REPORTED THAT LIBERTY MUTUAL'S WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE HAD BEEN RENEWED.
- C. TOWN HAD RECEIVED THE DLGF APPROVAL FOR THE 2024 BUDGET
- D. MARION COUNTY TREASURER HAD RECEIVED THE REPORT OF THE TOWN EMPLOYEES AND ADDRESSES.

CLERK TREASURER REPORT- CONTINUED

- E.** SBOA 100R HAD BEEN FILED PRIOR TO 1.31.2024. THE REPORT WAS SUBMITTED TO J. HIGGINS FOR HIS REVIEW.
- F.** SERVICE PROVIDERS WERE TO BE REVIEWED AT THE MARCH 11, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING.
- G.** REMINDER OF 2024 COUNCIL MEETING DATES:
 - a.** JANUARY 8, 2024
 - b.** MARCH 11, 2024
 - c.** MAY 13, 2024
 - d.** JULY 8, 2024
 - e.** SEPTEMBER 9, 2024
 - f.** OCTOBER 14, 2024 (SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE FINAL 2025 BUDGET APPROVAL)
 - g.** NOVEMBER 4, 2024 (NOVEMBER 11, 2024 IS THE OFFICIAL VETERANS DAY)
- H.** TRUST IN ACCOUNT SET UP. FUNDS WILL BE MOVED SOON.
- I.** TOWN HAS RECEIVED THE 11.30.2023 FINANCIAL REPORT FROM J. HIGGINS
- J.** TOWN COUNCIL WAS PROVIDED THE BANK RECONCILIATION AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2023 FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL

12.) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF 2024 STATE REQUIRED POLICIES

- A. 2024 INTERNAL CONTROLS:** *THIS APPROVAL WAS TABLED UNTIL THE DOCUMENT WAS REVIEWED BY R. MANN, TOWN'S ATTORNEY.*
- B. ADA POLICY**
- C. IN TITLE IX**
- D. NOTICE FOR NON-DISCRIMINATION UNDER AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT.**
MOTION FROM C. MARR AND A SECOND FROM C. FIELD FOR APPROVAL. MOTION PASSED 4-0

13.) OLD BUSINESS

- A.** COUNCIL AUTHORIZED THE CLERK – TREASURER TO MAKE THE NECESSARY YEAR-END ADJUSTMENTS TO APPROPRIATIONS. *MOTION FROM C. MARR AND SECOND FROM G. JACOBY- MOTION PASSED 4-0*

14.) NEW BUSINESS-NONE WERE CONSIDERED

15.) COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Development Standards Committee: Request was considered earlier in agenda.**

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: MARCH 11, 2024

ADJOURNMENT