

**TOWN OF MERIDIAN HILLS
PARK TUDOR LOWER LIBRARY**

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
NOVEMBER 13, 2023**

1.) Call to Order /Pledge of Allegiance

- 2.) Present:** Walter Freihofer Town Councilor; President
Greg Jacoby – Town Councilor
Colleen Field- Town Councilor
Cole Marr- Absent
Zack Gordon- Absent
Mike Russo, Town Marshal
Willie Hall, Crossroad Engineers
Ryan Marr; Of Counsel, Dentons-Town Attorney replacing Ms Clary
Jim Rush, Clerk Treasurer

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

- A. RESIDENT: MR. BARROWS INQUIRED ABOUT THE AGENDA’S AVAILABILITY ON THE WEB SITE.

4.) Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of October 9, 2023 Special Meeting minutes: Motion: C. Field, Seconded by G. Jacoby., Motion passed 3-0

5.) Approval of Claims and Warrants: Vouchers- \$70,179.34. Motion by C. Field, Seconded by G. Jacoby. Approved 3-0

6.) Bank Reconciliations: Bank reconciliations for the June 30, 2023, September 30, 2023 and October 31, 2023 were approved. Motion for approval passed 3/0: C. Field, seconded by G. Jacoby

7.) Police Report:

- A. See Report Filed by Town Marshal
B. Russo explained the logic of using Rick Batza’s car vs. getting another car for the town.

8.) REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY: (*TOPIC TABLED FOR INSURANCE CLARIFICATION*)

- A. RICK BATZA: *DISCUSSION OF INDEMNIFICATION CLAUSE IN PROPOSED LEASE AGREEMENT FOR RICK BATZA'S VEHICLE TO BE USED FOR TOWN'S LAW ENFORCEMENT NEEDS.*
THIS TOPIC WAS TABLE PENDING MORE INFORMATION REGARDING INSURANCE FOR BOTH PARTIES.
- B. PROPOSED INSURANCE COSTS: \$1,250 (ESTIMATE)

9.) REPORT OF TOWN ENGINEER (SEE PROJECT INVENTORY)

- A. Updated the Council on the Town's work inventory
- B. Representatives discussed:
 - 1. 2023 Paving Program: Project is under contract. Work will begin May 2024.
 - 2. Final proposed expenditure for Contractor: \$129,290.96 (Motion by C. Field, seconded by G. Jacoby. Passed 3-0
 - 3. Bridge Design:
 - i. Environmental study completed,
 - ii. Subject to property acquisition
 - iii. Right of Way finalization
 - iv. Construction Bid: Estimated to be 12.13.2023
 - v. Construction to begin approximately 4.1.2024
 - 4. Sign inventory requested by President Freihofer is nearing completion.
 - 5. Decision on begin date for paving project. Fall 2023 vs. Spring 2024. The latter appears to be preferential. After some discussion, Mr. Hall was directed to prepare a project proposal for the spring budget for consideration.
 - 6. INDOT has approved paving project and to fund \$300k+
 - 7. ADA Transition Plan: Updated ADA Transition Plan will be completed by year end now that the 75th Street Sidewalk project is completed.
- C. The presentation by Mr. Hall was concluded with a strong complement to Mr. Hall by President Freihofer for the work that Mr. Hall had done and the detail with which it was done in behalf of the Town of Meridian Hills.

9.) Clerk Treasurer Report

- A. CT requested that all Councilors sign the vouchers prior to leaving.
- B. CT submitted the proposed meeting dates for 2024:
 - a. January 8, 2024
 - b. March 11, 2024
 - c. May 13, 2024
 - d. July 8, 2024
 - e. September 9, 2024
 - f. October 14, 2024 (Final Approval for 2025 Budget)
 - g. November 11, 2024 (2024 Veteran's Day)
- C. Trust IN-Not moved yet
- D. Financial Packets for September and October 2023 received.

- E. Council reviewed and approved Bank Reconciliations for months ending June, September, and October, 2023. Motion for approval from C. Field and G. Jacoby: Motion passed 3-0
- F. The Town received approval of proposed 2023 Additional Appropriation request from DGLF. 2024 DGLF Budget approval is anticipated in December 2023.
- G. CT reported that he would be participating in the webinar for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Obligations Interim Final Rule Webinar.

10.) OLD BUSINESS:

- A. COUNCIL AUTHORIZED CLERK-TREASURER TO MAKE THE NECESSARY YEAR-END ADJUSTMENTS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS (TO BE RATIFIED IN JANUARY) MOTION: G. JACOBY, SECONDED BY C. FIELD MOTION PASSED 3-0
- B. WEBSITE MANAGEMENT: TO BE CONSIDERED IN JANUARY, 2024

11.) NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RICK BATZA VEHICLE LEASE: TABLED UNTIL JANUARY 2024 MEETING
- B. APPROVAL OF 2024 MEETING DATES:
 - a. AS PROPOSED BY CT IN REPORT. MOTION TO APPROVED AS REPORTED BY CT REPORT WITH ONE CHANGE: THE NOVEMBER DATE WAS AMENDED TO NOVEMBER 4, 2024 IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11. MOTION PASSED 3-0

12.) COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS COMMITTEE: NO NEW REPORT FOR THIS MEETING
- B. SIDEWALK COMMITTEE: NO ADDITIONAL REPORT

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: JANUARY 8, 2023

ADJOURNMENT