

TOWN OF MERIDIAN HILLS

OCTOBER 9, 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- Town Councilor
Zack Gordon- Town Councilor
Lance Stahley, Crossroad Engineers
Madalyn Clary, Dentons: Town Attorney
Jim Rush, Clerk Treasurer

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

A. RESIDENT: NO ATTENDEES OFFERED COMMENTS

4.) Approval of Minutes

**A. Approval of September 11, 2023 Special Meeting minutes: Motion: C. Field,
Seconded by Z. Gordon., Motion passed 5-0**

**5.) Approval of Claims and Warrants: Vouchers- \$7,006.28. Motion by C. Marr,
Seconded by G. Jacoby. Approved 5-0**

**6.) Bank Reconciliations: Bank reconciliations for the August, 2023 were approved. Motion
for approval passed 5/0: Colleen Field, seconded by Cole Marr,**

6.) POLICE REPORT: REPORT FILED ON LINE. NO POLICE REPORT-SPECIAL MEETING

7.) REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY:

- A. ATTORNEY CLAREY REPORTED THAT THE NEW TOWN ATTORNEY WAS ABSENT DUE TO CONTRACTING COVID.**
- B. ATTORNEY CLAREY INTRODUCED SEVERAL ORDINANCES THAT WOULD BE ADDRESSED IN NEW BUSINESS**

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

- A. Updated the Council on the Town’s work inventory**
- B. Representatives discussed:**
 - 1. 2023 Paving Program: Town approved a contract with Howard Companies. Contract has been signed.**
 - 2. 75th Street Sidewalk Project: Working on underground/tree/concrete**

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. Mr. Stahley reported that the report for the signs should be finished by the end of the week.
5. Decision on begin date for paving project. Fall 2023 vs. Spring 2024. The latter appears to be preferential.
6. INDOT has approved paving project and to fund \$300k+
7. ADA Transition Plan is updated
- 8.

9.) Clerk Treasurer Report

- A. CT requested that all Councilors sign the vouchers prior to leaving.
- B. Trust IN not moved yet
- C. CT reported that the Town had received an Insurance Settlement of \$15,631 from the insurer of the driver that destroyed the Town's monument at 73rd and Meridian Hills Blvd.
- D. Town has received the financial reports for July 31, 2023 and August 31, 2023.
- E. Town has received the fund of \$116,650 from the City of Indianapolis for its share of the Sidewalk project.

10.) OLD BUSINESS:

- A. ADOPTION OF THE 2024 BUDGET ORDINANCE (FIRST READING WAS AT SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING.) MOTION FOR APPROVAL BY C. FIELD AND SECOND BY G. JACOBY. MOTION PASSES 5-0
- B. BANK RECONCILIATION : AUGUST 31, 2023. MOTION FOR APPROVAL C. FIELD, SECONDED BY C. MARR. MOTION PASSED 5-0

11.) NEW BUSINESS:

A. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

- a. THE COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:
 - i. A MOTION FROM Z. GORDON TO WAVE
 - ii.
 - iii. THE PUBLIC FIRST READING ORDINANCE. SECONDED BY G. JACOBY. MOTION TO WAVE PASSED 5-0.
 - iv. MOTION TO ADOPT: C. FIELD, SECONDED BY C. MARR. PASSED 5-0
- b. ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION-REDUCING 2023 APPROPRIATIONS
 - i. THE RESOLUTION IS LIKE THOSE OF YEARS PAST AND IS NECESSARY TO MOVE ITEMS FROM THIS YEAR (2023) TO NEXT YEAR'S (2024): MOTION OFFERED BY C. FIELD, SECONDED BY C. MARR. PASSED 5-0

- c. 2024 SALARY ORDINANCE:
 - i. COUNCIL SHALL ADOPT THE 2024 SALARY ORDINANCE- ALL WAGES HELD CONSTANT FROM 2023 EXCEPT A \$1/HOUR INCREASE FROM THE POLICE OFFICERS AS REQUESTED BY THE TOWN MARSHAL RUSSO. MOTION OFFERED BY C. FIELD, SECONDED BY G. JACOBY. MOTION PASSED 5-0

D. RESOLUTION 2023-13 MOVES UNUSED FUNDS TO 2024 : MOTION C. FIELD, SECONDED BY Z. GORDON. MOTION PASSED 5-0

13.) COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS COMMITTEE: NO NEW REPORT FOR THIS MEETING**
- B. SIDEWALK COMMITTEE:**
- C. PENNSYLVANIA BRIDGE: ‘MOVING TO THE NEXT LEVEL’. WORK TO BEGIN NEXT SPRING AND WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY EIGHT MONTHS TO COMPLETE.**

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: NOVEMBER13, 2023

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION BY C. FIELD AND SECONDED BY Z. GORDON TO ADJOURN MOTION PASSED 5-0