

**TOWN OF MERIDIAN HILLS  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
JANUARY 9, 2023**

**1.) Call to Order**

**2.) Pledge of Allegiance**

**3.Election of the Council President:**

**Nomination:** Walter Freihofer: Nominated by Zach Gordon, Seconded by Colleen Field.  
Motion passed 4/0

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

**3.) RESIDENT FORUM –ATTENDEES WAS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TOWN’S RESIDENT**

A. NO COMMENTS WERE OFFERED

**4.) Approval of Minutes**

A. Approval of November 14, 2022 minutes: Motion: Colleen Field, Seconded by Cole Marr, Motion passed 4-0

**5.) Approval of Claims and Warrants: Vouchers- \$52, 512.16.** Motion by Colleen Field, Seconded by Cole Marr. Approved 4-0

**6.) POLICE REPORT: REPORT FILED ON LINE.**

A. TOWN MARSHAL RUSSO REPORTED THAT HIS REPORT HAD BEEN PUBLISHED ON LINE. ALSO DISCUSSED THE STOP SIGN AT 75<sup>TH</sup> & PENNSYLVANIA STREET THAT HAD BEEN HIT.

**7.) REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY:**

A. ATTY BONIFIELD REPORTED THAT THE TOWN HAD NOT RECEIVED THE FINAL SIGNED DOCUMENT FROM THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS REGARDING THE THOROUGHFARE AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WAS IMMINENT.

## **8.) REPORT OF TOWN ENGINEER (SEE PROJECT INVENTORY)**

- A. Updated the Council on the Town's work inventory
- B. Hall discussed
  - 1. Update on Centerline Milage report
  - 2. Reported that the 'Street Mileage Status' was not resolved. Apparently it requires an Ordinance from the City of Indianapolis for finality. Near receiving the signature from the City of Indianapolis.
  - 3. Engineer Hall provided an update on 2023-01 Paving Project/INDOT CCMG Project is due 1/27/2023. It is his plan to be able to file that prior to that date.
  - 4. 75<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk – Phase 2 Estimate/INIP update: Application is Due by February 15, 2023. President Freihofer indicated that acquiring partial funding from private sources may be a possibility. The community's response to the sidewalk has been very positive.

## **9.) Clerk Treasurer Report**

- A. CT requested that all Councilors sign the vouchers prior to leaving.
- B. CT thanked Jim Higgins, CPA for his work on the Town's one year budget proposal and five-year projections. Mr. Higgins was in attendance and indicated that he would have a list of appropriation adjustments at the March 2023 meeting
- C. CT reported that a the Town's 100R had been filed along with the Town Employees names and addresses with the Marion County Treasurer.
- D. CT reported that Councilor Field was working with him to review other alternatives for the Town's Website support as well as the email support as a result of ongoing issues with the current vendor.
- E. CT Reported that a recommendation would be made to the Council at the March 2023 meeting regarding the depositories of the Town's funds. Currently one bank is providing a .47% interest rate while another is providing 3.9%.
- F. CT reported that the Liberty Mutual Workers' Compensation Audit had not arrived yet even though it is normally required to be submitted by January. That audit has been submitted on January 14, 2023.
- G. CT reported that the Town's Service Providers would be addressed in the March Council meeting

## **10.) PERSONNEL MANUAL: (COLE MARR)**

- A. COUNCILOR MARR SUB

## **11.) NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **2023 BUDGET:**
  - a. JIM HIGGINS REVIEWED THE 2023 BUDGET

- b. FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ADDRESSED AT THE OCTOBER 10, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING

**B. FIVE YEAR BUDGET PLANNING**

- a. JIM HIGGINS REVIEWED, FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, THE BUDGET PROJECTIONS FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. CONSIDERATIONS INCLUDE:

- 1. **POLICE CONSIDERATIONS**

- a. **PAY SCALE**

- b. **UNIFORMS**

- c. **AUTO EXPENSES, FUEL, MAINTENANCE**

- 2. **STREET MAINTENANCE**

- 3. **SOURCES OF REVENUE: LIMITED**

- 4. **NEXT VEHICLE: LEASED OR OWNED**

- 5. **FEEES FOR ENGINEERS USAGE (SEE WILLIAMS CREEK ORDINANCE)**

- 6. **AUTO EXPENSES: FUEL, MAINTENANCE**

- b. **STREET MAINTENANCE: MVH FUNDS**

- c. **SOURCES OF REVENUE: LIMITED**

**C. ARW CONTRACT: 2022-2023 CONTRACT**

- a. SERVICE CONTRACT AMENDED TO MATURED APRIL 30, 2023 FROM ORIGINAL TO MATURE 3.31.2022. APPROVED: MOTION: COLE MARR, SECONDED: ZACH GORDON. APPROVED 4-0

**12.) OLD BUSINESS:**

**13.) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Development Standards Committee:**

- a. Chairman Freihofer discussed the consideration of 6169-6167 N. Meridian Street for variance for 'Front Yard Fence'.
  - i. Presentation by the resident's attorney, David Lucas, for the approval of variance proposed.
    - 1. Parameters approved: Motion by Zach Gordon, seconded by Colleen Field; Passed 3-1 with Cole Marr voting against plan subject to:
      - a. 5-foot fence and barred gate
      - b. Request for planting plan
        - i.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: MARCH 13, 2023**

**ADJOURNMENT**