

**TOWN OF MERIDIAN HILLS  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES -  
MARCH 13, 2023**

**1.) Call to Order**

- 2.) Present:** Walter Freihofer  
Greg Jacoby  
Colleen Field  
Cole Marr  
Zack Gordon  
Mike Russo, Town Marshal  
Willie Hall, Crossroad Engineers: Town Engineer  
Maddlyn Clary, Dentons: Ass't. Town Attorney  
Jacob Bonifield, Dentons: Attorney  
Jim Rush, Clerk Treasurer – Absent  
Jim Higgins – Asst in Jim Rush Absence

**3.) RESIDENT FORUM –ATTENDEES WERE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TOWN RESIDENTS**

1. David Lucas
2. Bob Bowman
3. Bill Tuohy
4. Phil Tuohy

**4.) Approval of Minutes**

- A. Approval of January 9, 2023, Meeting minutes: Motion: Greg Jacoby, seconded by Cole Marr, Motion passed 5-0

**5.) Approval of Claims and Warrants: Vouchers- \$58,392.73. Motion by Zach Gordon, seconded by Greg Jacoby. Approved 5-0**

**6.) POLICE REPORT: TOWN MARSHAL RUSSO** PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON THE TOWN'S POLICE VEHICLE – DOWN 3/11/23 – REPAIR COST APPROX. \$1,800 – NEW WATER PUMP, ETC. OFFERED DISCUSSION OF # OF VEHICLES NEEDED - WITH OPTION TO LEASE VEHICLE OR PURCHASE VEHICLE. QUESTIONS ENSUED – COST TO OUTFIT NEW VEHICLE APPROX. \$60,000, ETC. SECONDLY, TOWN MARSHAL IS DEVELOPING A PURSUIT POLICY FOR THE TOWN POLICE.

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

- A. TRANSITION UPDATE: TOWN ATTORNEY WILL TRANSITION FROM Jacob Bonifield, Dentons to Maddlyn Clary, Dentons, AS THE TOWNS ATTORNEY.
- B. MADDLYN CLARY, TOWN ATTORNEY REPORTED THAT THE HANDBOOK WAS REVIEWED AND A MARKED UP COPY WILL BE PROVIDED TO COLE MARR THEN WILL SEND A COPY TO ALL COUNCILORS VIA EMAIL.

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

- A. Updated the Council on the Town's work inventory.
  - a. DPW – Morningside – route is feasible – scoping report 2023 w/ work target to complete 2024 – to be placed on Capital Project List.
  - b. Central /75<sup>th</sup> sign missing – will reach out to resident.
- B. Updated on Indy NIP and Community Crossings – Should receive word in April for the Phase 2 sidewalk. Stated approx. cost \$55,000 for Survey, design etc. requested approval by council to move forward:
  - a. Motion by Greg Jacoby; seconded by Cole Marr, Motion passed 5-0
- C. Town Engineer requested ADH Transition Plan to be updated – demonstrate compliance.
- D. Pennsylvania Bridge – President Freihofer provided update – target date is March/April 2024.
- E. Major construction – Meridian Street – between 64<sup>th</sup> – 96<sup>th</sup> Streets.

**9.) Clerk Treasurer Report:**

- A. Jim Higgins reported that Workman comp audits, Gateway reports updated and Board of Accounts Audits – all completed.
- B. Ordinance 2023-1: Pre-Approval Payments of Claims; Motion by Zach Gordon; seconded by Cole Marr, Motion passed 5-0; 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading took place; Motion by Greg Jacoby; seconded by Zach Gordon, Motion passed 5-0.
- C. Approval for Hedge Clippers Lawn Care and Maintenance; Motion by Cole Marr; seconded by Greg Jacoby, Motion passed 5-0
- D. 2022 Appropriations adjustments updated.

**10.) REQUESTED 2023 APPROVALS: - TO BE REVIEWED/APPROVED AT MAY MEETING**

**11.) PERSONNEL MANUAL: (COLE MARR)**

- A. SEE ABOVE 7B.

**12.) NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **ORDINANCE 2023-01 – PRE-APPROVAL OF CLAIMS – SEE 9B.**

**13.) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **Development Standards Committee: Meeting coming up in next few weeks.**

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: JULY 10, 2023**

**ADJOURNMENT**