

TOWN OF MERIDIAN HILLS
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2024, 7:00pm

GOVERNED BY ROBERT RULES OF ORDER

1. President Freihofer called the meeting to order after confirming Quorum. The following were in attendance:
 - Walter Freihofer, Town Councilor – President
 - John Dillon – Clerk Treasurer
 - Greg Jacoby – Town Councilor
 - Colleen Field – Town Councilor
 - Cole Marr – Town Councilor
 - Zach Gordon – Town Councilor
 - Willie Hall, Crossroads Engineer – Town Engineer
 - Ryan Mann, Town Attorney
 - Mike Russo, Town Marshall
 - Jim Higgins, LWG CPA Firm | Financial Consultant

1. Pledge of Allegiance - Walter Freihofer

2. Resident Forum – No Comments

3. Approved of Minutes – July 8, 2024 – Colleen moved; Greg seconded. PASSED 5-0

4. Approval of Claims and Warrants
 - \$60,350.02 Total – Colleen moved; Zach seconded. PASSED 5-0

5. Council Acknowledgement of the June and July Financial Packets
 - So acknowledged by President Walter Freihofer

6. Council Acknowledgement of the Updated Cash Flow Projections as of June 30, 2024
 - So acknowledged by President Walter Freihofer

7. Council Approval of the June 30 and July 13 Bank Reconciliations PASSED 5-0
 - So, moved – Colleen moved, Greg seconded.

8. Approval of the Voucher Packet
 - Done by bullet Point #5

9. Police Report – Mike Russo
 - Church trespassers – saw on camera.
 - Patrolling
 - Cole Marr – asked if traffic citations have increased – Russo said officers are being vigilant. 75th Street enforcement; stop sign violations.

10. Report of Town Attorney

- No reports – touch base
- Budget must post on crossways.

11. Report of Town Engineer (William Hall)

- Updated Monthly Report – Inventory Delivered
 - Globe Pavement Patch Invoice is forthcoming.
- 2023-02 Pavement Maintenance Update - Howard has completed all contract work, but still has not completed the repair of the concrete raised crosswalk on 75th Street that was damaged during construction, so no payment has been made for the project. CRE will continue to continue to try to coordinate the completion of the work and will complete close-out documents with INDOT within the required time.
- Funding Applications:
 - 2024-01 CCMG Application- Project is awarded and INDOT CCMG funds have been requested. Project to be construction in Spring 2025
 - 2024-02 CCMG: Submitted. Notifications should be made by November 2024
 - 2024 Indy NIP Application-Approved. Notifications should be made by November 2024
- 75th Street Sidewalk Update – Nothing to report at this time. Councilor Jacoby working with Town Attorney to approach new residents concerning ROW needs.

12. Speed Limit Sign must be fixed.

13. Electronic Signs

- Penn – only one Penn
- Raised cross walks not finished – not paid.
- Paint like Holiday Drive East
- Midwest Paving | Indy Net - contract
- 71st – Penn – Red Stripe

14. Street Signs Inventory – By Engineer

- Get all signs repaired.
- How much to fix? No warranty
- No blade – white tape

15. Green blade signs – package for signs

- How much?

16. Reductions

- Can't spend same money twice.
- Beautification \$ on signs
- Revise money spent - \$6,000.00 Fed obligated.

17. Right of Way

- 75th Penn & Washington
111 East Pennsylvania Street
- For sidewalk - South Side of street
- No Parking signs on Meridian

18. Public Safety Allocations is end of October.

- Colleen Adjourned and Zach Seconded

19. Introduction and Public Hearing of the 2025 Budget

- Colleen moved to open the 2025 Budget Discussion; Zach Seconded

20. Budget Report

- First Reading of Budget
 - Adding \$10,000 in Rainy Day Fund in 2024 and 2025
- Property Tax Levy Growth: 4% \$10,330 for a total levy of \$268,575
- Total Budget: \$1,145,165 (includes Community Crossing Projects of \$314,268,791 to \$348,195.542)
- The Town's Net Assessed Values grew from 2024 to 2025 \$34 million (from \$314,268,791 to \$348,195,542)
- There will be some suggested cuts to the 2024 budget (as in past years) – draft resolution provided.
- All Town needs covered. Assumed no increase or decrease in the Public Safety Local Income Tax – amounts for 2025 will not be certified until October.
- Plan is to spend the remaining \$6,000 of American Rescue Plan dollars by the end of the year.
- Circos Benson Lost – Public Safety Report

21. Clerk-Treasurer Report

- Councilors requested to sign vouchers prior to leaving meeting.
- Reminder: 2024 Meeting Dates
 - October 14, 2024 (Final Approval for 2025 Budget)
 - November 4, 2024 (November 11, 2024, is Official Veterans Day)

22. Old Business

23. New Items of Discussion

- Street ID Replacement Program – CRE to get a quote package together to send out to signage contractors for replacement of street ID signs that need to be replaced.
- 71st Street Improvements – CRE to send exhibits to Walter and John prior to sending DPW for consideration. CRE will issue to Morphey to install reflective strips on the stop sign posts now.

24. Committee Reports

- Development Standard Committee