

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
853-4000, Town Hall Room
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2008 **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting, Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development Mark Kieselbach, Director of Engineering & Public Works Ray Severy, Police Chief Dave Hall, EMS/Fire Chief Fred Cowper, Assistant Manager/ Personnel Director Paul Brake, Attorney Andria Ditschman

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

A. Fire Fighter Promotion

Fire Chief Cowper introduced new firefighter John McDermott. Mr. McDermott then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the roll of the Board.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

Paul Brake, Executive Director, Downtown Development Authority (DDA) announced a presentation by the DDA's consultant on the integrated development plan will be made at the next DDA meeting on November 24, 2008 at the Meridian Activity Center at 8:00 AM. Mr. Brake added that he will make a presentation to the Board at its December 2, 2008 Board Meeting.

Dan Jones, 5056 Powell Road, Okemos, spoke in support of the amendment to Wetland Use Permit #08-06-02, Georgetown.

Gil White, 6005 E. Lake Drive, Haslett, thanked Treasurer Hunting, Trustee Such and Trustee Woiwode for their years of service to Meridian Township.

Will White, 2142-½ Hamilton Road, Okemos, urged citizens to either attend the DDA meeting on November 24th or obtain information from Executive Director Brake as major changes to the downtown Okemos area are being discussed.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

5. REPORTS/BOARD COMMENT/NEW WORRIES

A. Reports from the Zoning Board of Appeals, Land Preservation Advisory Board, and Meridian Economic Development Corporation

Jim Hershiser, Chair, Zoning Board of Appeals listed ZBA activities as follows: 1) 33 applicants requesting variances; 2) less requests from the Lake Lansing district, and 3) increase in requests for new development and redevelopment.

Michael Thomas, Land Preservation Advisory Board, read from a prepared statement which listed Land Preservation activities as follows: 1) acquisition of 23 parcels totaling approximately 502 acres of land; 2) addition of a five-acre parcel attached to three (3) previous acquisitions formerly

known as the Sower Farm; 3) acquisition of a ten (10) acre parcel creating a contiguous assembly of 120 acres in the northwest corner of the Township; 4) an additional 120 acres will be added to the program upon successful acquisition of the HDI property adjacent to Lake Lansing Park North; 5) transition from property acquisition to property management which includes stewardship plans for each parcel; 6) conservation plan for the Davis-Foster Preserve; 7) obtained a Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) grant from the Natural Resource Conservation Service; 8) engaged volunteers in the northwest neighborhoods to participate in clean-up and maintenance of preserves, and 9) received a 2008 Environmental Stewardship Award from the Meridian Township Environmental Commission.

[Prepared statement in Official Minute Book]

Marsha Madle, Chair, Economic Development Corporation listed EDC activities as follows: 1) support of the Meridian Area Business Association (MABA) Expo held in March; 2) Meridian Township Entrepreneurial Asset Movement (M-TEAM) creation of the Meridian Asset Resource Center (MARC); 3) first annual youth entrepreneur and inventors' fair, and 4) identification of the key business corridors within the Township to begin roundtable discussions with these business owners

Trustee Brixie, liaison to the Okemos School District, announced a community wide study will be conducted to look at the future of the Okemos school system. She indicated she would be the Township representative for this forum.

Treasurer Hunting announced winter tax bills will be mailed next week.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA — OR CHANGES

Trustee Brixie moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Such.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor McGillicuddy reviewed the consent agenda.

Trustee Brixie moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Trustee Such.

Trustee Veenstra requested Agenda Items #7C, #7E and #7F be moved to Agenda Items #10F, #10G, and #10H respectively.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

The adopted Consent Agenda items are as follow:

A. Communications

(1). Board Information (BI)

BI-1 Ivan V. Bartha, 5896 Shaw, Haslett; RE: Opposition to Zoning Amendment #07050

BI-2 Richard Harrington, 820 Piper Road, Haslett; RE: Participation in the election process

BI-3 John P. Gardener, Government Affairs Manager, Comcast, Michigan Region, 1070 Trowbridge Road, East Lansing; RE: Deletions and additions to the Comcast channel lineup.

BI-4 Ellen Dillman, 5616 Cade Street, Haslett; RE: Concern with election ballot privacy

BI-5 Robert B. Hotaling, PO Box 304, Haslett; RE: Historical 50 Years of Meridian Township Planning

(2) Regional Linkage (RL)

RL-1 Jacqueline Foss, 2353 Sapphire Lane, East Lansing; RE: Decision to not seek reappointment to the Assessing Board of Review

RL-2 Lynn Ochberg, 4383 Maumee, Okemos; RE: Resignation from the Planning Commission

Trustee 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 Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Minutes

Trustee Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the November 6, 2008 Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

~~C. 2009 Regular Board Meeting Schedule~~

D. Bills

Trustee Brixie moved that the Township Board approve the Manager's Bills as follows:

Common Cash	\$ 253,523.68
Public Works	\$ 220,673.18
Total Checks	\$ 474,196.86
Credit Card Transactions	\$ 6,546.23
Total Purchases	<u>\$ 480,743.09</u>
ACH Payments	<u>\$ 310,984.17</u>

Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

[Bill list in Official Minute Book]

~~E. Revisions to Uniform Traffic Code and Motor Vehicle Code~~

~~F. Adoption of 2006 International Fire Code with Meridian Township Amendments~~

G. Sewer Payback District for Tendercare

Trustee Brixie moved to approve the Tendercare Sanitary Sewer Benefit Charge & Reimbursement Resolution which determines the cost of sanitary sewer construction; establishes the Tendercare Sanitary Sewer Benefit Charge with immediate effect; the method for payment of the benefit charge; and the method for reimbursement to Tendercare. Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor
 McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

8. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY (None)

9. HEARINGS

- A. Wetland Use Permit #08-06-02 (Eyde), amendment to the wetland use permit for the Georgetown subdivision.
 Supervisor McGillicuddy opened the public hearing at 6:26 P.M.

Director Kieselbach summarized the wetland use permit request as outlined in staff memorandum dated November 14, 2008.

Trustee Veenstra inquired why the culvert was 225 feet long.

APPLICANT

Mark Clouse, Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel, Eyde Co., 4660 S. Hagadorn Road, Suite 660, East Lansing, responded the culvert is to replace a drain tile broken during sewer installation and allow the water to traverse from one wetland to another on each side of the road as it did before.

Trustee Woiwode inquired if the culvert was under an area that is not yet paved.

Mr. Clouse stated the road work is in Phase III of Georgetown, a portion of the site which has not yet been developed.

Trustee Woiwode questioned the impact of the pipe on the row of trees.

Mr. Clouse stated the row of trees does not show on the plan but will research and have an answer at the next Board meeting.

Treasurer Hunting noted he is a proponent of open bottom box culverts as there is less disturbance of the wetland and inquired if the applicant had considered its use.

A.J. Patrick, KEBS, Inc., responded the culvert will be in an upland area and would not touch either wetland. He explained that an open bottom box culvert is normally used to connect a streamway.

Trustee Such inquired how deep the culvert would be buried.

Mr. Patrick answered approximately 4-½ feet.

Trustee Veenstra inquired as to the definition of an open bottom box culvert.

Treasurer Hunting responded the open bottom box culvert allows for minimal impact to the environment, the road can stay at the same height and the open area under the roadbed is constructed with minimal digging to create an abutment to hold up the roadbed above the open bottom box culvert. He added this type of culvert is a better way to allow for transportation of small wildlife from one area to the next.

Mr. Patrick added the open bottom box culvert limits the amount of fill outside of the roadway, and is typically used in a stream crossing to keep the stream open, bank to bank. He stated this area does not have stream connection or ditch which needs to be filled in to cross.

Trustee Woiwode inquired if the detention area to the west proposed by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) would be constructed at the same time as the culvert.

Mr. Patrick responded that the detention area will be developed as part of Phase 3. He added it will be a pretreatment area 6" to 12" in depth.

Supervisor McGillicuddy inquired if the proposal would solve Mr. Jones current problem with excessive water.

Mr. Clouse stated the water was not a problem preconstruction, but is a problem post construction. He indicated the culvert was designed to alleviate the problem on Mr. Jones' land.

Trustee Brixie felt the objective was to recreate the drainage tile predevelopment and believed this proposal was the most effective method to achieve this objective.

PUBLIC

Leonard Provenchur, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett, inquired if the use of the culvert would address the average situation or the worst case scenario.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed the public hearing at 6:53 P.M.

10. ACTION ITEMS/ENDS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public comment.

Leonard Provenchur, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett, spoke in opposition to MUPUD #08044 and SUP #08121 (Eyde Co.)

Mark Clouse, Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel, Eyde Co., 4660 S. Hagadorn Road, Suite 660, East Lansing, spoke in support of the final plat for Georgetown No. 2, MUPUD #08044 and SUP #08021.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed public comment.

By unanimous consent, the Board relettered the agenda items as follows:

- **Agenda Item #10A to Agenda Item #10B**
- **Agenda Item #10B to Agenda Item #10C**
- **Agenda Item #10C to Agenda Item #10A**

A. Preliminary Plat Extension for Whitehills Lakes South #06012 (Gil White)

Trustee Woiwode moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby grants the extension of Final Preliminary Plat #06012, Whitehills Lakes South, for a period of two years, from December 19, 2008 to December 19, 2010, with the following condition:

1. **All previous conditions placed on the final preliminary plat approval shall remain in effect.**

Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra. Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Ordinance to Prosecute Retail Fraud Cases

Chief Hall summarized the proposed ordinance as outlined in staff memorandum dated November 13, 2008.

Trustee Brixie moved [and read into the record] NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, that the Township Board hereby INTRODUCES FOR PUBLICATION AND SUBSEQUENT ADOPTION Ordinance No. _____ entitled “Ordinance Amending the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, Chapter 50, Article V, by adding Section 50-117.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Charter Township of Meridian is directed to publish the Ordinance at least once prior to the next regular meeting of the Township Board. Seconded by Treasurer Hunting.

Board members discussed the following:

- Capture of revenue for the Township
- Cost to Capital Area District Library (CADL)
- Preliminary cost of conducting a pre-trial diversion program approximately \$10,000
- Future proposal for creation of a pre-trial diversion program
- Creation of the Township ordinance is separate from the optional diversion program

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: Trustee Veenstra
Motion carried 6-1.

C. Final Plat, Georgetown No. 2 (Eyde)

Trustee Woiwode moved [and read into the record] NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN approves the Final Plat of Georgetown No. 2. Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

Board members discussed the following:

- Project being constructed at a slower pace
- Georgetown No. 2 is actually the second part of the original Phase I
- Applicant not obligated to define phases on the preliminary plat
- Board granted extension of the Georgetown final preliminary plat until June 30, 2010 at its June 17, 2008 Board meeting
- Building of pathway was part of the original plat approval

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

D. Mixed Use Planned Unit Development #08044 (Eyde Company), request to develop approximately 27,000 square feet of commercial space and 36 multiple-family dwelling units on 5.39 acres addressed at 5155 Marsh Road

Trustee Such moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby grants mixed use planned unit development approval for Mixed Use Planned Unit Development #08044, subject to the following conditions:

1. **Approval of the mixed use planned unit development design is in accordance with the site plans prepared by KEBS, Inc. dated November 12, 2008; and building elevations and floor plans prepared by The Peabody Group and received by the Township on November 13, 2008. All plans are subject to revisions as required.**

2. Approval is subject to the following amenities for size of structure as depicted on the plans (four are required): covered bicycle parking, awnings and balconies, an outdoor seating area, and an outdoor green space. The size, capacity, and location of amenities shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development.
3. The character and quality of the building materials and general architectural design shall be consistent on all four sides of the mixed use building.
4. The building materials for the garage buildings shall match the building materials for the mixed use building, subject to the approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development.
5. The final design of the dumpster enclosures and dumpster areas shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development. A location in this dumpster area must be dedicated to recycling and is also subject to the approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development.
6. The final design of the carports shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development.
7. Site accessories such as railings, benches, trash receptacles, exterior lighting fixtures, and/or bicycle racks shall be of commercial quality, and complement the building design and style. Final design and location shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development.
8. Any future building additions or expansions to the buildings will require modification to the special use permit and mixed use planned unit development, subject to the approval of the Township Board.
9. Families as defined in the zoning ordinance, or no more than three unrelated persons, shall occupy a residential unit.
10. The parking lot shall be designed in accordance with the requirements of Section 86-756 Design and Construction Requirements.
11. All existing debris found on the subject site as a result of clearing, grading, or construction activities related to the proposed project shall be removed from the site and shall be properly disposed.
12. Street trees shall be installed along Marsh Road. Every effort shall be made to locate the street trees between the curb and pedestrian-bicycle pathway while preserving an area for landscaping between the pathway and the parking lot. Staff will work with the applicant, Ingham County Road Commission and the Department of Public Works and Engineering in this endeavor. Species and final location of the trees shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development and the Ingham County Road Commission.
13. Landscaping shall generally comply with the provisions of the Code of Ordinances, including the mixed use planned unit development standards as outlined in Section 86-440(d)(4) and other applicable sections of the Ordinance pertaining to landscaping.

14. **Site and building lighting shall comply with Article VII in Chapter 38 of the Code of Ordinances and shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development. Streetlights shall not exceed 15 feet in height. LED lighting shall be used where feasible.**
15. **A sign program shall be submitted as part of site plan review and shall be subject to the review and approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development.**
16. **The Township environmental consultant shall review and verify the wetland delineation prior to any work taking place on the site.**
17. **Silt fencing shall be placed along the 20 foot natural vegetation strip edge prior to any construction related activity taking place on the site.**
18. **All mechanical, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and similar systems shall be screened from view by an opaque structure or landscape material (if at street level) selected to complement the building. Such screening is subject to approval by the Director of Community Planning and Development.**
19. **The applicant shall obtain all necessary permits, licenses, and approvals from the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, Ingham County Road Commission, and the Township. Copies of all permits and approval letters shall be submitted to the Department of Community Planning and Development.**
20. **The applicant shall apply for and receive the applicable letter of map revision (LOMA) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).**
21. **The utility, grading, and storm drainage plans for the site shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Public Works and Engineering and shall be completed in accordance with the Township Engineering Design and Construction Standards.**
22. **A copy of the site plan information that exists in a computer format for the development project and construction plans shall be provided to the Township Engineering staff in an Auto Cad compatible format.**

Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

Board members, staff and the applicant discussed the following:

- Recycling dumpster will accommodate multiple recyclable materials
- Ingham County Road Commission determination that a traffic signal at Marsh and Times Square Drive will be necessary after buildout of the entire site
- Suggestion by the Ingham County Road Commission (ICRC) for a right turn taper lane will be decided during the site plan approval process
- ICRC attendance during the site plan approval process
- Assurance that pathway will be in a desirable location
- Challenge of working with the gas line
- Fifth lane on Marsh Road currently in place at Times Square Drive
- Use of artistic style shaped bicycle racks
- Rear elevation of the main building allows for an optional window in the framed shaded area if a tenant wishes
- Mix of materials in the rear to give definition and a more residential “feel”
- Township’s sign ordinance should be looked at when signage is taken into consideration
- Mixed use concept as an opportunity for sustainability of the Township’s core
- Walkability Infrastructure needs to keep abreast with residential development

- Township’s traffic consultant recommendation that driveway be the same width as Times Square Drive to have a balanced intersection with the same movement
- Need for crossing buttons at the intersection of Marsh Road and Times Square Drive
- Caution to not use “cookie cutter approach” to mixed use planned unit developments in the future

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor
 McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

E. Special Use Permit #08121 (Eyde Company), request to construct a building greater than 25,000 square feet in gross floor area at 5155 Marsh Road

Trustee Such moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby approves Special Use Permit #08121 to construct a group of buildings greater than 25,000 square feet in gross floor area subject to the following conditions:

1. **Approval is granted based on the revised site plans prepared by KEBS, Inc. dated November 12, 2008; and building elevations and floor plans prepared by The Peabody Group and received by the Township on November 13, 2008. All plans are subject to revisions as required.**
2. **Special Use Permit #08121 is subject to all conditions placed on Mixed Use Planned Unit Development #08044 by the Township.**

Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor
 McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

F. 2009 Regular Board Meeting Schedule

Trustee Brixie moved to adopt the 2009 Township Board Meeting Schedule Resolution as follows:

Tuesday, January 6, 2009	6:00 P.M. Regular Joint Meeting Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Park Commission
Tuesday, January 13, 2009	6:00 P.M. Policy Governance Review
Tuesday, January 20, 2009	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 3, 2009	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 2009	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 3, 2009	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 17, 2009	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 7, 2009	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 2009	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 7, 2009	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2009	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 2, 2009	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2009	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 7, 2009	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 21, 2009	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 4, 2009	6:00 P.M. Regular Town Hall Meeting
Tuesday, August 18, 2009	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 1, 2009	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 8, 2009	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting (Budget Deliberations)
Tuesday, September 15, 2009	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 22, 2009	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting (Budget Deliberations if needed)
Tuesday, October 6, 2009	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting (Proposed Budget Hearing)
Tuesday, October 20, 2009	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Thursday, November 5, 2009	6:00 P.M. Regular Joint Meeting with School Districts and Local Governments
Tuesday, November 17, 2009	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 1, 2009	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 15, 2009	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

G. Revision to Uniform Traffic Code and Motor Vehicle Code

Trustee Brixie moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN that the Township Board hereby INTRODUCES FOR PUBLICATION AND SUBSEQUENT ADOPTION Ordinance No. _____ entitled “Ordinance Amending the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, Chapter 74, Article I, Section 74-2, 74-3, by Amending Sections 74-2 and 74-3 to Readopt and Incorporate by Reference the Michigan Vehicle Code and Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships and Villages, with Amendments.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Charter Township of Meridian is directed to publish the Ordinance at least once prior to the next regular meeting of the Township Board.

Seconded by Treasurer Hunting.

Board members discussed the following:

- Adoption of this language allows revenue to come to the Township
- Adoption of this general provision allows automatic update to the Township’s code when the state makes changes to its Uniform Traffic Code and the Motor Vehicle Code

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the question.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
 NAYS: Trustee Veenstra
 Motion carried 6-1.

H. Adoption of 2006 International Fire Code with Meridian Township Amendments

Trustee Such moved [and read into the record], NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, the Township Board hereby INTRODUCES FOR PUBLICATION AND SUBSEQUENT ADOPTION Ordinance No. _____, entitled ‘Ordinance Amending the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Chapter 26, Article II, Sections 26-26, 26-27, by Amending Sections 26-26 and 26-27 to adopt and incorporate by reference the 2006 International Fire Code with Meridian Amendments.’

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Charter Township of Meridian is directed to publish the ordinance in the form in which it is introduced at least once prior to the next regular meeting of the Township Board. Seconded by Treasurer Hunting.

Board members discussed the following:

- Need to follow state law

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the question.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting

NAYS: Trustee Veenstra

Motion carried 6-1.

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS/ENDS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened and closed public comment.

- A. Wetland Use Permit #08-06-02 (Eyde), amendment to the wetland use permit for the Georgetown subdivision.

Board members discussed the following:

- Recommendation by the Township's Environmental Commission for developer to provide information to future homeowners about the natural value of wetlands
- One duty of the Environmental Commission is the to educate residents about the care of the wetlands

It was the consensus of the Board to place this item on for action at the December 2, 2008 Board meeting.

12. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

Township Manager Richards noted the Township has, once again, received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association.

Township Manager Richards and Supervisor McGillicuddy expressed appreciation for service by the departing three (3) Board members: Treasurer Hunting, Trustee Such and Trustee Woiwode.

Trustee Woiwode expressed appreciation for her years of service to the people of Meridian Township. She noted several Board accomplishments over the last eight (8) years.

Trustee Such thanked the citizens and fellow Board members who have helped him become a better trustee. He also thanked the Township Manager for his hard work and dedication. Trustee Such expressed his appreciation for Policy Governance and urged the new board to embrace it.

Treasurer Hunting expressed his appreciation for the valuable and rewarding experience in serving on the Township Board over the last (8) years.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy adjourned the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

SUSAN MCGILlicUDDY
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT, CMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Sandra K. Otto, Secretary