

**TOWN OF MERIDIAN HILLS  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2022**

**1.) Call to Order**

- 2.) Present:** Walter Freihofer  
Greg Jacoby - Absent  
Colleen Field  
Cole Marr  
Zack Gordon  
Rick Batza, Chief Deputy Town Marshal  
Willie Hall, Crossroad Engineers: Town Engineer  
Maddlyn Clary, Dentons: Ass't. Town Attorney  
Jim Rush, Clerk Treasurer

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

- A. Bob Barrows, MH resident,
1. Thanked the effort for new sidewalk recently completed.
  2. Suggested that the Town’s website include the notice regarding the DPW’s meeting at 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Church on September 19th. President Freihofer suggested that a phone message ‘blast’ be used to announce the meeting to all residents who have provided their information to the Town.

**4.) Approval of Minutes**

- A. Approval of July 11, 2022 minutes: Motion: Colleen Field, Seconded by Approved by Zach Gordon, Motion passed 4-0

**5.) Approval of Claims and Warrants: Vouchers- \$513,227.86. Motion by Zach Gordon, Seconded by Colleen Field. Approved 4-0**

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

- A. CHIEF DEPUTY MARSHAL BATZA REPORTED THAT THE NEW VERIZON EQUIPMENT HAD BEEN RECEIVED AND INSTALLED IS WORKING WELL.
- B. CHIEF DEPUTY MARSHAL BATZA DISCUSSED THE POLICE EFFORT TO MONITOR THE TRAFFIC ACTIVITY AT THE 75<sup>TH</sup> & PENNSYLVANIA STREET INTERSECTION.

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

- A. MADDLYN CLARY, ASSISTANT TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEWED THE MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO BE CONSIDERED TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS AS PROPOSED BY THE ORDINANCE.
- B. MS. CLARY PROVIDED GUIDANCE ON APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NUMBER MH 2022-4. 2023 BUDGET

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

- A. Updated the Council on the Town's work inventory
- B. Hall discussed
  - a. Update on Sidewalk including the 5% holdback on payment
  - b. Reported that the 'Street Mileage Status' was not resolved. Apparently it requires an Ordinance from the City of Indianapolis for finality.
  - c. Colleen Field reported about a Friday meeting regarding Morningside Dr.

**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.
- C. CT reported that a letter had been sent to 7505 N. Pennsylvania Street requesting that they curtail selling their auto by parking on the street with a sign For Sale posted. The car has been removed.
- D. In behalf of the Town's Police request, an IRS form 149C had been acquired to satisfy Verizon's request that allowed the new Police equipment to be purchased tax free.

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

- A. COUNCILOR MARR REPORTED THAT HE IS WORKING ON A PERSONNEL MANUAL FOR THE TOWN. THE POLICE ARE CURRENTLY REVIEWING THE DOCUMENT

**11.) NEW BUSINESS**

**A. 2023 BUDGET:**

- a. JIM HIGGINS REVIEWED THE 2023 BUDGET
- b. FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ADDRESSED AT THE OCTOBER 10, 2022 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. **FEES 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: NOVEMBER 14, 2022**

**ADJOURNMENT**