

# APPROVED

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
MERIDIAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC)  
MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2017

PRESENT: Supervisor Styka, Commissioners: Deschaine, Hackbarth, Hudson, Kolbasa, Potter, Vagnozzi and Vaughn

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Assistant Police Chief Plaga, Community Planning and Development Director Kieselbach

## 1. Call Meeting to Order

Supervisor Styka called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

## 2. Introductions

Supervisor Styka and members of the MTC introduced themselves and provided a brief background about themselves and their interest in serving on the MTC.

## 3. Review Purpose of the MTC

Supervisor Styka gave an introduction on the establishment of the MTC and how commissioners were selected. He also went through the purpose of the MTC as outlined on the agenda.

## 4. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Commissioner Deschaine nominated Commissioner Hackbarth for Chair.

Supported by Commissioner Vagnozzi.

Appointment approved 7-0.

Commissioner Vagnozzi nominated Commissioner Potter for Vice-Chair.

Supported by Commissioner Hudson.

Appointment approved 7-0.

## 5. Future Meeting Dates

Chair Hackbarth recommended the following meeting dates in February - June 2017:

February 23, March 23, April 27, May 25 and June 15.

Supported by Vice-Chair Potter

The February 23 meeting will be held in the Community Room of the Central Fire Station, 5000 Okemos Road. The remaining meetings of March - June will be held in the Town Hall Room of the Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road. All meetings will start at 6:00 p.m. and will adjourn at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Meeting dates were approved 7-0.

## 6. Future Discussion Topics

The Commissioners discussed having a topic for each meeting and inviting a speaker(s) related to the topic. Topics included: CATA (current bus, Redi-Ride and Spec-Tran services); Ingham County Road Department and the Michigan Department of Transportation (current and proposed projects in the Township, bike lanes and other non-motorized systems and grant funds); Non-motorized Transportation (bike routes, bike lanes, trails, pathways, sidewalks and grant funds); Transportation Safety (safe routes to school, concerns of the schools, road lighting, accident reports for bicycle and pedestrian, railroad crossings and railroad noise); Ride Sharing, including taxis and Uber; Bus Rapid Transit (update on the current project and possible design changes).

Supervisor Styka indicated he would provide the Commission with information from the Redi-Ride Committee.

The consensus of the commission was to schedule the following topics:

February 23-CATA

March 23-Ingham County Road Department and Michigan Department of Transportation

April 27-Non-motorized Transportation

May 25-Transportation Safety/Ride Sharing

June 15-Bus Rapid Transit

#### 7. Public Remarks

Donna Rose, spoke in opposition to the current layout for the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). She felt the Township and CATA should be working together to connect the bus routes in the Township to make transfers easier.

Ody Norkin, spoke to the need of solving problems with Redi-Ride. He felt it should be the Commission's primary item.

#### 8. Adjournment

Chair Hackbarth called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Vagnozzi moved to adjourn the meeting.

Supported by Commissioner Deschaine.

Adjournment approved 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.