

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES - **APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
349-1200, Town Hall Room
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2000, **6:00 P.M. — 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger, Trustees
McGillicuddy, Milliman, Squiers, and Such
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development
Mark Kieselbach, Director of Engineering & Public Works Roger Buell, Police Chief
Gary Gibbons, EMS/Fire Chief Fred Cowper, Personnel Director/Assistant Manager
Paul Brake, Director of Finance Diana Hasse and Attorney Brian Goodenough

1. CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER

Supervisor McCullough called the Work Session to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. QUESTIONS FOR ATTORNEY (None)

3. DISCUSSION ON 7:00 AGENDA ITEM TOPICS

The following 7:00 p.m. agenda items were discussed:

- Consent Agenda
- Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation – Okemos Road
- Okemos Road Bridge Repair Construction Hours

4. OTHER BUSINESS

The following other business items were discussed:

- Hamilton & Marsh Road Roundabout
- Grand River Corridor Streetlighting

A. 1999 Audit Report by Plante & Moran

Director Hasse introduced Mary Schafer to report the findings of the accounting firm's audit of the Township.

Mary Schafer reported on the findings of the Township's audit. She discussed the following reports: Report to the Township Board, Informational Comments & Legislative Issues, the Financial Statements, and E.D.C. Financial Report. She introduced Jean Young to provide a visual presentation of the Financial Statements.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Determination of a Fund Balance Target
- Goals and Objectives for FY 2001
- Involvement of Plante & Moran in Budget Discussions
- Internal Controls and Financial Reporting
- Director of Finance Hasse's Written Response to Audit

B. Update on Water Connection with Board of Water & Light

Director Buell updated the Board on the water connections with B.W.L.

Board Members discussed notification of residents advising of this connection.

C. Road Construction Update

Director Buell updated the Board on the status of current or pending road construction projects to be done within the Township.

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McCullough opened Public Remarks.

Charles Louis Willems, 1387 Hickory Island, Haslett, spoke regarding enforcement of the land division act.

Bob Homan, 2176 Hamilton Road, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the Sidewalk Order to Maintain program.

John Veenstra, 320 Piper Road, Haslett, spoke in favor of increasing time required to comply with the order to maintain sidewalk. He spoke in opposition to Piper Road Access from the Strawberry Farm Subdivision.

Supervisor McCullough closed Public Remarks.

• CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Milliman moved to go into closed session to discuss the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease that real property is obtained and to go into closed session to discuss a confidential written legal opinion with the Township Attorney. Seconded by Treasurer Klunzinger

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McGillicuddy, Milliman, Squiers, Such, Supervisor McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger

NAYS: None

Motion carried 7-0.

Supervisor McCullough recessed the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

The Board adjourned to the Administrative Conference Room at 7:05 p.m.

Supervisor McCullough reconvened the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McCullough adjourned the Work Session at 7:32 p.m.

BILL McCULLOUGH
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Paul J. Cassidy, Secretary

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
349-1200, Town Hall Room
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2000, **7:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger, Trustees
McGillicuddy, Milliman, Squiers, and Such
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development
Mark Kieselbach, Director of Engineering & Public Works Roger Buell, Police Chief
Gary Gibbons, EMS/Fire Chief Fred Cowper, and Personnel Director/Assistant Manager
Paul Brake

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor McCullough called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Cable Coordinator Matt Schuster
Clerk Helmbrecht introduced Meridian Township Cable Coordinator Matt Schuster to lead the
Pledge of Allegiance.

Matt Schuster led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- B. Introduction of Police Officer
Chief Cowper Introduced newly promoted Fire Captain Paul Messing.

Chief Gibbons introduced new Meridian Township Police Officer Jeromy Churchill.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA — OR CHANGES

Trustee Milliman moved to approve the agenda as amended with the deletion of Agenda Item #16C (Ratify Paramedic/Fire Fighter Appointment) and consent agenda to include items #3 (Minutes), 4 (Communications), 12A (Appointment to ELMWSA), 12B (Accept Resignation from E.D.C.), 15B(2) (Contract for Economic Analysis of the Township), 16A (Bills), 16D (Ratify Fire Department Promotions), 16F (Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation - Okemos Road), 17A(3)i (Amendments to the AFSCME Clerical Contract), 17A(3)ii (MERS Resolution for Teamsters Bargaining Unit), 17A(3)iii (MERS Resolution for Clerical Bargaining Unit). Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McGillicuddy, Milliman, Squiers, Such, Supervisor
McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger
NAYS: None
Motion carried 7-0.

3. CORRECTION, APPROVAL & RATIFICATION OF MINUTES (See Consent Agenda)

- A. June 6, 2000, Work Session
B. June 6, 2000, Regular Meeting

4. COMMUNICATIONS (See Consent Agenda)

- A. Board Deliberation (BD)
BD-1 Susan Bertrand, 3529 Apple Valley, Okemos; RE: Resignation from E.D.C.
BD-2 Dennis Forsberg, President, T.A. Forsberg; RE: Objection to Special Assessment for
2000 Pathway "To Order" Program
BD-3 Dennis Forsberg, President, T.A. Forsberg; RE: Objection to Special Assessment for
2000 Pathway "To Order" Program
BD-4 Charles M. Broecker, 5856 Shadow Lawn Drive, East Lansing; RE: Intent to Perform
Repair Work on Sidewalks Designated for Repair under 2000 Sidewalk Order to Maintain

B. Board Information (BI)

- BI-1 Eleanor V. Luecke, President, L.I.N.C.; RE: Preliminary Plat #00012 (SBI/Ember Oaks)
- BI-2 Ivan L. Stubbs, Pastor, Cornerstone Outreach Ministries; RE: 2000 "Sidewalk to Order" Program
- BI-3 Michigan Townships Association Legislative Fax June 2, 2000 edition
- BI-4 Michigan Townships Association E-News June edition
- BI-5 State of Michigan, Department of the Treasury; RE: Performance Audit of the Ingham County Road Commission
- BI-6 Ingham County Health Department; RE: Solid Waste Management
- BI-7 Notice of Grand Opening of "The Marquette" Retirement Residence
- BI-8 Okemos Public Schools Board of Education June 19, 2000 Meeting Packet
- BI-9 Robert A. Nowinski, 5850 Buttonwood, Haslett; RE: Spraying for Mosquitoes
- BI-10 State of Michigan, D.E.Q.; RE: Notice of Obligations Under State Law Regarding Your Sanitary Sewer System
- BI-11 Steve DuMont, DuMont Real Estate; RE: Assessing's PAL System
- BI-12 List of Licensed Vendors and Non-Licensed Persons or Nonprofit Organizations Engaged in Soliciting or Canvassing

C. Freedom of Information (FOI) [On file in Clerk's Office]

- FOI-2000-19 Todd Brunst, President & CEO, Coldwell Banker; RE: : Rezoning #99130 (LandEquities)
- FOI-2000-20 Charles C. Hagen, 4195 Van Atta Road, Okemos; RE: December 15, 1998 Board Meeting
- FOI-2000-21 Greg McClellan, McClellan & Anderson; RE: Rezoning #99130 (LandEquities) Referendum Petition & Voter Registration List

D. On File in Clerk's Office (OF)

- OF-1 Haslett Public Schools 2000 Summer Tax Levy, form L-4029
- OF-2 Ingham County Board of Commissioners June 13, 2000 Regular Meeting Packet
- OF-3 Capital Area Rail Council June 7, 2000 Regular Meeting Packet
- OF-4 East Lansing Public Schools 2000 Summer Tax Levy, form L-4029
- OF-5 Ingham Intermediate Public Schools 2000 Summer Tax Levy, form L-4029

5. QUESTIONS OF ATTORNEY (None)

6. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McCullough opened Public Remarks.

Eleanor V. Luecke, President, L.I.N.C., spoke in opposition to Rezoning #97090 (Bird) and submitted her comments in writing.

Irv Kebler, 3590 Fairhills Drive, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the 2000 sidewalk order to maintain.

Joan Guy, 1083 Woodside Drive, Haslett, spoke in support of the Land Preservation Task Force Report.

Bob Homan, 2176 Hamilton Road, Okemos, spoke on behalf of the applicant in support of Rezoning #97090 (Bird).

John Veenstra, 320 Piper Road, Haslett, spoke in support of a pedestrian/bicycle pathway as part of the plat for Rezoning #97090 (Bird). He discussed the reporting of absentee voters for the June 14th annual school election.

Supervisor McCullough closed Public Remarks.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Klunzinger moved to adopt the Consent Agenda to include items: #3 (Minutes), 4 (Communications), 12A (Appointment to ELMWSA), 12B (Accept Resignation from E.D.C.), 15B(2) (Contract for Economic Analysis of the Township), 16A (Bills), 16D (Ratify Fire Department Promotions), 16F (Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation - Okemos Road), 17A(3)i (Amendments to the AFSCME Clerical Contract), 17A(3)ii (MERS Resolution for Teamsters Bargaining Unit), 17A(3)iii (MERS Resolution for Clerical Bargaining Unit). Seconded by Trustee Such.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Supervisor McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger,
Trustees McGillicuddy, Milliman, Squiers, Such
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously.

Therefore, the above actions were taken with the votes as follow:

A. CORRECTION, APPROVAL & RATIFICATION OF MINUTES (Agenda Item #3):
Treasurer Klunzinger moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the June 6, 2000 Work Session and Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded Trustee Such

Roll call vote: Yeas: Supervisor McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger,
Trustees McGillicuddy, Milliman, Squiers, Such
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously.

B. COMMUNICATIONS (Agenda Item #4):
Treasurer Klunzinger moved that the communications be received and placed on file, and any communications not already assigned for disposition be referred to the Township Manager or Supervisor for follow-up. Seconded by Trustee Such.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Supervisor McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger,
Trustees McGillicuddy, Milliman, Squiers, Such
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously.

C. Appointment - East Lansing-Meridian Water & Sewer Authority (Agenda Item #12A):
Treasurer Klunzinger moved to reappoint Mark Harbison to the East Lansing-Meridian Water & Sewer Authority to a three (3) year term to expire June 30, 2003. Seconded by Trustee Such

Roll call vote: Yeas: Supervisor McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger,
Trustees McGillicuddy, Milliman, Squiers, Such
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously.

D. Accept Resignation from E.D.C. (Agenda Item #12B):
Treasurer Klunzinger moved to accept the resignation of Susan Bertrand from the Economic Development Corporation. Seconded Trustee Such

Roll call vote: Yeas: Supervisor McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger,
Trustees McGillicuddy, Milliman, Squiers, Such
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously.

E. Contract for Economic Analysis of the Township (Agenda Item #15B(2)):
Treasurer Klunzinger moved that the Township Board authorize the Township Supervisor

and Clerk to sign the contract between Public Policy Associates, Incorporated and the Charter Township of Meridian for providing an economic analysis for the Township. Seconded Trustee Such

Roll call vote: Yeas: Supervisor McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger, Trustees McGillicuddy, Milliman, Squiers, Such
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously.

F. MANAGER'S BILLS (Agenda Item #16A):

Treasurer Klunzinger moved that the Township Board approve the Manager's Bills as follows:

General Fund/Special Revenue	\$444,610.66
<u>Public Works</u>	<u>\$133,737.49</u>
Total	<u>\$578,348.15</u>

Seconded by Trustee Such.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Supervisor McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger, Trustees McGillicuddy, Milliman, Squiers, Such
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously.

[Bill list for 6/20/00 in Official Minute Book]

G. Ratify Fire Department Promotions (Agenda Item #16D)

Treasurer Klunzinger moved to ratify the promotion of Greg Hammond to the rank of EMS Coordinator and Tom Carrow to the Rank of Lieutenant. Seconded Trustee Such

Roll call vote: Yeas: Supervisor McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger, Trustees McGillicuddy, Milliman, Squiers, Such
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously.

H. Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation - Okemos Road (Agenda Item #16F)

Treasurer Klunzinger moved to have the Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation-Okemos Road project completed in 2000, and have the Tacoma Hills Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project moved to the 2001 budget; and move to transfer \$175,000 from the Tacoma Hills Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project to the Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation-Okemos Road project. Seconded Trustee Such

Roll call vote: Yeas: Supervisor McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger, Trustees McGillicuddy, Milliman, Squiers, Such
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously.

I. Amendments to the AFSCME Clerical Contract (Agenda Item #17A(3)i)

Treasurer Klunzinger moved ratification of the agreement with the AFSCME-Clerical for 2000-2002 and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the same. Seconded Trustee Such

Roll call vote: Yeas: Supervisor McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger, Trustees McGillicuddy, Milliman, Squiers, Such
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously.

- J. MERS Resolution for Teamsters Bargaining Unit (Agenda Item #17A(3)ii)
Treasurer Klunzinger moved that the Township Clerk be authorized to execute the attached resolution in a form approved by the Municipal Employees Retirement System, that outlines the specific pension benefit programs for the Teamsters as ratified by the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Seconded Trustee Such

Roll call vote: Yeas: Supervisor McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger,
Trustees McGillicuddy, Milliman, Squiers, Such
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously.

[Signed and Sealed Resolution in Official Minute Book]

- K. MERS Resolution for Clerical Bargaining Unit (Agenda Item #17A(3)iii)
Treasurer Klunzinger moved that the Township Clerk be authorized to execute the attached resolution in a form approved by the Municipal Employees Retirement System, that outlines changing the pension benefit program for the AFSCME - Clerical as ratified by the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Seconded Trustee Such

Roll call vote: Yeas: Supervisor McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger,
Trustees McGillicuddy, Milliman, Squiers, Such
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously.

[Signed and Sealed Resolution in Official Minute Book]

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (None)

9. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT (None)

10. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Helmbrecht congratulated the winners of the Haslett and Okemos School Board Elections. She discussed the reporting of absentee voters for the June 14th annual school election.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Klunzinger reported the distribution of the \$60,000 collected from delinquent personal property taxes.

Treasurer Klunzinger reported the summer tax bills would be mailed by July 1, 2000. He reminded taxpayers that July 1st is the deadline for payment of special assessments, and that he would be in his office on that day to collect payments.

12. TOWNSHIP BOARD

- A. Appointment - East Lansing-Meridian Water & Sewer Authority (See Consent Agenda)
B. Accept Resignation from E.D.C. (See Consent Agenda)

13. SPECIAL HEARINGS/APPEALS (None)

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (None)

15. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

- A. Unfinished Business

- (1) Rezoning #97090 (Bird)

Director Kieselbach introduced the request to rezone approximately 21 acres located north of Piper Road and east of Van Atta Road from RR (Rural Residential) to RAAA (Single Family-Low Density) and RAA (Single Family-Low Density) for Introduction

Trustee Milliman moved that the Township Board hereby Introduces for Publication and Subsequent Adoption Ordinance # ____, entitled "Ordinance Amending the Zoning District Map of Meridian Township Pursuant to Rezoning Petition #97090 from

RR (Rural Residential) to RAA (Single Family-Low Density) and RAAA (Single Family-Low Density). Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Inconsistent rezoning with Comprehensive Development Plan
- Lack of community need
- Developable as zoned
- Preference of proposed transition zoning
- Rezoning provides for development of affordable housing
- RR (Rural Residential) zoning inconsistent with surrounding properties

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Milliman, Squiers, Such, Supervisor McCullough,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger
NAYS: Trustee McGillicuddy
Motion carried 6-1.

[Signed and Sealed Resolution in Official Minute Book]

B. New Business

(1) Zoning Amendment #00080 (Planning Commission)

Director Kieselbach introduced the amendment to Section 82-16, Conservancy District, for the adoption of a new Flood Insurance Rate Map for Introduction

**Trustee Milliman moved that the Township hereby Introduces For Publication and Subsequent Adoption Ordinance No. ____, entitled "Ordinance Amending the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, by Amendment Section 82-14.3f.
Seconded by Treasurer Klunzinger.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McGillicuddy, Milliman, Squiers, Such, Supervisor
McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger
NAYS: None
Motion carried 7-0.

[Signed and Sealed Resolution in Official Minute Book]

(2) Contract for Economic Analysis of the Township (See Consent Agenda)

16. MANAGER'S REPORT, INVOICES & BILLS

A. Bills (See Consent Agenda)

B. Internet Connection to City of East Lansing

Manager Richards updated the Board on a joint project with the City of East Lansing to provide internet access to Township desktop computers.

Board Members discussed the following:

- Township web site updates
- Line capabilities

D. Ratify Fire Department Promotions (See Consent Agenda)

E. Okemos Road Bridge Repair - Extended Construction Hours

Manager Richards discussed the hours of construction for the Okemos Road Bridge.

F. Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation - Okemos Road (See Consent Agenda)

G. Purchase of Property

Trustee Such moved that the Township Manager be authorized to complete the purchase of real property identified as parcel number 33-02-11-303-008 located at 5682 School Street under the terms stated in the Uniform Buy and Sell Agreement and the seller's amendments on part 2 of the Uniform Buy and Sell Agreement, and that Township Officials be authorized to sign the closing documents to include payment of the purchase price and required closing costs. Seconded by Treasurer Klunzinger.

Board Members discussed the following points

- Concern for appearance of preference for Haslett Library
- Rare opportunity
- Lack of defined intent in purchasing property
- A healthy fund balance provides for seizing opportunities as they arise
- Purchase of property is not budgeted
- Need for direction of Library Services in Township
- Possible use of house as Rental Property

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Squiers, Such, Supervisor McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger
NAYS: Trustees McGillicuddy, Milliman
Motion carried 5-2.

- Cable TV Coordinator Position - HOM-TV
Manager Richards discussed the filling of the cable coordinator position to be vacated June 30th.

Board members discussed the following items:

- Funding of salary
- Role of Cable Communications Commission in hiring
- Fourth of July Celebration
Manager Richards asked Assistant Manager Paul Brake to update the board on the July 4th Celebration plans.

Director Brake updated the Board on sponsorships of the celebration including: Independent Bank, Meijer, Eyde Co, Meridian Mall, Pres Kool, Media Sponsors WILX and Community News and promotional sponsor Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith P.C. He presented the 2000 poster and discussed the schedule of events. He thanked the Fourth of July Committee and the Parks & Recreation Staff in their work on this program.

Treasurer Klunzinger announced that concurrent with 4th of July activities is the production of Shakespeare in the Park sponsored by Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith P.C. and Hudson's of Okemos.

Supervisor McCullough discussed the need for an informational meeting for residents involving Wolverine and HazMat Response Teams to discuss possible scenarios.

Trustee Such called a meeting of the Infrastructure Committee a public informational meeting regarding the Wolverine Pipeline June 27, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

Treasurer Klunzinger asked if any consideration had been given regarding communication BI-9 (Nowinski), with respect to mosquito control.

Manager Richards reported options are being considered for cost and efficacy.

17. BOARD MEMBER, BOARD COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Standing Committee Reports

(1) Physical Operations & Activities (None)

(2) Financial Planning and Budgeting

Treasurer Klunzinger reported the next meeting is scheduled for July 13th.

(3) Personnel

i. Amendments to the AFSCME Clerical Contract (See Consent Agenda)

ii. MERS Resolution for Teamsters Bargaining Unit (See Consent Agenda)

iii. MERS Resolution for Clerical Bargaining Unit (See Consent Agenda)

(4) Planning and Development

Trustee Milliman reported on the Committee's review of Zoning of Commercial Districts, and a tree ordinance.

(5) Infrastructure

i. 2000 Sidewalk Order to Maintain - Resolution #3

Trustee Such moved to adopt Resolution #3 of the 2000 Sidewalk Replacement Program with the amendment that references of twenty (20) days under order No. 4 be changed to forty-five (45) days. Seconded by Trustee Milliman.

Board Members discussed:

- Correction of Assessment Roll errors
- Notice to residents
- Discussion with individual residents regarding the required repairs
- Initiation of forty-five (45) day deadline
- Update of sidewalk cost estimate

Trustee McGillicuddy MOVED to amend the motion by changing forty-five (45) days to ninety (90) days.

Board Members discussed the extent of the construction season.

Trustee Such amended the motion by changing forty-five (45) days to sixty (60) days. Amendment accepted by Trustee Milliman.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

[Signed and Sealed Resolution in Official Minute Book]

- Trustee Such reported the Infrastructure Committee would meet at 5:15 p.m. June 27th and reconvene at 7:00 p.m. for the previously discussed informational meeting.

(6) Public Safety (None)

(7) Recreation (None)

B. Special Committees - Land Preservation Task Force Report

Clerk Helmbrecht presented the preliminary draft of the Land Preservation Task Force Report to the Board as required by the motion to create the Land Preservation Task Force.

Board Members discussed the following points:

- Proper forum to discuss the report
- Board adoption of report
- Public input and information

- Timetable for possible millage
- Posting of final report to web site
- Appreciation for the work and timeliness of the Land Preservation Task Force

C. Liaison Representative Reports

Trustee McGillicuddy reported the next meeting of the Meridian Volunteer Council would be July 5, 2000 at noon.

Treasurer Klunzinger reported the Community Resources Commission Golf Tournament at Indian Hills is approaching, and benefits the Community Needs Fund.

Clerk Helmbrecht reported a new report with delineation of absentee ballot numbers by precinct would be available.

18. OTHER REPORTS (None)

19. NEW BUSINESS (None)

20. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McCullough opened public remarks.

Satnam Bhugra, 2163 White Owl Way, Okemos, read from a prepared statement objecting to the assessment of his home.

Pat Hagen, Volunteer Chair of the Meridian Golf Fest, invited the Board and Community to work July 22nd & 23rd to support the Golf Fest.

Joan Guy 1083 Woodside Drive, Haslett, spoke regarding the lawsuit against the Township on charges of violations to the Open Meetings Act.

John Veenstra, 320 Piper Road, Haslett, spoke in opposition to Piper Road Access from Strawberry Farms. He discussed the reporting of absentee voters for the June 14th annual school election.

Supervisor McCullough closed public remarks.

21. FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee McGillicuddy expressed her sympathy to the family of Sameer Kashyap.

Trustee Milliman thanked departing Community Planning & Development Department Secretary Linda Hewitt for her work for the department and the Planning and Development Committee.

Manager Richards recognized Mr. Bhugra's right to challenge the Township's assessment of his home to the Michigan Tax Tribunal and to a peaceful protest. He updated the Board on the status of the Open Meetings Act Lawsuit and the low level of claims made against the Township's liability insurance coverage.

22. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McCullough adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

BILL McCULLOUGH
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Paul J. Cassidy, Secretary