

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
853-4000, Town Hall Room
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2011 **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie, Trustees Dreyfus,
LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development
Mark Kieselbach, Director of Finance Diana Hasse

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor McGillicuddy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

The secretary called the roll of the Board.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened and closed Public Remarks.

5. REPORTS/BOARD COMMENT/NEW WORRIES

A. 2010 Audit Presentation by Plante & Moran, PLLC

Les Pulver, Audit Partner, Plante & Moran, 1111 Michigan Avenue, East Lansing, indicated inclusion in the financial statement of an unqualified audit opinion which is the highest level opinion that can be received on a set of financial statements and means there are no exceptions to the financial report.

Shaun Krick, Audit Manager, gave a graphic audit presentation highlighting the Township's financial status for 2010 year-end, noting a general fund revenue increase of approximately four percent (4%) from the prior year. He predicted state shared revenue would remain fairly flat or decrease slightly in the upcoming year.

Mr. Krick stated the general fund fund balance increased approximately \$1.4 million from the 2009 figure. He noted that early in 2011, the Township paid off approximately \$1 million in outstanding debt related to the Okemos Road properties. Mr. Krick indicated the Township has exceeded its internal goal of maintaining at least two (2) months worth of fund balance on hand for, at least, the sixth consecutive year. He stated that as of December 31, 2010, the general fund was in a healthy position.

Mr. Krick noted the Enterprise Funds (Water and Sewer Funds) experienced a combined net loss of \$761,000 for the current year, but pointed to a \$1.6 million depreciation which is a non-cash expense.

Mr. Pulver suggested closer oversight of activity of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) operation, placing it as part of the Township's financial records to provide tools for year-round use. He announced the Township again earned the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

Board members, staff and the auditors discussed the following:

- Concern with statement on Page 52 of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report ending December 31, 2010 which states adopted budgets for the CATA Millage and Local Road Funds, which resulted in deficit fund balances for these two (2) funds, is a violation of the Budget Act

- Deficit budgets were adopted (total expenditures exceeded the amount of expected total inflows as well as residual fund balance) for the CATA Millage Fund and Local Roads Fund
- CATA fund is a pass through fund and the Director of Finance holds back some monies from the cash balance for Board of Review refunds
- More Board of Review refunds were given than anticipated
- Board approved loan from the General Fund to the Local Roads Fund for \$400,000 will be a rolling deficit until the loan is repaid at the end of the millage's expiration
- Finance Director consulted with the State of Michigan on the technical aspect of recording the General Fund loan to the Local Roads Fund

B. Treasurer's Report by Treasurer Brixie

Treasurer Brixie announced she had an opportunity to participate in a fraud detection and prevention webinar provided by the Township's auditors, Plante & Moran. She noted the Treasurer's office is looking at different monitoring techniques to implement as a result of the webinar.

Treasurer Brixie gave an update on current fixed maturity investments, non-fixed investments (as of April 30, 2011), delinquent personal property tax collections for 2006-2010 and 2010 distribution totals as of May 12, 2011. Treasurer Brixie indicated as of May 12, 2010 total tax collections were approximately \$80,886,100.

Treasurer Brixie reported the East Lansing Public Schools K-8 Facilities Committee was considering reconfiguration of its elementary school buildings. She noted the Committee requested, and received, several pieces of information from Meridian Township's Community Planning and Development Department. Treasurer Brixie indicated the Committee has delivered its final report to the East Lansing School Board. She announced the school district has invited Meridian Township to participate in its intergovernmental meeting on Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. in the Administration Building of the East Lansing Public Schools. She explained that the Committee created three (3) options for reconfiguration of the elementary schools and has not identified specific buildings for closure at this point in the process.

Trustee Dreyfus announced the Meridian Time Bank was the cover story in this week's edition of the Lansing *City Pulse*. He added that individuals interested in obtaining more information should perform a Google search using the phrases Meridian Time Bank and Facebook. Trustee Dreyfus summarized a lengthy discussion he had with an applicant who is requesting change to an approved development proposal titled Cameron Oaks.

Trustee Veenstra reported the Transportation Review Committee of Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) met on May 11, 2011 where it endorsed Capital Area Transportation Authority's request to submit a grant application for a modified bus rapid transit system. He noted the full TCRPC will act on the Committee's recommendation at its regular May meeting. While acknowledging the importance of a community having good public transportation, he expressed concern that the \$194 million "price tag" is cost prohibitive, the grant for \$75 million in federal funds will leave \$80 million to be raised locally and the planning component costs \$24 million.

Trustee Ochberg reported her attendance at the Economic Development Corporation meeting on Thursday morning where recommendations to amendments for the home occupation ordinance were discussed.

Township Manager Richards announced the Regional Recycling Coordinating Committee will host a Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Sale on Saturday, May 21st from 9:00 AM until 3:00 P.M. in the parking lot of Foods for Living. He indicated the cost for a compost bin is \$45 and \$60 for a rain barrel.

Supervisor McGillicuddy attended the Urban Service Boundary meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, where the committee is monitoring the study and boundary adoption process of the communities involved. She reported the Greater Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) group meeting was held last week where members discussed successes within the region. Supervisor McGillicuddy noted the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Interurban Pedestrian Bicycle Pathway between Okemos

and Marsh Road north of the railroad tracks was held on Saturday, May 14th. She suggested the possibility of hosting a dedication and placing a plaque in the ground whenever a pathway is opened.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Treasurer Brixie moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor McGillicuddy reviewed the consent agenda.

Treasurer Brixie moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

Trustee Veenstra noted a letter contained in the Board packet from Jon Chester who expressed concern with “inadequacies” of the Capital Area Transportation Authority’s (CATA) Redi-Ride Program in Meridian Township. He requested the matter be referred to CATA to perform a study with a goal of maximizing its service to Meridian Township’s residents.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

The adopted Consent Agenda items are as follows:

A. Communications

(1). Board Information (BI)

- BI-1 Jill McKay, 1591 Picadilly Drive, Haslett; RE: Opposition to setting a November, 2011 election date for Ordinance No. 2011-01
- BI-2 Wendy Cooper, 5551 Silverleaf Court, Haslett; RE: Opposition to setting a November, 2011 election date for Ordinance No. 2011-01
- BI-3 Scott Eisensmith, 5847 Bois Isle Drive, Haslett; RE: Wind Energy in Meridian Township
- BI-4 Jennifer Bradley, 1082 Cliffdale, Haslett; RE: Opposition to funding the study of alternatives for Police, Fire and EMS services
- BI-5 Robert Wiseman, 2445 Barnsbury Road, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to the privatization of EMS services
- BI-6 Nadine Davis, 2495 Barnsbury Road, East Lansing; RE: Election date for Ordinance No. 2011-01
- BI-7 M. Jamil Hanifi, 4330 Heartwood Road, Okemos; RE: Support for consolidation or reorganization of safety services on a regional basis
- BI-8 Jon Chester, 383 Shoosmith Road, Haslett; RE: CATA lack of service delivery and/or tax coercion
- BI-9 Albert Garrett, President, Michigan Council 25, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, 1034 N. Washington, Lansing; RE: Request for the Board to send a letter opposing House Bill 4059 to State Senator Gretchen Whitmer

(2). Commission Linkage (CL)

- CL-1 Gary and Chalouy Shoup, 2449 Graystone Drive, Okemos; RE: Resignations from the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Pension Board, respectively

(3). Staff Communication (SC)

- SC-1 Deborah Guthrie, Cable Coordinator; RE: Transmittal of letter from John P. Gardner,

- Government Affairs Manager, Comcast, Michigan Region; RE: Changes in channel lineup effective June 28, 2011
- SC-2 Deborah Guthrie, Cable Coordinator; RE: Transmittal of press release from the Alliance for Community Media; RE: Support for the introduction of H.R. #1746, the Community Access Preservation Act
- SC-3 Clerk Helmbrecht; RE: Various communications received on the study for alternative public safety services

(4). On File in the Clerk’s Office (OF)

Material received at the May 5, 2011 Board Meeting

- John Esser, 5448 Okemos Road, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Planned Unit Development #11014 (Cameron Oaks)
- David C. Love, Engineer, Ingham County Drain Commissioner’s Office, 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason; RE: Complaint by Mr. Esser on the Cameron Oaks Development
- Scott Eisensmith, 5847 Bois Isle Drive, Haslett; RE: Wind Energy Ordinance
- Stephen O. Schultz, 730 Knightsford Lane, Okemos; RE: Possible Election dates to place Ordinance No. 2011-01 on the ballot
- Molly Wingrove, 2649 Melville Drive, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to a special election for reviewing the rezoning of the property at 4133 Okemos Road
- Mary Doster, 2870 Dobie Road, Mason; RE: Opposition to setting a November, 2011 election date for Ordinance No. 2011-01
- Kim Burzych, 4396 Alderwood Drive, Okemos; RE: Opposition to setting a November, 2011 election date for Ordinance No. 2011-01
- Tammy L. Deppong, 4452 Hickorywood Drive, Okemos; RE: Opposition to setting a special election regarding the rezoning of property located at 4133 Okemos Road

Treasurer Brixie 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 Clerk Helmbrecht.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

B. Minutes

Treasurer Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the May 5, 2011 Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

C. Bills

Treasurer Brixie moved that the Township Board approve the Manager’s Bills as follows:

Common Cash	\$ 318,292.85
Public Works	\$ 373,543.40
Total Checks	\$ 701,836.25
Credit Card Transactions	\$ 8,181.13
Total Purchases	<u>\$ 710,017.38</u>
 ACH Payments	 <u>\$ 378,989.25</u>

Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
 McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

[Bill list in Official Minute Book]

D. Assessing Stipulation

Treasurer Brixie moved that the Township Assessor be authorized to sign a stipulation with Lori Richards in accordance with the revised PRE percentages stated as follows:

**MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL DOCKET NUMBER 383326
 LORI RICHARDS
 PROPOSED STIPULATION PERCENTAGES**

Original Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) Percentages

Parcel Number	Address	Year	Original PRE Percentage
33-02-02-06-378-005	6084 Rutherford	2009	0
33-02-02-06-378-005	6084 Rutherford	2010	0
33-02-02-06-378-005	6084 Rutherford	2011	0

Proposed Revised PRE Percentages

Parcel Number	Address	Year	Revised PRE Percentage
33-02-02-06-378-005	6084 Rutherford	2009	100
33-02-02-06-378-005	6084 Rutherford	2010	100
33-02-02-06-378-005	6084 Rutherford	2011	100

Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
 McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

E. Outdoor Gathering Permit - Celebrate Downtown Okemos Art Walk

Treasurer Brixie moved approval of the outdoor assembly license for Meridian Township Downtown Development Authority’s “Celebrate Downtown Okemos-Art Walk” on June 11, 2011 as detailed in the staff memorandum dated May 13, 2011. Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
 McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

F. 2011 School Summer Tax Collection Agreements

Treasurer Brixie moved that the Township Board approve the “2011 Summer School Tax Collection Requests and Agreements” for East Lansing, Okemos, Williamston, Haslett and Ingham Intermediate School Districts. Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
 McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

- G. Appointments to the Lake Lansing Watershed Advisory Committee
Treasurer Brixie moved that the following property owners be appointed to the Lake Lansing Watershed Advisory Committee for terms expiring April 30, 2013: Robert Hollenshead, 6068 Columbia; Larry Wagenknecht, 6097 Partridge, and Cindy Mason, 6295 W. Reynolds. Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
 McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

- H. COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) Grant Application
Treasurer Brixie moved to authorize the Meridian Township Police Department to apply for funding for two (2) additional police positions under the COPS Hiring Program. Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
 McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

8. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY (None)

9. HEARINGS (None)

10. ACTION ITEMS/ENDS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened and closed public comment.

- A. Amendments to the Professional Supervisory Association Collective Bargaining Agreement
Treasurer Brixie moved approval of the amendments as specified in the memorandum dated May 13, 2011 and the settlement agreement to the Professional Supervisory Association Employees Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2010-2012 and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the same. Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
 McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Resolution Authorizing an Appeal of the Court of Appeals' Tax Tribunal Decision
Clerk Helmbrecht moved [and read into the record] NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN OF INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, that the Township Attorney is hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to appeal the Court of Appeals Decision in Michigan Properties v Meridian Township to the Michigan Supreme Court. Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

Board members discussed the following:

- Court of Appeals decision would have statewide implications
- Approved resolution will be sent, with an application, to the Michigan Townships Association (MTA) for its review and consideration
- Application was made to the Michigan Municipal League's (MML) Legal Defense Fund and it declined to participate
- Suggestion for Township staff to request MML reconsider its decision not to participate

- Computation of losses to date of over \$1 million
- Losses will go forward into the future until the property is sold
- First step in the procedure is a request to the Supreme Court, called a leave to appeal, to hear the case
- If the Supreme Court agrees, the second step is to actually present the case before that court

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS/ENDS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened and closed public comment.

- A. Zoning Amendment #10010 (Township Board), a request to amend Section 86-368 (b)(2) Home Occupations to update the allowed uses and standards for home occupations

Director Kieselbach summarized the proposed zoning amendment as outlined in staff memorandum dated May 12, 2011.

Board members discussed the following:

- Telephone inquiry by a resident to one Board member if grandfathering would be allowed for changes in scope to the home occupation ordinance
- Grandfathering could not be ascertained as a license is not currently required
- Legality of home offices which hire independent contractors
- Commercial equipment not allowed to be “stored” in residential areas
- Limit medical marihuana caregivers to one per residential unit
- Restrict residential medical marihuana caregivers to delivery only for patients
- Concern the regulations are overly restrictive and excessive (e.g., size and location of sign, ban on all outdoor activity, ban on combustible engines, Director of Community Planning and Development allowed to “overrule” the Township Board)
- Provision in (2) b. 7. is the only regulation needed: No activity related to the occupation... shall adversely impact the surrounding neighborhood or the right of surrounding residents to the quiet enjoyment of their property...
- Agreement with Economic Development Corporation (EDC) recommendation to remove the total ban on sales
- Agreement with EDC recommendation to allow one (1) outside employee
- Concern with the restrictive nature of language regarding signage
- Request to remove the ban on all outdoor activities
- Concern expressed by a homeowner association president that the conditions contained in (2) b. 7. are not strong enough to protect residential neighborhoods
- Several types of complaints have been received over the last (2) years regarding home occupations
- Types of complaints include lawn care, carpentry and painting contractors where equipment is stored in a residential neighborhood when not in use, home based businesses which generate excessive vehicle traffic in a neighborhood (UPS, FedEx and other delivery companies)
- Limited ability for the Township to enforce resident’s complaints regarding home occupations without a zoning amendment
- Difficult for staff to enforce standards if criteria is subjective
- City of East Lansing does not allow outside employees for home occupations
- Request for staff to inquire if Lansing allows outside employees for home occupations
- Proposed zoning amendment broadens the scope of the home occupation ordinance to entrepreneurs in the community
- Home based businesses are required by state law to pay personal property tax if certain conditions exist
- No business registration process in place to ensure the Township is being paid taxes it is owed
- Home based businesses use the services provided by the Township and other taxing authorities
- Need for all revenues due the Township be collected in this time of declining revenues

- Home-based business owner should check to see if he/she owes taxes
- Belief that personal property tax is offensive and an invasion of privacy for the individual who has a home-based business
- At its last meeting, the Vice-Chair of the Economic Development Corporation advocated for home based businesses and removing restrictions in an effort to support incubation of new businesses by individuals who lost their jobs
- Board should adhere to its adopted goals of supporting and maintaining economic viability in Meridian Township
- Board should forego a class laden value system about the “sanctity” of residential zoning
- An ordinance which fails to encourage business incubation in homes encourages disrespect for the rule of law
- Addresses of businesses comprise nearly one-third of the homes in Meridian Township (approximately 3,000)
- Entire ordinance should be reduced to a list of specific activities which should be prohibited
- Provision in the existing ordinance states a home occupation cannot adversely effect the residential character of a neighborhood
- Number of home based businesses may increase as the price of energy increases
- Important difference between a home based business employee and a 1099 independent contractor status
- Projection that telecommuting will significantly increase in the future as gas prices continue to rise
- Rationale as to why an individual would come to someone else’s home to work in Meridian Township
- Suggestion to delete (2) b. 9. which prohibits the sale or display of merchandise or supplies
- Majority of outside employees will be part-time
- Language should be general in order to provide scope to staff to prohibit activities which genuinely adversely affect neighbors
- Proposed ordinance would apply to all residentially zoned districts
- Gardening and similar activities are not considered home occupations
- Certain professions are required by the state licensing board to have a second person present, e.g., physicians
- Professions of physician and dentist which treat human patients were removed by the Board
- Board should be encouraging, rather than discouraging, home occupations which would provide benefits for employees

It was the consensus of the Board to place this item on for action at the June 7, 2011 Board meeting.

B. Zoning Amendment #11020 (Township Board), revisions to the Mixed Use Planned Unit Development (MUPUD) Ordinance

Director Kieselbach summarized the proposed zoning amendment as outlined in staff memorandum dated May 12, 2011.

Board members discussed the following:

- Page 1, line 38-40: Planning Commission definition of amenity is vague and allows for politicization of the process
- Page 1, line 38-40: Consensus to restore original definition of amenity
- Page 2, after line 80: Consensus to insert Planning Commission definition of waiver
- Page 4, line 143 (subsection c): Consensus to insert language suggested by the Planning Commission after existing language
- Page 4, line 161 (subsection (e) (1) c): Consensus to insert language suggested by the Planning Commission
- Page 5, line 166: Consensus to reinstate e. and insert “and/or a demonstrated community benefit”
- Reminder that any member of the public can visit an office or commercially zoned property
- Board has the ability to require accessibility during the MUPUD process
- Page 5, line 173: Consensus to restore original proposed language in c.

- Page 5, line 185: Consensus to insert language suggested by the Planning Commission
- Page 5, line 187: Consensus to restore original proposed language
- Increased pervious surface does not always mean groundwater
- Page 6, line 194: Consensus to insert language suggested by the Planning Commission
- Page 6, line 200: Consensus to insert language suggested by the Planning Commission
- Page 6, line 218: Consensus to insert language suggested by the Planning Commission
- Page 9, line 339: Consensus to keep deletion suggested by the Planning Commission
- Page 10, line 392: Consensus to insert language suggested by the Planning Commission
- Page 12, line 478: Consensus to move subsections (7) (8), (9) to Page 13, subsection (h) as suggested by the Planning Commission
- Page 13, subsection (i), major and minor amendments language is also contained in the C-PUD
- Major amendments will come back to the Board
- Minor amendments are handled by staff
- Inclusion of a fee structure for major amendments to discourage changes by the applicant
- Concern with proposed language in (i) (1) that allows any person who has a property interest in a MUPUD to apply for an amendment
- Language was specifically written to address a change in ownership
- Concern that one member of a partnership could apply for an amendment without the knowledge of the other partner
- Major amendments follow the same procedure as new applications
- Suggestion to have the word “major” inserted before “property interest” in (i) (1)
- Under the law, there are several types of “property interest”
- Suggestion to have the fee for a major amendment be the same as the MUPUD application
- Assignment of a fee for minor amendments
- Page 14 (i) (3): Delete the word “projects” and insert the word “amendments”
- Request for the Township Attorney to clarify the language in (i) (1) regarding “property interest” by specifying the type of property interest
- Some of the EDC Business Advisory Group suggestions were incorporated into the revisions of the MUPUD

It was the consensus of the Board to direct the Township Attorney to clarify (i) (1) and place this item on for action at the June 7, 2011 Board meeting.

12. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

Lynne Page, President, Briarwood Homeowners Association, 3912 Raleigh Drive, Okemos, asked the Board to review how an outside employee and the sale of supplies in the home occupation ordinance would affect single family residential neighborhoods.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

13. FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Trustee Veenstra noted a comment in the EDC Business Advisory Group Review of the MUPUD stated the requirement to blend with the façades of adjacent buildings should be deleted as the poor design of adjacent buildings should not dictate the building façade. He believed the Board should “heed” the point. He also pointed to a press release contained in the Board packet from the Alliance for Community Media which supported in introduction in Congress of the Community Access Preservation (CAP) Act, House Resolution #1746. Trustee Veenstra summarized that this resolution would allow PEG channels to continue.

Trustee Ochberg reported she received an update from Haslett’s head librarian on the move of the Haslett Library while attending the Okemos Hope Borbas Library’s Annual Strawberry Breakfast. She indicated the move will not take place until August due to the summer reading program.

Supervisor McGillicuddy announced the Board will receive an update from the librarians of the Okemos and Haslett libraries at the next meeting. She indicated a representative from the Department of Natural Resources will also speak concerning deer control at that same meeting.

Trustee Dreyfus expressed his continued concern with the current process for requesting change(s) to an approved development. He believed the Board should set a policy which would require a developer to submit a new application, with accompanying fees, each time revisions are made to a proposal prior to a Board vote.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy adjourned the meeting at 8:55 P.M.

SUSAN MCGILLICUDDY
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT, CMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Sandra K. Otto, Secretary