

# APPROVED

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
MERIDIAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC)  
MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

PRESENT: Commissioners: Chair Hackbarth, Vice Chair Potter, Deschaine, Beavers, Kolbasa and Hudson.

ABSENT: Commissioner Vagnozzi

STAFF: Mark Kieselbach, Director of Community Planning and Development and Ken Plaga, Chief of Police

## 1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Hackbarth called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

## 2. Approval of Agenda

Vice Chair Potter asked the agenda be amended to add a discussion item regarding safety issues on Grand River Avenue.

Commissioner Deschaine moved to approve the agenda as amended

Seconded by Vice Chair Potter

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

## 3. Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Potter moved to approve the minutes of August 23, 2018 as written

Seconded by Commissioner Deschaine

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

## 4. Public Remarks

None

## 5. Communication

None

## 6. Commission Discussion

- Director Perry provided the Commissioners with a copy of the PASER Rating Summary and Street Asset Management Plan for the Township. Copy on file.
- Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER). A visual inspection of roadways to evaluate the pavement surface condition.

- Asphalt pavements at various conditions based on three functional rating categories: Very Good 8-10, Good/Fair 7-4 and Poor 3-1.
- Maintenance treatments include:
  - Routine Maintenance-street sweeping and plowing
  - Preventative Maintenance-crack sealing, joint repair and pavement surface treatments
  - Structural Improvements-reconstruction
- Treatment options:
  - Crack Seal: Overband method where joints are cleaned and then quickly sealed
  - Chip Seal with Fog Seal: Applying a fog seal over a chip seal base layer, which prevents loose aggregate on the pavement surface.
  - Cape Seal: Applying a Microsurface over a chip seal, providing a smoother surface than a chip seal
  - Hot In Place Recycling (HIPR): Grinding the top layer of asphalt and then heating it up and placing the recycled asphalt back in place.
  - Crush & Shape: Grinding/crushing the existing asphalt and a thin layer of the base and then compacting and regrading it, 3.5" of new asphalt surface is then placed on top.
  - Reconstruction: Includes removing the existing road and replacing it with a completely new base (9"), and asphalt surface (3").
- Funding needed to reach a rating of 8 on all roads is \$3,500,000 per year.
- A millage rate of 2 mills would raise the \$3,500,000 per year.
- Citizen survey question regarding if people would support increased road millage.
- Opportunity for advanced funding to show immediate benefit.
- Consensus of the Commission was to support a recommendation to increase the road millage.

#### 7. Commission Comments

Vice Chair Potter spoke to his concern with safety along Grand River Avenue regarding accidents at the intersections, potholes, debris in the road and the road not being swept. He would like the Commission to recommend the Township Board meet with representatives from Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to discuss safety and maintenance for Grand River Avenue.

8. Next Meeting Dates

Transportation Commission's next meeting is October 18, 2018 in the Central Fire Station Community Room

Township Board's next meeting is October 2, 2018

9. Adjournment

Chair Hackbarth called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

Vice Chair Potter moved to adjourn the meeting

Seconded by Commissioner Hudson

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:48p.m.