



AGENDA
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD – REGULAR MEETING
October 1, 2024 6:00 PM

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS
3. ROLL CALL
4. PRESENTATION
 - A. Introduction of New Police Officer-James Spencer
 - B. 2024 Community Survey Results-William Saintarmour, Cobalt Community Research
5. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS
6. INTERIM TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT
7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
9. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Communications
 - B. Minutes-September 17, 2024 Regular Township Board Meeting
 - C. Bills
 - D. Setting Hours for Trick-or-Treating
10. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY
11. HEARINGS
12. ACTION ITEMS
 - A. ARPA Funding Reallocation
 - B. 3rd Quarter Budget Amendments
 - C. Resolution to Authorize Issuance of General Obligation Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2024
 - D. Transportation Commission Dissolution
 - E. Police Department Contract with Michigan State University
 - F. Township Manager Search Process
 - G. USBGN Proposal to Change the Name of Lake Lansing to Pine Lake
13. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - A. Community Survey Results
 - B. Williamstown Township Police Agreement
 - C. Amendment to Interim Township Manager Contract
 - D. Memorandum of Understanding with Okemos Public Schools for Meridian Senior Center
14. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
15. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
16. ADJOURNMENT

All comments limited to 3 minutes, unless prior approval for additional time for good cause is obtained from the Supervisor. Appointment of Supervisor Pro Tem and/ or Temporary Clerk if necessary. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Meridian Township Board by contacting: Interim Township Manager Tim Schmitt, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 or 517.853.4258 - Ten Day Notice is Required.

Meeting Location: 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 Township Hall

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4. B

To: Board Members
From: Amber Clark, Neighborhoods and Economic Development Director
Date: October 1, 2024
Re: 2024 Community Survey Results Presentation

PRESENTATION:

Every three years the Township Board requests the Township Manager to begin the process to conduct a community survey. The Board may elect to select the same company as years before or may put out an RFP for a new company to conduct the survey. In general 20-25 “standard” questions reflecting the varied departments are presented by Township staff. These questions are to assist staff with making program, policy, or operational adjustments to better adhere to the needs of the community. In 2020 the Township selected Cobalt Community Research to begin conducting the Meridian Township surveys.

Tonight at the Township Board meeting, William SaintArmour owner and President of Cobalt Community Research out of Charlotte, MI, will provide an overview of the methods of quality data collection of the 2024 Community survey. Mr. SaintArmour will explain what methods were used in the data collection, and how the data is reviewed, and will present to the Board how the data is quantified so the Board Members and staff can read the results to make informed decisions. Board members may desire to hold all questions until the end of the presentation and ask questions during the discussion portion of the meeting.

Attachment:

1. Presentation of the 2024 Community Survey Results by Cobalt Community Research

Meridian Township Resident Survey and Priority Assessment

September 2024

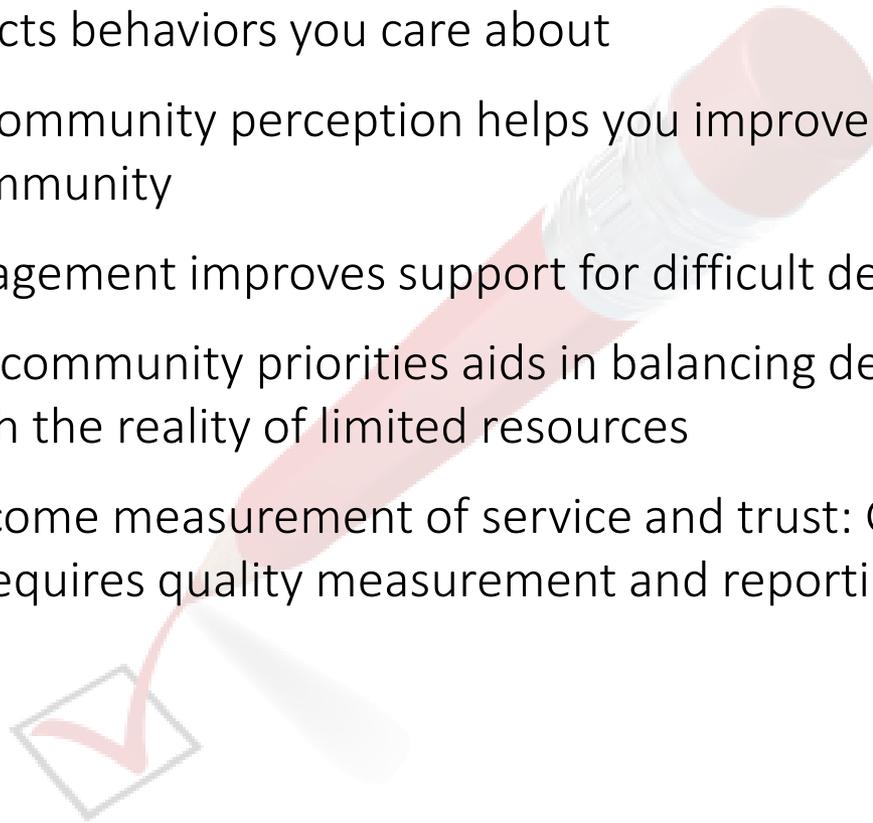


Background on Cobalt Community Research

- 501c3 not for profit research coalition
- Mission to provide research and education
- Developed to meet the research needs of schools, local governments, and nonprofit organizations

Measuring Where You Are: Why Research Matters

- Understanding community values and priorities helps you plan and communicate more effectively about community decisions
- Perception impacts behaviors you care about
- Understanding community perception helps you improve and promote the community
- Community engagement improves support for difficult decisions
- Reliable data on community priorities aids in balancing demands of vocal groups with the reality of limited resources
- Bottom line outcome measurement of service and trust: Good administration requires quality measurement and reporting



Study Goals

- Support budget, strategic planning, and policy decisions
- Compare results to 2021 baseline service measures
- Determine if the presumed service experiences are accurate
- Identify which aspects of community provide the greatest leverage on residents' overall satisfaction and outcomes such as remaining in the community and recommending the community to others

Bottom Line

- The Township outperforms the Cobalt benchmarks with an overall satisfaction score of 78. This score has remained stable although benchmarks fell
- There are several areas where improvement can have significant impact on engagement

2024 Drivers:

Township services
Public works
Facilities and grounds
Parks and recreation
Transportation infrastructure

2021 Drivers:

Township services
Community image
Public works
Police services
Transportation infrastructure

Bottom Line

- What they like most: feel safe, living near MSU, good schools
- What to improve: more development of downtown areas, better roads, more bike infrastructure, improved access for disabled, community center/pool
- Which cultural events: more music festivals with diverse performers; more quality dining establishments
- Services to see online: permit submission, rental inspections, code enforcement, generally prefer online than in person
- Zoning uses in Meridian Mall: public facilities, research/development facilities, residential housing
- A better place for business: develop a better downtown area, poor access/parking, lower taxes
- Potential amenities to enhanced/added in the future: more green spaces/trails, community center/pool, improved access for those with disabilities
- Over 70 percent believe a community center is beneficial and would use it, and about 50% are willing to close a funding gap with a millage.

Methodology

- Random sample of 2,000 voters provided by the Township
- Conducted using two mailings in July and August 2024. Responses either online or via postage-paid envelope.
- Valid response from 392 residents, providing a solid margin of error of +/- 4.9 percent
 - **Note:** National surveys with a margin of error +/- 5% require a sample of 384 responses to reflect a population of 330,000,000
- Results were weighted based on ethnicity to correspond with Census data and the 2021 report
- In addition, the survey was open to residents who were not part of the random sample. There were 70 residents who chose to do so, increasing the total response to 462.
 - **Note:** Non sample responses were not included in the statistics presented in this summary report, but they are reflected on the bottom line of the crosstab reports

Preserving Voice: Looking Into Detail

Distribution Questions Count of Sample: 392 (+/- 4.9%)

| | | Use of parks and pathways | | | | | How do you prefer to receive information from the Township? | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | Never | 1-5 times a year | 6-10 times a year | 11-20 times a year | 20+ times a year | Email | Township website | Meridian Happenings/digital newsletter | Prime Meridian Magazine | Utility bill insert | Township social media (Facebook, Instagram) | Nextdoor | Meridian Township YouTube channel | Text message | HOMTV cable channel |
| 2021 Overall | | 14% | 25% | 13% | 13% | 33% | 56% | 35% | 24% | 37% | 24% | 18% | 19% | 4% | 8% | 7% |
| 2024 Overall | | 15% | 30% | 13% | 14% | 24% | 60% | 37% | 25% | 31% | 25% | 16% | 16% | 4% | 17% | 5% |
| Residency | One year or less* | 9% | 45% | - | - | 36% | 100% | 55% | 18% | 18% | 9% | 18% | - | - | 36% | - |
| | 1-5 years | 8% | 27% | 17% | 13% | 28% | 59% | 38% | 25% | 31% | 20% | 20% | 9% | - | 13% | - |
| | 6-10 years | 12% | 24% | 10% | 22% | 29% | 56% | 32% | 17% | 37% | 20% | 17% | 5% | 5% | 15% | 10% |
| | More than 10 years | 16% | 30% | 14% | 13% | 23% | 58% | 37% | 27% | 30% | 27% | 16% | 19% | 5% | 18% | 6% |
| Own/Rent | Own | 12% | 29% | 15% | 14% | 26% | 60% | 38% | 27% | 30% | 27% | 17% | 17% | 4% | 18% | 5% |
| | Rent/lease | 26% | 26% | 13% | 11% | 21% | 53% | 24% | 21% | 34% | 11% | 16% | 3% | 3% | 8% | 5% |
| Employed in Township | Yes | 9% | 20% | 20% | 16% | 32% | 64% | 36% | 29% | 21% | 27% | 18% | 14% | 9% | 20% | 5% |
| | No, a different community | 5% | 28% | 11% | 18% | 31% | 66% | 41% | 30% | 30% | 26% | 25% | 16% | 5% | 16% | 5% |
| | I am not currently employed* | 47% | 13% | 7% | 7% | 13% | 40% | 20% | 20% | 33% | 13% | 7% | - | - | 20% | - |
| | I am retired | 21% | 36% | 14% | 10% | 18% | 54% | 36% | 21% | 36% | 23% | 11% | 16% | 1% | 16% | 6% |

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Results



Overall Community Satisfaction with Meridian Township

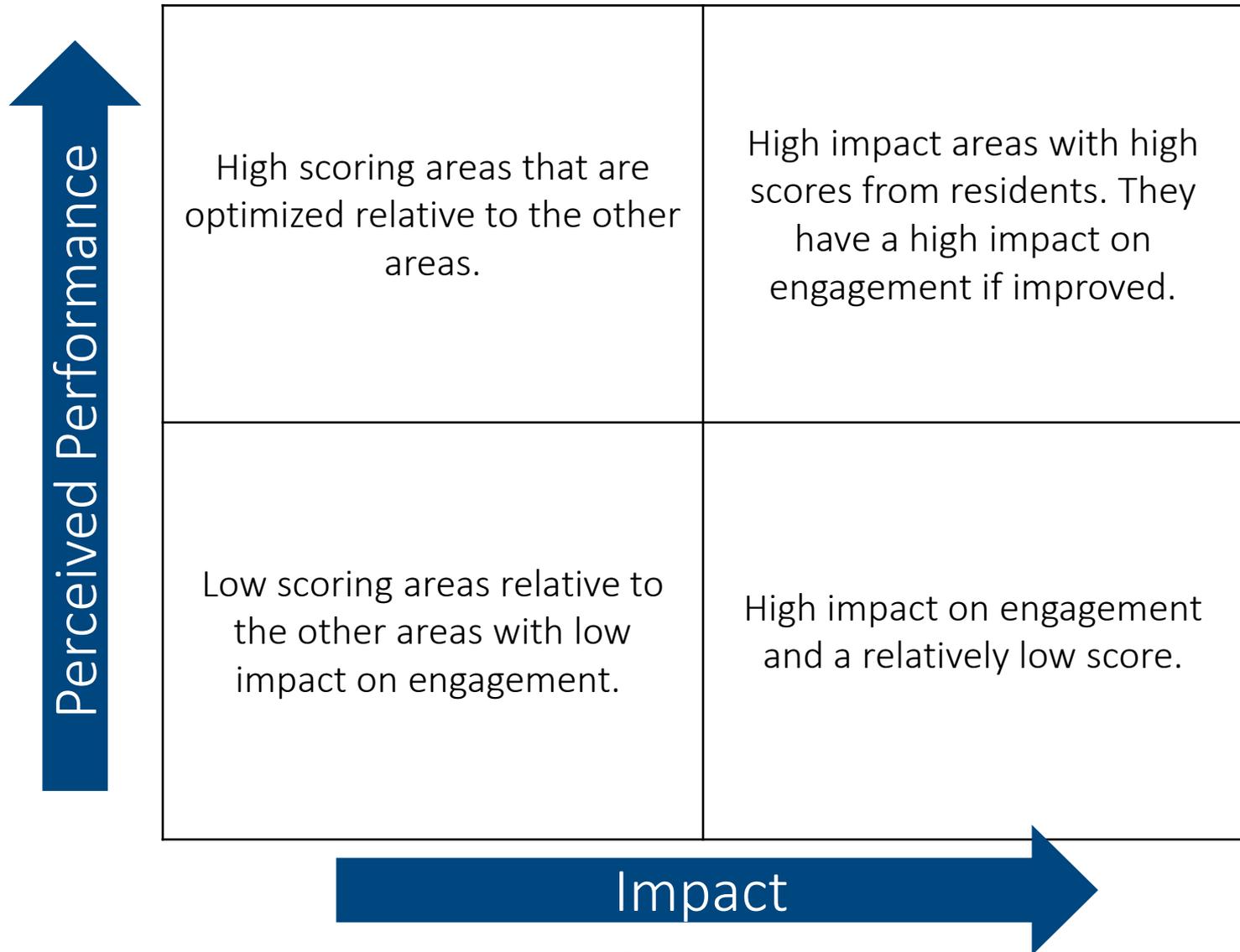
- 6-point scale: 4.8 (4.9 in 2021)
- **100-point ACSI scale: 78** (78 in 2021)

- National ACSI: 60 (67 in 2021)
- National ACSI (pop 25k-100k): 61 (69 in 2021)

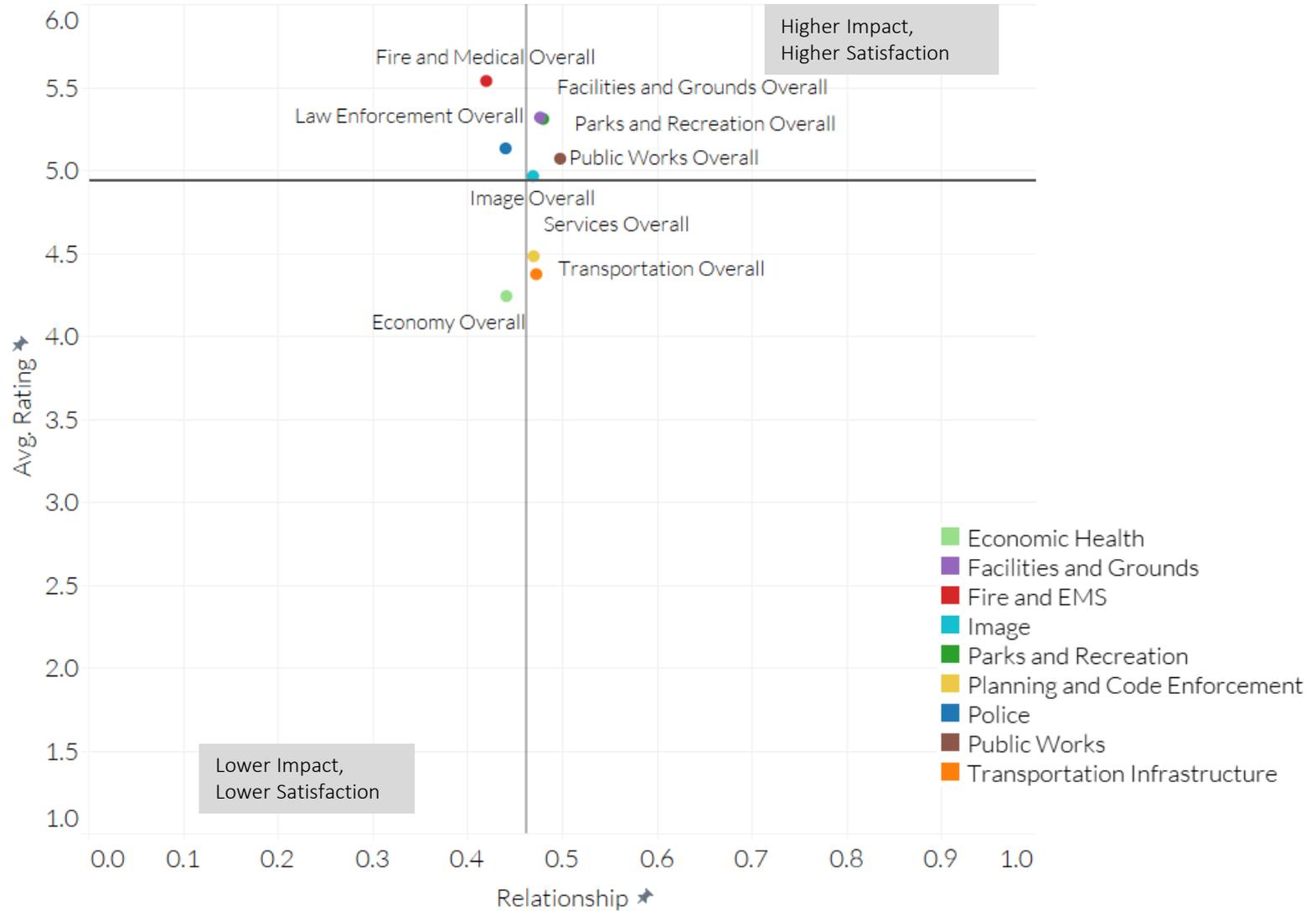
- Midwest ACSI: 61 (66 in 2021)
- Midwest ACSI (pop 25k-100k): 64 (74 in 2021)

- Michigan ACSI: 61 (67 in 2021)
- Michigan ACSI (pop 25k-100k): 62 (64 in 2021)

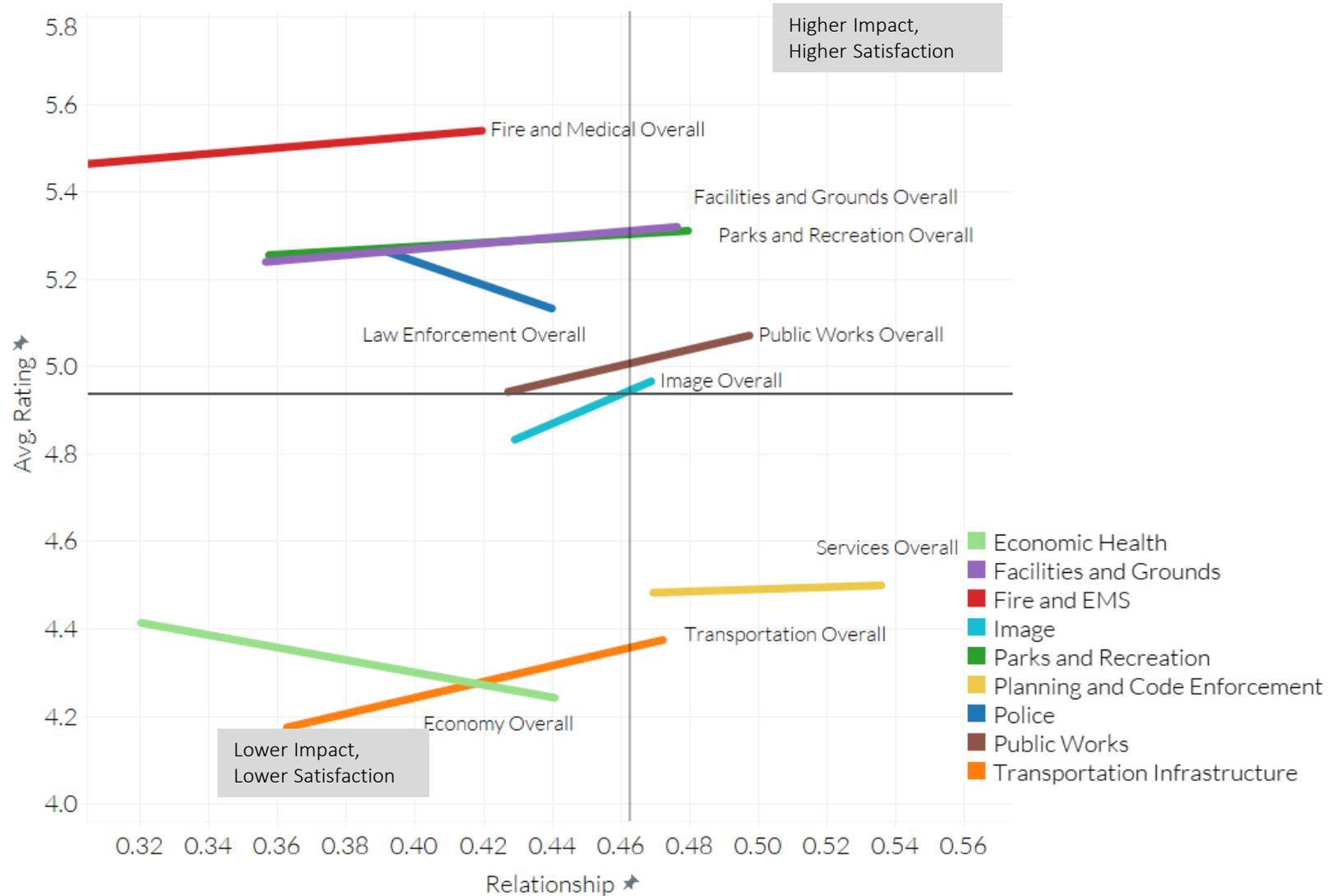
Community Questions – Long-term Drivers



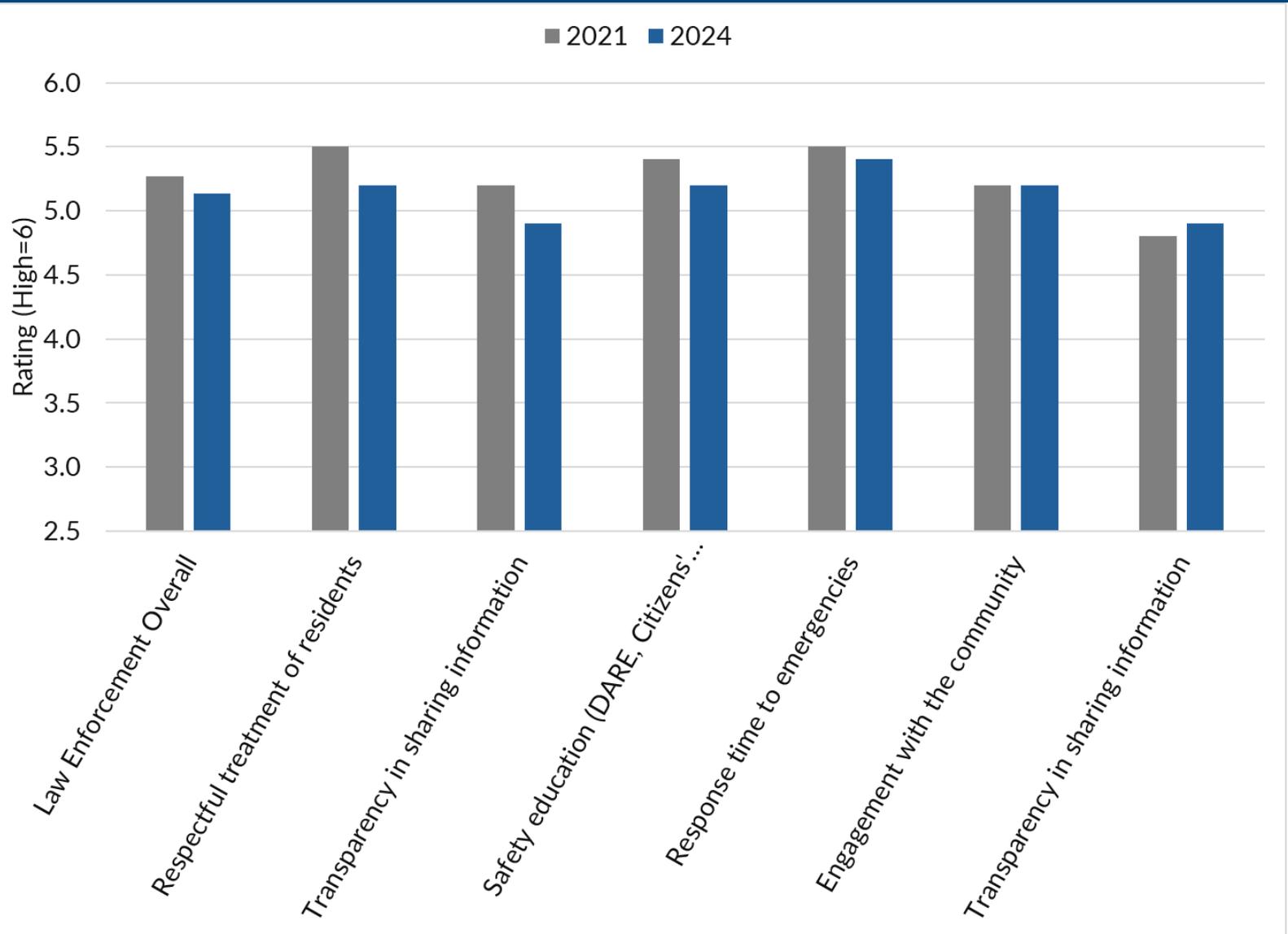
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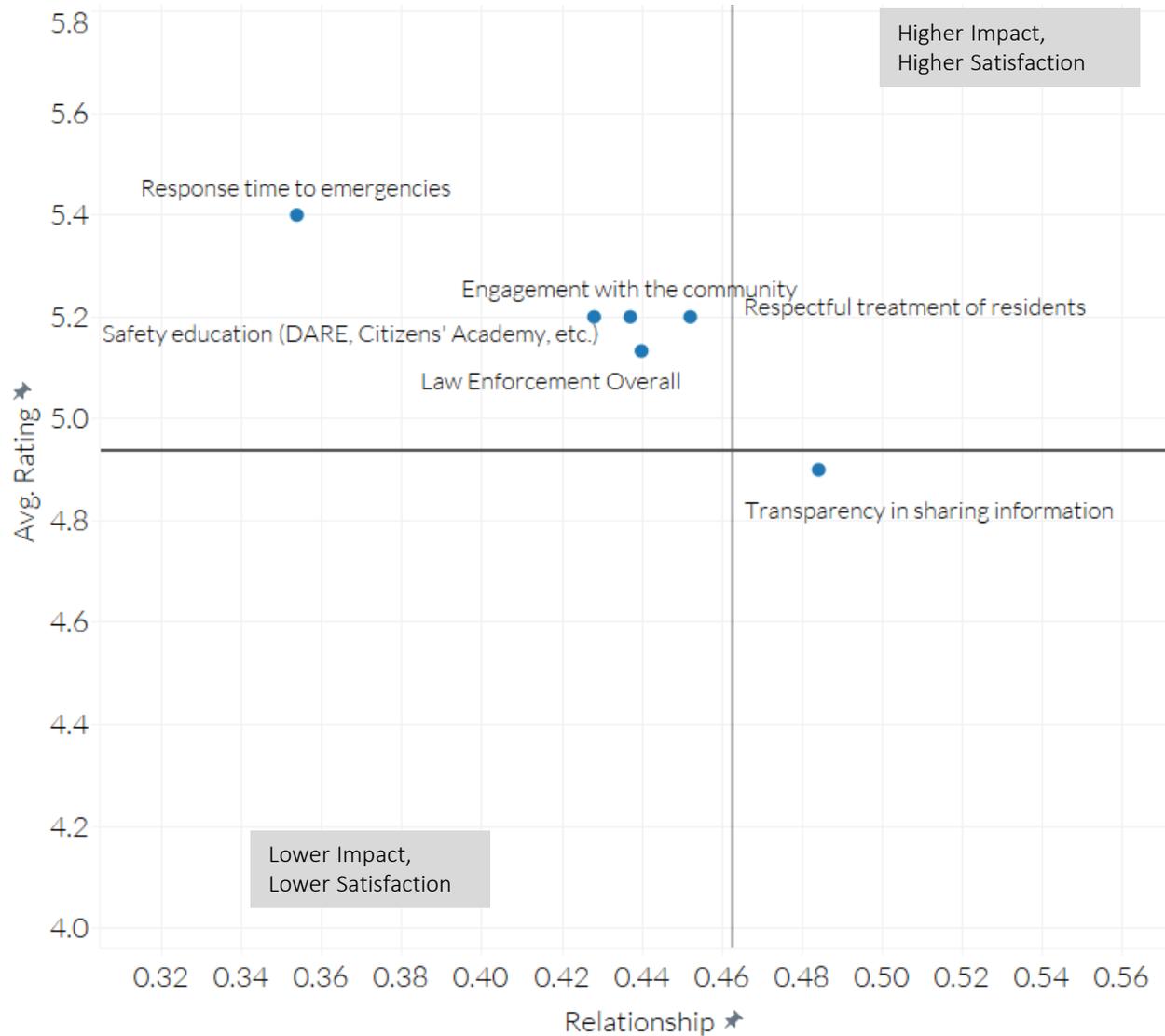
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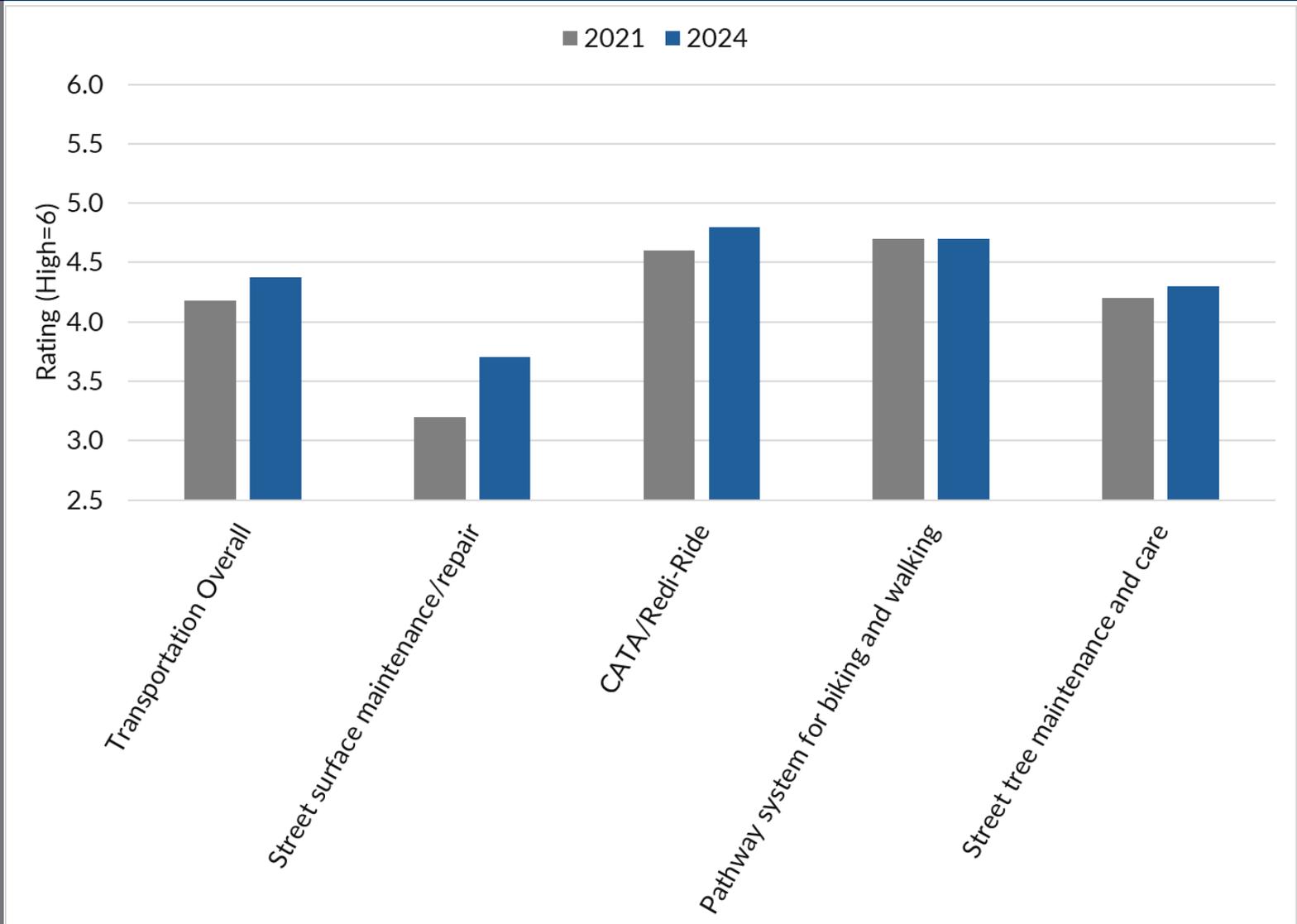
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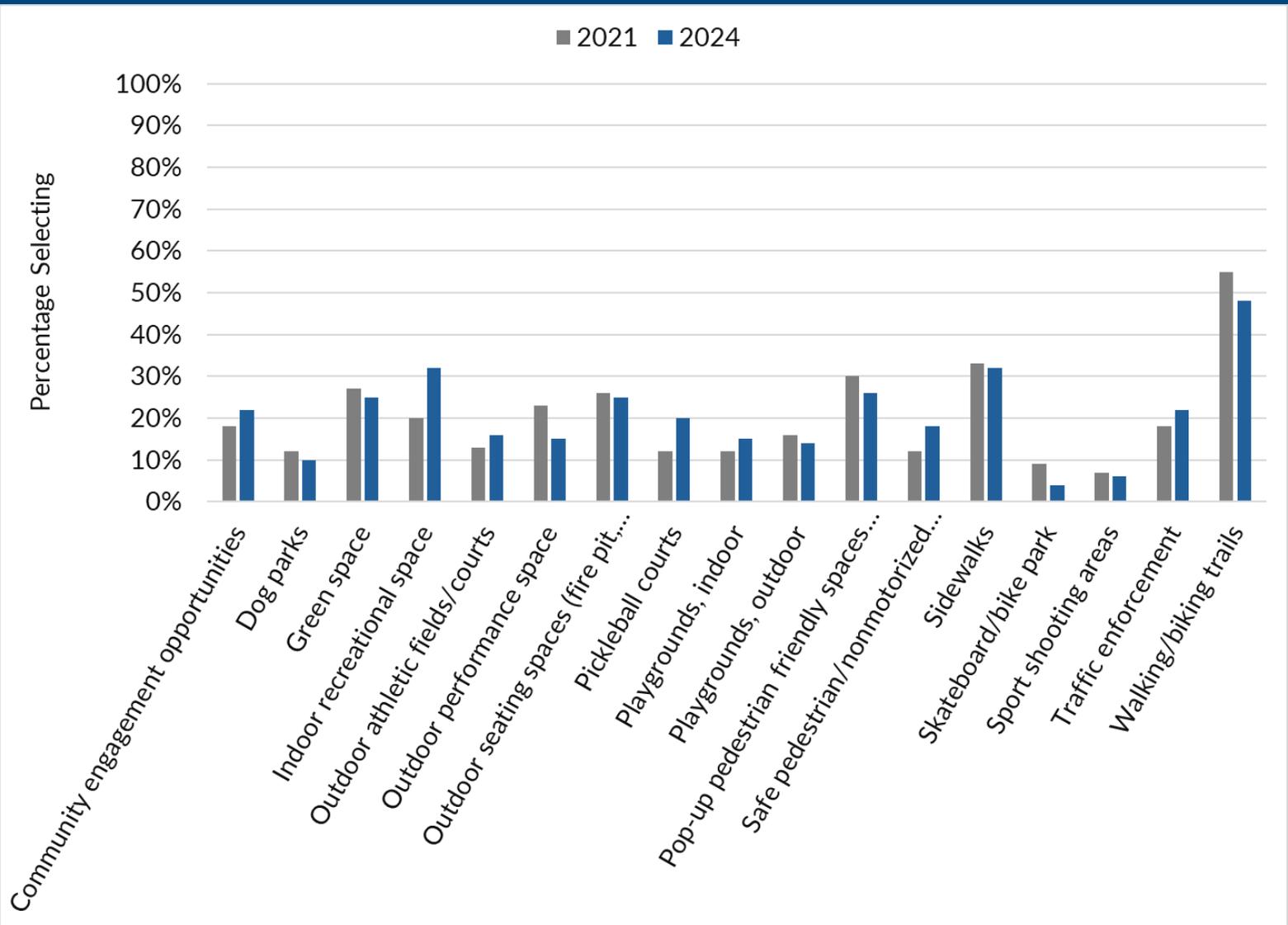
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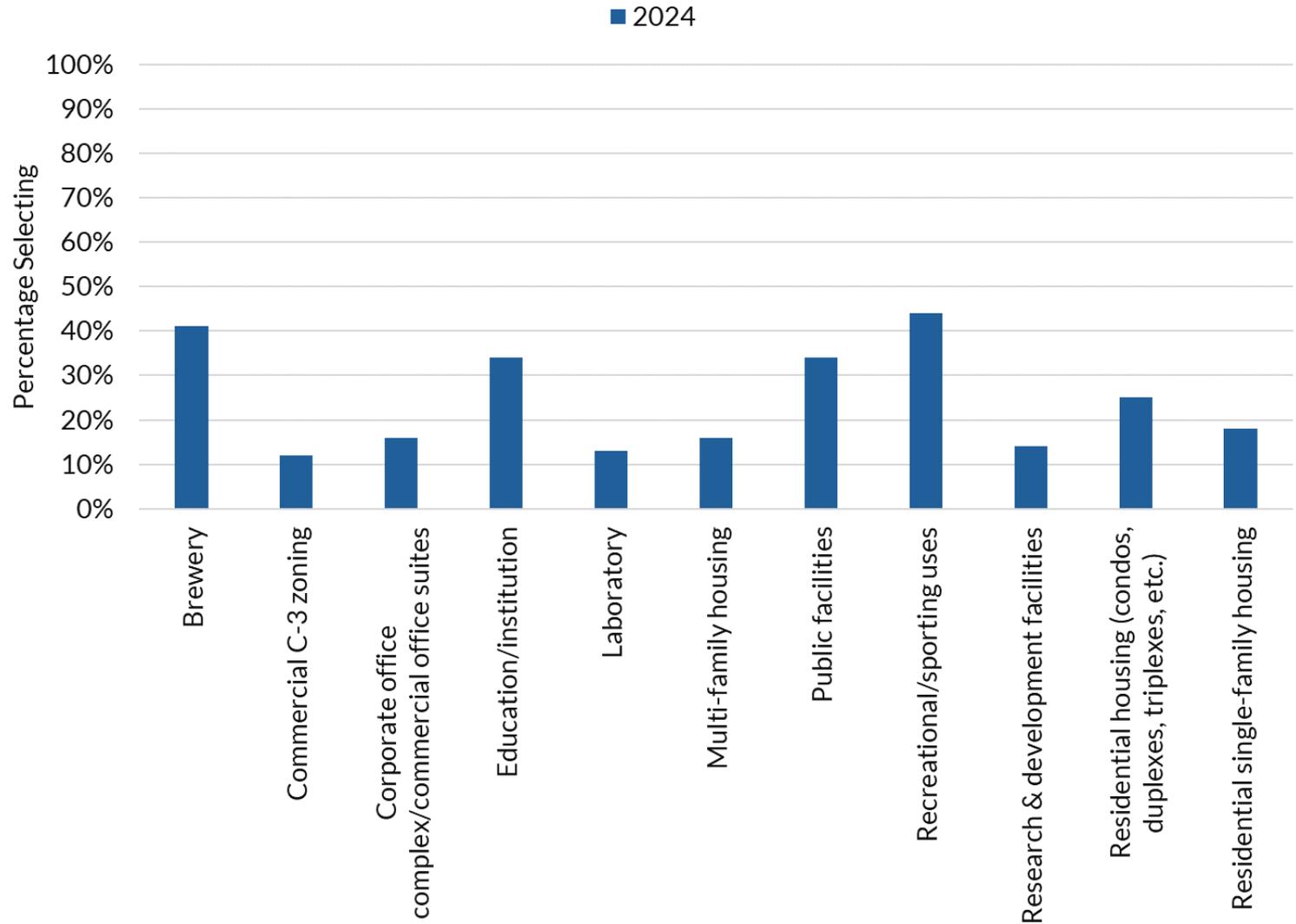
Transportation Infrastructure



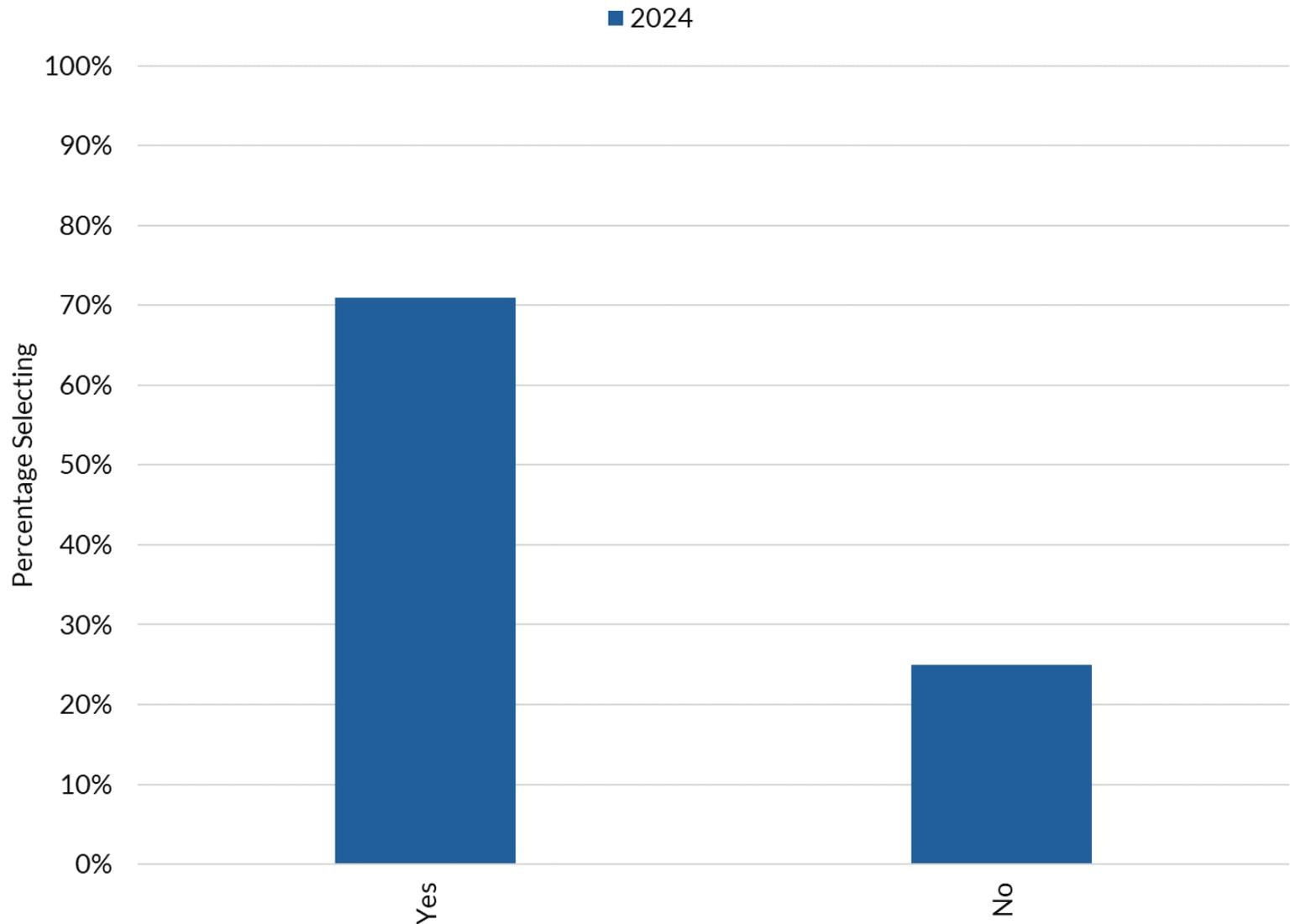
Which community amenities would you like to see added or enhanced in the future?



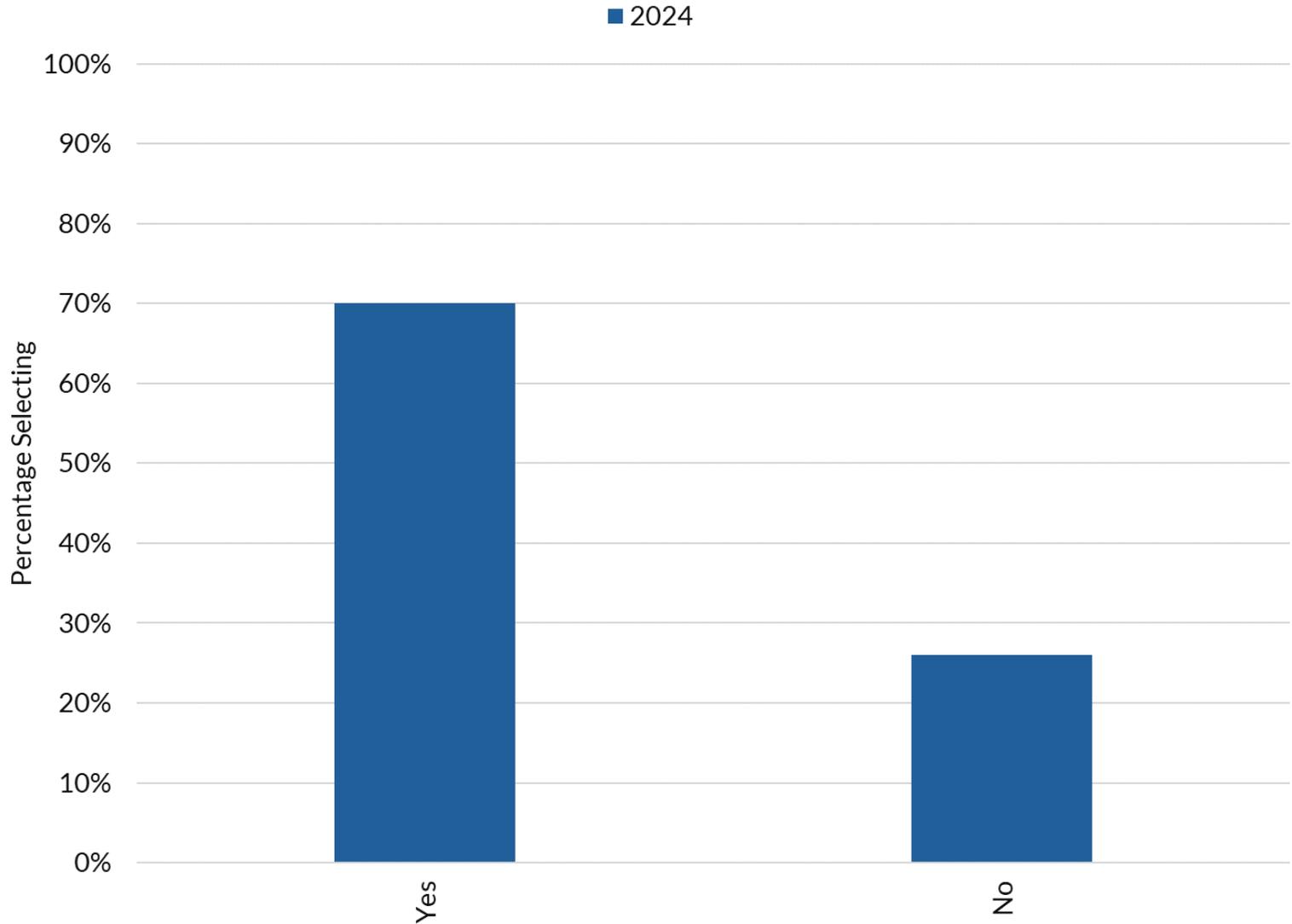
Which of the following zoning uses would you prefer to see in the Meridian Mall?



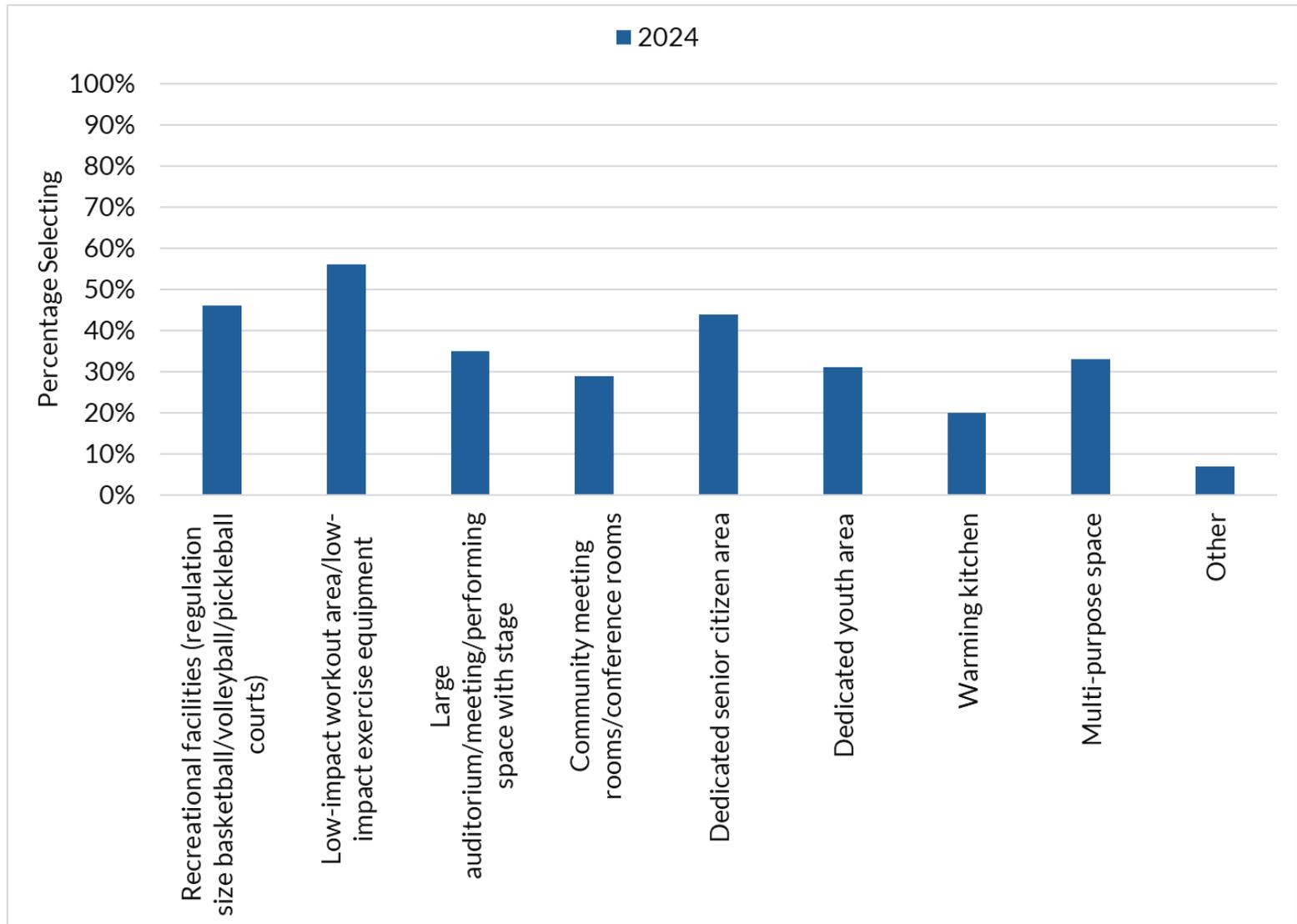
Do you feel Meridian Township would benefit from the addition of a multi-generational community & senior center, re-purposing the Younkers building in the Meridian Mall?



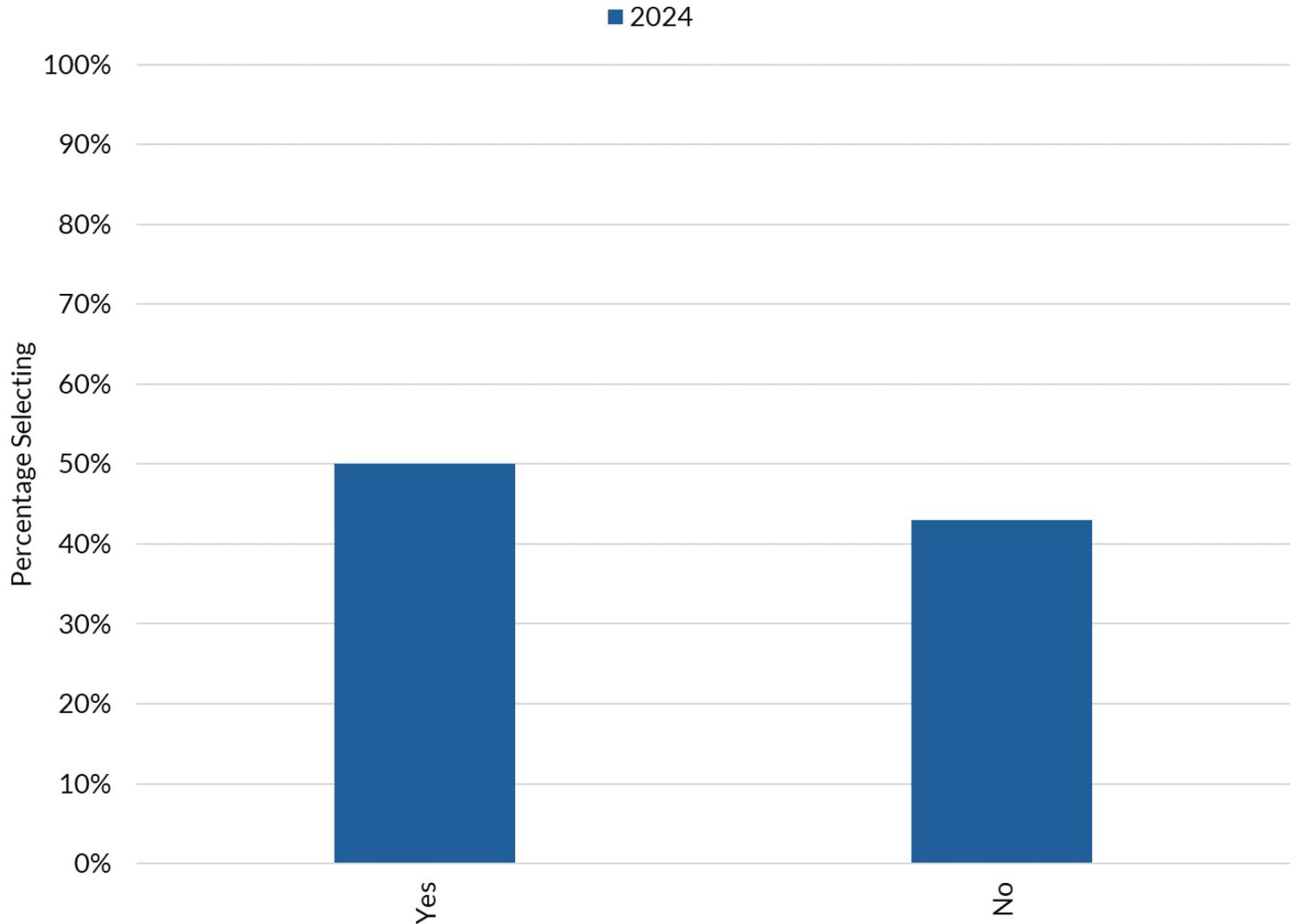
Would you (and your family, if applicable) use a community & senior center if the programs and services met your needs?



What features would you like to see in a community & senior center?



Would you be in support of a local millage to fill the gap in financing?



Questions



9.A

**CONSENT AGENDA
BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS**

From: Scott Hendrickson <[REDACTED]@us>
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 5:10 PM
To: Okelly, Barbara Ann <[REDACTED]>; Board <Board@meridian.mi.us>
Cc: Margaret Frisch <[REDACTED]>; Steve Vagnozzi <[REDACTED]>;
[REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Senior/Community Center Task Force

Good Evening Barbara,

Thank you for your clarification. I had assumed, wrongfully apparently, that you were interested in serving based on the numerous emails that we had shared back and forth over the past few weeks. I'm sorry to hear that you are not, as I had understood you to care deeply about this issue and that you had wanted to be a part of the solution to the matter at hand.

Reviewing the most recent email to you, I had requested to please have the Senior Center Advisory Board reach out to Tim and I with the name of the person that they wish to appoint. I renew that request now and look forward to working with whomever the Advisory Board appoints.

I apologize for the confusion that this has caused!

Scott Hendrickson

Supervisor, Meridian Township

[REDACTED]

5151 Marsh Road | Okemos, MI 48864

From: Okelly, Barbara Ann <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 4:55 PM
To: Board <Board@meridian.mi.us>
Cc: Margaret Frisch <[REDACTED]>; Steve Vagnozzi
<[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>;
[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Senior/Community Center Task Force

Some people who received this message don't often get email from [REDACTED]. [Learn why this is important](#)

Greetings--

In the Board Packet distributed prior to last night's Township Board meeting, I am listed as a member of the newly constituted Community/Senior Center Task Force, and at last night's meeting, regarding the membership of the Task Force, Supervisor Hendrickson stated that, "...we have

reached out to each of these folks, and I believe all of them have agreed to be a part of this...."

I have not been approached about being a member of the Task Force. Had I been approached, I would have refused. I believe that the Advisory Board of the current Meridian Senior Center should be asked to name its representatives—at least two, given (1) that current members of the Senior Center are the stakeholders with the most to lose from the impending demolition and (2) that there are two Task Force members connected with Parks & Recreation, two from our school systems, and three from the broader community.

Please correct the record in this regard.

Barbara O'Kelly (she/her)

[REDACTED]

Okemos, MI 48864

[REDACTED]

From: Michael Grasseschi <[REDACTED]@meridian.mi.us>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 5:36 PM
To: Board <Board@meridian.mi.us>
Subject: use of land preservation money

Dear Meridian Township Board,

At the recent Township Board meeting on September 3, 2024, the board expressed opinions suggesting that Meridian Township may have reached its “maximum capacity” for land preserves. It was noted that there are \$3.4 million in acquisition funds and \$4.3 million in maintenance funds allocated for these preserves.

I hope you agree that it is your duty to *spend* the money that the taxpayers asked you to spend. The taxpayers did not vote to create a pile of money that is not put to use; rather, they voted with the expectation that their contributions would be used for its stated purpose of land preserve maintenance and acquisition.

The board’s opinion appears to overlook the priority that township residents place on land preservation. The concept of a “maximum capacity” for land preserves is not applicable unless there is no additional land available in the future or the funds are exhausted—neither of which is the case.

The township has the opportunity to satisfy the intent of the millage and to significantly enhance the maintenance of these lands by increasing the number of land stewards. By adding just one staff member, the number of land stewards could be doubled! With the \$4.3 million in maintenance funds, why not consider adding *two* more staff members? This option seems to have been overlooked based on the board’s comments.

It is crucial to recognize that the residents of Meridian Township value these land preserves and desire their proper maintenance, which is illustrated by their votes to pay for this. I urge the board to consider these points and take action that aligns with the community’s priorities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Mike Grasseschi

MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP
5151 MARSH ROAD
OKEMOS, MICHIGAN 48864

TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER

DATE: September 20, 2024
TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER #: 1-2024

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| TYPE OF ORDER: TEMPORARY NO PARKING | |
| ROAD NAME(S): LUPINE DRIVE, ASTILBE DRIVE AND HYACINTH STREET | |
| TOWNSHIP: MERIDIAN CHARTER | SECTION: 5 |
| DURATION: September 20, 2024, 6:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m. | |

BY ACTION OF THIS TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER, PARKING IS PROHIBITED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF LUPINE DRIVE BETWEEN HULETT ROAD AND HYACINTH STREET.

PARKING IS PROHIBITED ON THE WEST SIDE OF ASTILBE DRIVE FROM LUPINE DRIVE TO COREOPISIS COURT.

PARKING IS PROHIBITED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF HYACINTH STREET FROM ASTILBE DRIVE TO ROBINS WAY.

**BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE
MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP**

ORDERED BY:



RICK GRILLO, CHIEF OF POLICE

September 9, 2024
DATE

MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP
5151 MARSH ROAD
OKEMOS, MICHIGAN 48864

TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER

DATE: October 4, 2024
TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER #: 2-2024

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| TYPE OF ORDER: TEMPORARY NO PARKING |
| ROAD NAME(S): LUPINE DRIVE, ASTILBE DRIVE AND HYACINTH STREET |
| TOWNSHIP: MERIDIAN CHARTER SECTION: 5 |
| DURATION: October 4, 2024, 6:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m. |

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September 9, 2024
DATE

MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP
5151 MARSH ROAD
OKEMOS, MICHIGAN 48864

TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER

DATE: October 11, 2024
TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER #: 3-2024

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| ROAD NAME(S): LUPINE DRIVE, ASTILBE DRIVE AND HYACINTH STREET | |
| TOWNSHIP: MERIDIAN CHARTER | SECTION: 5 |
| DURATION: October 11, 2024, 6:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m. | |

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RICK GRILLO, CHIEF OF POLICE

September 9, 2024
DATE

MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP
5151 MARSH ROAD
OKEMOS, MICHIGAN 48864

TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER

DATE: October 25, 2024
TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER #: 4-2024

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| TYPE OF ORDER: TEMPORARY NO PARKING | |
| ROAD NAME(S): LUPINE DRIVE, ASTILBE DRIVE AND HYACINTH STREET | |
| TOWNSHIP: MERIDIAN CHARTER | SECTION: 5 |
| DURATION: October 25, 2024, 6:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m. | |

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MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP**

ORDERED BY:



RICK GRILLO, CHIEF OF POLICE

September 9, 2024
DATE



Lansing City Council
124 W. Michigan Ave.
10th Floor City Hall
Lansing, MI 48933

August 15, 2024

Re: BWL's Energy Planning

City Councilmembers,

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SEP 17 2024

Red by Clerk

Meridian Township
Clerk's Office

Producing and delivering electricity at a utility-scale is a delicate balancing act of three equally important and competing elements: (1) Reliability - the production and delivery must reliably coincide with total electric demand at any given moment; (2) Sustainability – electricity production should strive to minimize its use of natural resources and impact on the environment; and (3) Affordability – Electricity is an integral part of our daily lives and our economy and keeping costs down matters. When any one of these three elements is treated as paramount over the others, the balance is lost.

For example, by favoring the Sustainability element over the other two elements, Reliability and Affordability will suffer and the overall balance between the three elements can be lost, resulting in customers suffering less reliable electricity at a higher price. This scenario will play out when any one element is treated as paramount over the others, and the BWL therefore strives to understand the market factors, forecasts, and regulatory requirements applicable to all elements, not simply the one that a particular group may favor as being paramount over the others.

The Reliability of power generation resources is equivalent to its capacity factor. The Energy Information Association (EIA) has assigned the following capacity factors to electric generation resources in Michigan: Solar 21%; Wind 32%, Natural Gas 58.7%, Coal 52.5%, and Nuclear 81%. Renewable energy resources naturally have lower reliability ratings because they depend on wind and sunshine, which are not within a utility's control. In addition to being assigned an overall lower capacity factor, these resources also receive less credit during the season in which they are least productive. For example, Michigan's regional electric system operator, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), awards solar a 50% capacity credit in three seasons, but in winter only a 5% capacity credit. Fossil-fuel fired and nuclear resources, on the other hand, can be directly dispatched by a utility to meet demand consistently in all seasons and are therefore considered more reliable with higher capacity factors and capacity credits assigned.

As to Affordability, renewable resources enjoy a lower cost per Kilowatt-hour (kWh) when the sun shines, or the wind blows, but the Affordability advantage is eroded because the only method of harnessing that electricity beyond its immediate production is to store it immediately after it is generated so it can be delivered when needed. Such storage currently means utility-scale batteries or some other costly mechanism such as building a pump storage facility. Utilities and



environmentalists alike look forward to advances in technology that will allow renewable energy to be stored at a lower cost in sufficient quantities that will meld Reliability, Sustainability, and Affordability into a cohesive balance.

Long-term storage technology, however, has not yet arrived at a competitive scale and cost, nor is it on the immediate horizon. Current long-term storage solutions that can dispatch for 10 to 12 hours are currently still only being deployed at small volumes and in certain locations in the country. Moreover, the suggestion that energy storage technologies are currently ready to replace dispatchable resources such as natural gas plants have not been borne out. When the BWL launched its All-Sources Request for Proposals (RFP) in 2023, it cast the broadest net possible, seeking any and all generation resources to add at least 475 MW of electricity to its portfolio over the coming years. The door was open to any vendor to submit a proposal for *any* energy generation resource that would fit BWL's needs. All storage proposals received were of four-hour duration and all were lithium-ion technology except for one. The BWL is currently pursuing storage options as a valuable new resource and though its discharge can be controlled to address different circumstances, it is by no means capable of managing a significant portion of the BWL's load for any significant period.

These are the reasons why, in a nutshell, utilities continue to build reliable peaking plants that run on natural gas to support Reliability as they build out renewable and storage capacity.

Regarding natural gas, it continues to supplant coal as the dominant fuel of electricity production in Michigan because of lower emissions, more efficient operation, and its reliable and economical supply chain. Nonetheless, when the new renewable and clean energy legislation took effect in Michigan in February 2024, the new definition of clean energy effectively excluded fossil fuel generation, including natural gas, until carbon capture becomes viable. The new law also pushes utilities – technologies permitting – to a carbon-free future in 2040. The BWL began its journey to a renewable future long ago in 2007 when it became the first utility in Michigan to adopt a renewable energy standard. Today renewable energy represents 21% of its retail sales and 375 MWs of additional solar and wind are currently in negotiation because of the All-Sources RFP. Much of this new generation will be sited in the Lansing region using local labor for both construction and long-term maintenance.

The BWL is also well on its way to meeting the targets set by the new legislation with the ultimate goal being a fossil-free future. These new resources will require significant future investments which will be submitted to the BWL's Board of Commissioners for approval at open meetings consistent with, the latest round of new generation resources.

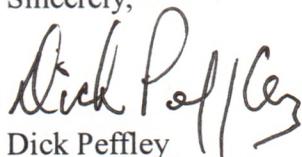
Of course, renewable energy resources are not the only means of reducing the carbon footprint of utilities and their surrounding community. Energy waste reduction is an additional tool to reduce generation and has been part of the BWL's toolbox since 2009. The Hometown Energy Savers® program offers all BWL customers a wide variety of programs and rebates to help them reduce their energy usage and their carbon footprint, which also reduces the amount of electricity the utility must generate, further lowering emissions.



BWL has also recently launched its first demand response program, Peak Power Partner, which allows customers with smart thermostats to participate directly in reducing their electric demand on hot and humid summer days and reducing the need to build future resources to meet peak electric loads.

The goal of eliminating fossil fuels from the repertoire of energy production is shared not only by those with a single-minded agenda to immediately eliminate fossil fuel use, but also by utilities such as the BWL. The time will come when that goal can be achieved without sacrificing Reliability or Affordability in favor of Sustainability, but it is not here yet. In the meantime, the BWL will continue to look out for the best interests of *all* customers with an eye towards new technology options and continued focus on a balanced approach to providing utility services.

Sincerely,



Dick Peffley
General Manager

cc: Mayor Andy Schor
Lansing Board of Water & Light Board of Commissioners
Delhi Charter Township Board of Trustees
Delta Township Board of Trustees
DeWitt Charter Township Board of Trustees
East Lansing City Council
Lansing Township Board of Trustees
Meridian Township Board
Capital Area Friends of the Environment



SANDDS Meridian, LLC
21445 Hoover Rd
Suite 101
Warren, Michigan 48089



August 19, 2024

Meridian Charter Township
Office of the Clerk
5151 Marsh Rd
Okemos, MI 48864

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SEP 17 2024

Meridian Township
Clerk's Office

Via Certified Mail

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by
clerk*

To Whom It May Concern:

In compliance with the Michigan Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA) and the corresponding requirements outlined in the facility license application, I am formally notifying you on behalf of SANDDS Meridian, LLC.

We intend to submit an application for State License to operate a Medical Marihuana Provisioning Center under the name JARS Cannabis. The proposed location for this operation is 3520 Okemos Rd, Ste 10.

Should you require any additional information or specific details for the application process, please feel free to reach out. We appreciate your assistance in facilitating a smooth and efficient licensing procedure.

Sincerely,

Jamie Garmo

EAST LANSING – MERIDIAN WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

2470 BURCHAM DRIVE – EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN 48823

PHONE: (517) 337-7535 FAX: (517) 337-7240

Agenda

September 19, 2024

11:00 A.M.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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JUSTIN GUIGAR
Treasurer

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JOEL MARTINEZ
Operator/Manager

1. Roll call.
2. Approval of minutes of the August 15, 2024 meeting.
A. Motion to approve.
3. Communications.
4. Public Comments.
5. Treasurer's Report.
6. Long Term Planning update.
7. Manager's Report.
A. Expenditure list (Motion to acknowledge).
8. Other Business.
9. Adjournment.

From: Jenn Fiedler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 12:44 PM
To: Samantha Diehl <[REDACTED]>; Deborah Guthrie <[REDACTED]> us>;
[REDACTED]
Cc: Dawson Bishop <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Media release: Meridian Charter Township treasurer appointed to Michigan Townships Association Board of Directors



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
CONTACT: Jennifer Fiedler, Director of Communications
(517) 321-6467 | jenn@michigantownships.org

Meridian Charter Township treasurer appointed to Michigan Townships Association Board of Directors

Phil Deschaine, who has served as Meridian Charter Township (Ingham Co.) treasurer since 2018, has been appointed to the Michigan Townships Association (MTA) Board of Directors. Deschaine will serve the MTA Board as director of MTA District 20, which encompasses Eaton, Clinton and Ingham Counties.

MTA represents more than 99% of Michigan's 1,240 townships and is the largest municipal association in the state. "I truly have a passion for township governance," Deschaine said. "I am very committed to serving my fellow MTA members and working together to be effective township leaders. I am a proud member of MTA and would like to help it continue to thrive in the decades ahead."

Deschaine is as an advanced certified public funds investment manager, through the Association of Public Treasurers of the U.S. and Canada, and a Michigan certified professional treasurer, through the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association. A graduate of MTA's Township Governance Academy, he served two years as township trustee before being appointed treasurer. He has also served on the Meridian Charter Township Park Commission, zoning board of appeals, election commission and transportation commission.

In addition, he is secretary of the Ingham County MTA Chapter, secretary-treasurer of the Capital Area Transportation Authority, and past president of Kiwanis Club of Haslett & Okemos and Rotary Club of Haslett & Okemos.

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The Michigan Townships Association advances local democracy by fostering township leadership and public policy essential for a strong and vibrant Michigan.



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY
LEGAL AD NOTICE: NOTICE OF REGISTRATION
FOR THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024, ELECITON**

To the qualified electors of the Meridian Township:

Please take notice that Meridian Township will hold the Presidential Election on November 5, 2024

For the purposes of nominating candidates for the following office:

- Electors of President and Vice President of the United States
 - United States Senator
 - Representative in Congress
 - State Legislature Representative
 - Member of the State Board of Education
 - Regent of the University of Michigan
 - Trustee of Michigan State University
 - Governor of Wayne State University
 - County Prosecuting Attorney
 - County Sheriff
 - County Clerk
 - County Treasurer
 - County Register of Deeds
 - County Drain Commissioner
 - County Commissioner
 - Township Supervisor
 - Township Clerk
 - Township Treasurer
 - Township Trustee
 - Park Commissioner
 - Justice of Supreme Court
 - Judge of Court of Appeals
 - Judge of Circuit Court
 - Judge of Probate Court
 - Board of Trustees Member Lansing Community College
 - Ingham County Housing and Homeless Millage
 - Ingham County Lodging Excise Tax Increase
 - Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA) Millage Renewal Proposition
- PRECINCT 1-5**
- Board Member Haslett Public Schools
- PRECINCT 6-17, 20-21**
- Board Member Okemos Public Schools
- PRECINCT 18-19**
- Board Member East Lansing Public Schools
- PRECINCT 22**
- Board Member Williamston Community Schools

The full text of Ballot Proposals and sample ballots can be found at www.mi.gov/vote or can be viewed at the Meridian Township Clerk's Office, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864.

Any qualified elector who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the Meridian Township Clerk, the office of Ingham County Clerk, a Secretary of State Branch Office, or other designated state agency. Qualified electors who have a valid Michigan driver's license or state ID, may register online at www.mi.gov/vote. Registration forms may be obtained at www.mi.gov/vote and mailed or dropped off at the office of the Meridian Township Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.mi.gov/vote.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the Meridian Township Clerk's Office is Monday, October 21, 2024. After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector must register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the following locations and times:

Meridian Township Clerk's Office - 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Additional Hours: October 26th and 27th, November 2nd and 3rd from 8am-4pm
Regular Business Hours: Monday-Friday from 8 am-5 pm



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ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS:

Any registered voter may request an Absent Voter Ballot. No reason required. The Meridian Township Clerk's Office must have a signed application to issue an Absent Voter Ballot. You may apply online at www.mi.gov/vote or at the Meridian Township Clerk's Office.

November 4, 2024, at 4 pm is the deadline to request an absentee ballot, except for those who register to vote on Election Day. Ballots issued on November 4, 2024, must be requested and voted in person at the Meridian Township Clerk's Office. Those registering to vote on Election Day, November 5, 2024, are eligible to receive an Absent Voter Ballot at the Meridian Township Clerk's Office.

EARLY VOTING CENTER

All qualified electors in the Meridian Township Clerk's Office have the right to mark a ballot and tabulate their ballot beginning the second Saturday before an election and ending the Sunday before the election. For the November 5, 2024, election, the Early Voting Center will be held at the Meridian Township Municipal Building – 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864, beginning on Saturday, October 26, 2024 – Sunday, November 3, 2024. The Early Voting Center is open 8:00am – 5:00pm.

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**Deborah Guthrie
Meridian Township Clerk**



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY
LEGAL AD NOTICE: Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds,
CHILL Grant

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds,
CDBG Housing Improving Local Livability (CHILL) Grant, For Tiered Projects and Programs

Date of Publication: September 25, 2024

Charter Township of Meridian
5151 Marsh Road
Okemos, MI 48864
517.853.4000

On or after October 2, 2024, **the** Charter Township of Meridian **will submit a request to the** Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) **for the release of** CDBG Housing Improving Local Livability (CHILL) **funds under** Title 1 **of the** Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383 as amended 42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq., **to undertake the following project:**

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Meridian Charter Township's CDBG Housing Increasing Local Livability Grant

Purpose: The primary goal is to assist low- and moderate-income households within the determined target areas of Towar Gardens and Core Haslett, with their housing repair and improvement needs. Housing assisted through this program will be restored to a good, and safe condition. Eligible renovation activities may include correction of code compliance violations, major housing components that may need replacement within five (5) years, items to make the house energy efficient and less costly to the participant, and necessary accessibility improvements.

Rather than build out an internal team and stand up a new program, the Township intends to contract implementation of the program to Capital Area Housing Partnership (CAHP). CAHP is very experienced in this field and will oversee administrative aspects of program implementation including participant outreach, eligibility determination, creation of work specification and necessary bid documentation, contractor selection and oversight, and program reporting as necessary. The Township will be responsible for oversight of the program parameters.

The Township is targeting areas that we know have more persons of low to moderate income means, neighborhoods that have older housing, and areas that have a higher-than-average number of code enforcement issues, which can lead towards degradation in the quality of housing. We will leverage a portion of the Township ARPA allocation to pay for the third party administration of the grant, ensuring that all of the MSHDA funding will be put towards actual construction costs for homeowners.



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The purpose of this project is to bring 12 single-family homes up to code within the Towar Gardens and Core Haslett neighborhoods in Meridian Township, utilizing the \$480,000 we were awarded and an additional \$86,400 in local funding for grant administration. The project scope will not include any new construction or change the footprints of the existing homes.

Location: The project locations are the Core Haslett and Towar Garden neighborhoods, in the northern part of Meridian Township. Specific addresses will be assessed in the site specific reviews.

Project/Program Description: After applications from homeowners are received (first come, first served basis), project sites will be selected based off eligibility. The funding will allow selected homeowners to make critical repairs that meet code standards, resulting in safer and more secure homes for residents. **Tier 2 site specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not addressed in the tier 1 broad review for each address under this program when addresses become known.**

Level of Environmental Review Citation: 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(i)

Tier 2 Site Specific Review: The site specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review: Flood Insurance, Floodplain Management, Wetlands Protection, Contamination and Toxic Substances, Historic Preservation – SHPO, Noise Abatement and Control, Environmental Justice, Asbestos, Lead Based Paint and Radon

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any): Each site will be reviewed and tested as necessary and when applicable. Any findings of these reports will be addressed in accordance with MSHDA, EPA, OSHA and HUD requirements.

Estimated Project Cost: \$480,000 in HUD CDBG funds, \$86,400 in local match

The activity/activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements per 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(i). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Charter Township of Meridian, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Charter Township of Meridian's Clerk's Office. All comments received by Wednesday, October 2, 2024 will be considered by the Charter Township of Meridian prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Charter Township of Meridian certifies to MSHDA that Tim Schmitt, Certifying Officer, in his capacity as Interim Township Manager consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal



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Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. MSHDA's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Charter Township of Meridian to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

MSHDA will accept objections to its release of fund and the Charter Township of Meridian's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Charter Township of Meridian; (b) the Charter Township of Meridian has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by MSHDA; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to MSHDA at 735 E. Michigan Ave, PO Box 30044, Lansing, MI 48909. Potential objectors should contact MSHDA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Tim Schmitt, Interim Township Manager, **Certifying Officer**

Materials related to the request are available for viewing in the Department of Community Planning and Development office (5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, 48864), Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm, or on the Township website at the following location: www.meridian.mi.us/about-us/departments/community-planning-development. Written comments may be sent prior to October 2 to Charter Township of Meridian, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan, 48864, or by email to massie@meridian.mi.us.

**Publish: City Pulse
September 25, 2024**

**Deborah Guthrie
Township Clerk**

1 Affidavit, please



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 13, 2024

CONTACT: Dan Opsommer, Deputy Township Manager
517.853.4440 | opsommer@meridian.mi.us

Meridian Township Announces Opening of Phase II of the MSU to Lake Lansing Trail
Phase II Will Open to the Public on September 14

Meridian Township, MI – Phase II of the MSU to Lake Lansing Trail will officially open to the public on Saturday, September 14.

Phase I of the trail opened on December 8, 2023, and construction for Phase II began in August 2023.

“We are very excited to announce the opening of Phase II,” said Deputy Township Manager Dan Opsommer. “I want to thank Ingham County for their generous financial support of this project. Now that Phase II is complete, users will have an easy, safe, and enjoyable option for non-motorized travel between the MSU Campus and Lake Lansing Park South, along approximately five miles of connected pathways and trails.”

Phase II is approximately 1.2 miles long and begins at the Grand River Avenue and Campus Hill Drive intersection and concludes just south of the Okemos Road and Gaylord C. Smith Court intersection. The scenic portion of the trail that takes users along the Okemos Road Preserve was constructed using recycled asphalt millings from Meridian Township’s Local Roads Program.

Pedestrians and bicyclists will use the Township’s existing pathway system to get from the Grand River Avenue and Park Lake Road intersection, where Phase I ends, to the Grand River Avenue and Campus Hill Drive intersection, where Phase II begins.

From the northern end of Phase II on Okemos Road, users will be able to use the existing 10-foot-wide pathway on the east side of Okemos Road to reach the Inter Urban Trail. The Township widened this half-mile stretch of the Okemos Road pathway for the MSU to Lake Lansing Trail in 2021. Users can then take the existing 1.1-mile Inter Urban Trail from Okemos Road to Marsh Road.

The estimated cost of construction for Phase II is \$730,000. This phase was funded by the Ingham County Trails and Parks Millage and the Township Pathway Millage.

The Township is currently working to acquire the land and create the design for Phase III. The anticipated opening of Phase III will be announced once all land has been acquired and the project is ready to proceed to construction. Phase III is the final phase of the MSU to Lake Lansing Trail and will provide a trail route from Marsh Road, just south of Haslett Road, all the way to Lake Lansing Park North in the northeast corner of the Township.

Once all three phases are completed, the MSU to Lake Lansing Trail will provide residents with approximately 6.75 miles of trail system, which will enhance the region’s trail system by connecting to the MSU and Lansing River Trails.

For more information, contact the Department of Public Works at 517.853.4440 or email dpw@meridian.mi.us.

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Please Join Us for a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for

Phase II of the MSU to Lake Lansing Trail

Friday, September 20, 2024 | 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

North end of Campus Hill Apartments
5033 Campus Hill Drive, Okemos, MI 48864
(Please see reverse side for parking information)

Phase II is approximately 1.2 miles long and starts on the northeast corner of the Grand River Avenue and Campus Hill Drive intersection. The Phase II trailhead is formerly the northbound vehicular drive of Campus Hill Drive. The trail then takes users through the scenic views of the Township's Okemos Road Land Preserve. This scenic portion of the trail was constructed using recycled asphalt millings from the Township's Local Roads Program. Phase II concludes at the Okemos Road and Gaylord C. Smith Court intersection where users can then take the newly widened pathway on the east side of Okemos Road to get to the Inter Urban Trail.

Once all three phases are completed, the MSU to Lake Lansing Trail will provide residents with approximately 6.75 miles of trail system, which will enhance the region's trail system by connecting to the MSU and Lansing River Trails.

For those who wish to participate, we will be walking the full length of Phase II at the conclusion of the ribbon cutting ceremony.





Parking Areas



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Location

Ceremony guests can park in the parking lot at the north end of Campus Hill Apartments.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 18, 2024

CONTACT: Deborah Guthrie, Township Clerk
517.853.4324 | guthrie@meridian.mi.us

Meridian Township Recognizes National Voter Registration Month
Residents Encouraged to Register to Vote Ahead of 2024 General Election

Meridian Township, MI – With less than two months remaining before the general election on November 5, Meridian Township is recognizing National Voter Registration Month, encouraging all qualified residents to learn more about voter registration, state requirements, and deadlines for voting in the election.

To be eligible to register to vote in Michigan, an individual must:

- Be a Michigan resident.
- Be a United States citizen.
- Be 17.5 years of age and 18 years of age by Election Day to vote (eligible 16- and 17-year-olds can pre-register to vote).
- Not be currently serving a sentence in jail or prison.

Any qualified resident of Meridian Township who is not already registered to vote may do so through any of the following options:

- In person at the Meridian Township Clerk's Office (5151 Marsh Road, Okemos) or the Ingham County Clerk's Office (341 South Jefferson Street, Mason).
- Online at the Michigan Voter Information Center: www.michigan.gov/VoterRegistration.
- By mail to the Meridian Township Clerk's Office using the following mailing address: Deborah Guthrie, Meridian Township Clerk, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864. A printable voter registration application is available at www.michigan.gov/VoterRegistration.
- To any of Meridian Township's drop box locations. A printable voter registration application is available at www.michigan.gov/VoterRegistration. Drop box locations include:
 - Municipal Building: 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos (inside)
 - Municipal Building: 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos (outside)
 - Haslett Library: 1590 Franklin Street, Haslett (outside)
 - Okemos Library: 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos (outside)

Registration within 14 days of an election must be completed in person at the Meridian Township Clerk's Office.

At their September 17 meeting, which took place on National Voter Registration Day, the Meridian Township Board passed a resolution recognizing National Voter Registration Month.

For questions, contact the Meridian Township Clerk's Office at 517.853.4300 or ClerksOffice@meridian.mi.us.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 20, 2024

CONTACT: Scott Hendrickson, Township Supervisor
hendrickson@meridian.mi.us

Meridian Township Senior/Community Center Task Force Meetings to Resume
Meetings to Take Place In-Person with Alternate Viewing Options Available

Meridian Township, MI – Residents interested in learning more about a potential senior/community center in Meridian Township will have the opportunity beginning this fall as the Senior/Community Task Force will hold its first meeting following a restructuring of the Task Force.

The Task Force's first meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 24, at 6:00 pm in the Meridian Township Municipal Building at 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. A schedule for future meetings will be set at this meeting.

Residents may attend this public meeting in-person or watch at the following options:

- Comcast Channel 21
- <https://meridianmi.new.swagit.com/views/200/live>
- HOMETV YouTube

Meeting agendas and minutes will appear at the Senior/Community Center Task Force page on the Meridian Township website: www.meridian.mi.us/SCCTaskForce.

"Our seniors have long enjoyed our Senior Center, and they deserve to continue to have a place to gather and enjoy," said Meridian Township Supervisor Scott Hendrickson. "With the anticipated demolition of the current center in just a few years, this Task Force will be focused on ensuring that our seniors have a facility in our community that is befitting Meridian Township's high standards. The goal of this Task Force will be to put forward two proposals, one for a standalone Senior Center and one for a joint Senior/Community Center for the Board to consider by April of next year."

The Senior/Community Center Task Force formed in 2023 as a part of one of the Township Board's Top 5 Goals to replace the Meridian Senior Center and explore the possibility of incorporating a community center for all ages. Between 2023 and 2024, the Task Force held regular meetings and developed a concept for a potential center.

In August 2024, the Task Force proposed language for a millage to appear on the August 2024 ballot, which was ultimately not passed by the Township Board. Following input from the community on the potential millage and concept plan, the Task Force reformed with new members.

Questions or concerns about the Task Force or potential Senior/Community Center may be directed to the Task Force at scctaskforce@meridian.mi.us.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 25, 2024

CONTACT: Emma Campbell, Land Stewardship Coordinator
517.853.4614 | ecampbell@meridian.mi.us

Meridian Township Deer Management Program to Begin October 1 *Program Continues for 13th Consecutive Year*

Meridian Township, MI – In an effort to lessen vehicle-deer accidents, public health risks, and disruptions to the ecological balance of Meridian Township’s natural areas, the Township’s Deer Management Program, which reduces local overpopulation of white-tailed deer, will begin October 1 for the regular 2024 archery season.

The 2024 Deer Management Plan will be carried out using the following procedures:

- The archery portion of deer management takes place between October 1, 2024, and January 1, 2025.
- This year's program will take place on 44 Township-owned properties and 27 approved private properties.
- **The managed harvest is NOT open to the general public.** Participants include 67 qualified, experienced, and volunteer hunters who are familiar with the area. All registered hunters attend the required training, perform safety checks, and complete a proficiency test with their equipment.
- Program volunteers utilize archery hunting only.
- Entrances to designated hunting properties are posted to advise visitors of management.
- Michigan State University researchers will conduct a research study coinciding with the Deer Management Program to gather more information on the white-tailed deer and tick population in the Township. More information about this study is provided in this release.

“We are working closely with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to help reduce the population of urban deer for a safer community and healthier deer herd,” said Emma Campbell, Land Stewardship Coordinator. “Due to the program’s increased effectiveness since 2020, we have seen a 36% decrease in car-deer collisions, achieving a key goal.”

Each year, Meridian Township staff receive frequent communications from residents regarding deer overpopulation, risks when traveling due to vehicle-deer accidents, and public health. In response, Meridian Township developed a Deer Management Plan that outlines measures for a highly managed program to harvest white-tailed deer in high-traffic areas throughout the Township. Neighbors of the properties that will be managed received notification about the harvest. All parks and land preserves remain open to the public during this time.

Continuing the organized practice from previous years, venison collected in this program will be donated to local food banks through a collaboration with the MDNR. The MDNR covers the cost of all venison processing. In 2023, a similar collaboration with Michigan Sportsman Against Hunger enabled the archery program to provide 6,156 lbs. of venison (24,624 meals) to 15 local food banks.

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September 25, 2024

CONTACT: Emma Campbell, Land Stewardship Coordinator
517.853.4614 | ecampbell@meridian.mi.us

To find more information on Meridian Township's 2024 Deer Management Program, visit <http://www.meridian.mi.us/DeerManagement> or call 517.853.4600.

Michigan State University Deer Research Project

Michigan State University (MSU) researchers Dr. Matthew Buchholz, Dr. Jean Tsao, and Dr. Henry (Rique) Campa have partnered with Meridian Township to conduct a research study to assess the feasibility of using a food-based delivery method to administer medication to control ticks on deer. This project seeks to reduce the burden of ticks on white-tailed deer and subsequently reduce the risk of Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases.

During this collaboration, the research group will assess the potential to use the food-based delivery method by providing deer with a food product containing a placebo in parks and other public lands. The goals for this year's Deer Management Program are for the team to assess white-tailed deer activity and consumption rates of this alfalfa-based medication delivery method.

The placebo included in the alfalfa-based delivery units, Rhodamine B, is not an active drug. Rhodamine B is being used in this study as it enables the research team to identify deer that have consumed the units with a distinguishable pink color it leaves around its mouth and whiskers.

For more information on the MSU deer research project, contact Dr. Matthew Buchholz at FW.deertickresearch@msu.edu or visit: <http://www.meridian.mi.us/DeerManagement>.

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Meridian Heritage Festival Brings History to Life
Friends of Historic Meridian to Host Annual Event

Meridian Township, MI – History comes alive during the Heritage Festival on Saturday, October 5, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Meridian Historical Village (5151 Marsh Road, Okemos).

Visitors will enjoy a family-friendly celebration of Meridian Township’s history with a day of demonstrations, entertainment, vintage baseball, and more. Admission to the event is free and most of the historical buildings will be open to the public beginning at 10:15 am.

Schedule of Events:

- 10:00 am | Welcoming Ceremony
- 10:15 am to 4:00 pm | Demonstrations and Exhibits
 - Antique Boat Display, Meridian Garden Club Backyard Gardeners, Capital Area District Libraries (CADL), Crossroads Basket Weavers, Red Cedar Wood Carvers, and more.
- 10:15 am to 3:45 pm | Children’s Activities
 - Wristbands available in the General Store for \$3 per child or \$5 per family (cash, credit card, or check accepted). Activities include cornhole toss, ring toss, stilt walking, pumpkin decorating, and doughnuts on a string.
- 10:15 am to 3:45 pm | Catch and Release Fishing
 - Equipment provided, but participants can bring their own.
- 10:00 am to 4:00 pm | Nokomis Cultural Heritage Center Open
- 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm | Vintage Baseball Game at Central Park (Lansing Capitals vs. Chelsea Monitors)

Food Vendors:

- Gator’s Grill
- Anishnabe Meejim
- Kona Ice
- Water and popcorn available for \$1 each

To learn more about the Friends of Historic Meridian, visit www.meridianhistoricalvillage.org. For questions, please call the Meridian Historical Village at 517.347.7300.

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**CONSENT AGENDA
PROPOSED BOARD MINUTES**

PROPOSED MOTION:

- (1) Move to approve and ratify the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 17, 2024 as submitted. (1)**

ALTERNATE MOTION:

- (1) Move to approve and ratify the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 17, 2024 with the following amendment(s):[insert amendments]**

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
REGULAR MEETING TOWNSHIP BOARD -DRAFT-
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198
517.853.4000, Township Hall Room
Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 6:00 pm

PRESENT: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustee McCurtis,
Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise

ABSENT: Trustee Wilson (arrived 7:02)

STAFF: Interim Manager Schmitt, Chief Grillo, Manager Diehl, Deputy Manager Opsommer,
Director Clark, Director Wisinski, Stewardship Coordinator Campbell, Director Tithof,
Human Services Specialist Love, Director Ianni

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Hendrickson called the September 17, 2024, Regular Township Board meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor Hendrickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Deputy Clerk Gordon called the roll of the Board. Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustee McCurtis, Trustee Sundland, and Trustee Trezise present at 6:00 pm.

Trustee Wilson absent.

4. PRESENTATION

A. 2024 Meridian Township Deer Management Program

Stewardship Coordinator Campbell gave an overview of the program and detailed the plan for 2024.

Trustee McCurtis asked for the estimated population of deer in the Township. Coordinator Campbell stated that MDNR biologists estimate between 800-1,100 deer in the Township, that there should be approximately 20 deer per square mile which means that the Township should have around 650 deer and explained the difficulty of estimating deer populations. She explained that the management plan tracks information about where deer are encountered to determine the number of deer to be harvested.

Clerk Guthrie asked who initiates deer management on private properties. Coordinator Campbell explained that the Township sends letters to residents to ask if they would like to allow a hunter on their property and when a resident responds, the property is analyzed to determine if it is suitable.

Treasurer Deschaine commented that there are high populations of deer in the neighborhood and stated that the numbers seem to be getting lower in the land preserves and parks. Coordinator Campbell concurred and explained that the management plan reviews previous year's data to determine locations to harvest and that staff are open to creative means of controlling deer in areas where it isn't safe to hunt. She also stated that residents can choose different landscaping to help reduce deer populations in their neighborhoods and explained the pressure on deer populations created by development.

Trustee McCurtis asked for details regarding how residents are notified that a hunt is occurring. Coordinator Campbell indicated that the program sends letters to neighboring residents, publishes press releases, utilizes the Township website, and posts signs at the parks and preserves that are being hunted in order to notify residents of the presence of archers. In addition, the archers are required to post identification on their vehicles when they are present in an area.

5. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Hendrickson opened comments from the public at 6:27 pm.

Jane Southwell, Township resident, spoke about the need for maintenance and upkeep at River Side Cemetery and provided pictures for the record.

Ellen Portnoy, Township resident, spoke in opposition to the proposal for the Senior Center Advisory Committee.

Steven Vagnozzi, Township resident, spoke in opposition to the proposal for the Senior Center Advisory Committee.

Supervisor Hendrickson closed comments from the public at 6:37 pm.

6. INTERIM TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT

Interim Manager Schmitt gave updates about the following:

- MSU to Lake Lansing Phase II is open and is being heavily used and the official ribbon cutting is Friday, September 20.
- 2025 Road Projects that have been pulled forward will be done at the end of the month which puts the project ahead of schedule.
- Deputy Manager Opsommer and Director Clark have been working on the Haslett Village Square project.
- Sergeant McCready retired, and a new police officer, James Spencer, was sworn in today.
- The Fire Department has done their annual physical fitness test, which Manager Schmitt participated in and passed.

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Sundland attended the Michigan Municipal League Convention 2024 and had an opportunity to speak with other municipal leaders about many topics, in particular using technology and how to develop thriving communities.

Clerk Guthrie stated that it is National Voter Registration Day and the Township has received around 150 voter registration applications since the first announcement. She gave information about how to register to vote and apply for an absent ballot, and updated the Board with current voter data.

Treasurer Deschaine reminded residents that the Recycling Event is at Meridian Mall on Saturday, September 21. He gave details about how the waste is managed and recommended use of the recycling center for residents who cannot attend the Recycling Event.

Trustee Trezise remarked that the Rotary Luncheon was well attended and complemented Chief Grillo and Chief Hamel for their presentations.

Supervisor Hendrickson reported that the DDA is working on replacing the sign that was taken down when the bridge in Okemos was replaced.

8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Treasurer Deschaine moved to approve the Agenda. Supported by Trustee McCurtis.

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustee McCurtis, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 6-0

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor Hendrickson listed the items on the agenda.

Clerk Guthrie gave a brief overview of the resolutions to Support National Voter Registration Month and to Commemorate Constitution Week.

Trustee Trezise moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the appropriate amendments. Supported by Trustee McCurtis.

ROLL CALL VOTE YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustee McCurtis, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 6-0

10. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY

NONE

11. HEARINGS

NONE

12. ACTION ITEMS

A. 2025 Township Budget

Interim Manager Schmitt gave an overview of discussions that have occurred and detailed the changes made because of those discussions. He gave answers to the questions Board

members had regarding individual line items. He recommended eliminating the line item in the fee chart for cemetery deed buy-back because there is no current process for doing that work.

Trustee Trezise stated the need for a Utility Billing Supervisor. Trustee Deschaine concurred. Interim Manager Schmitt stated that he will proceed in determining the amount required to support the request for a Utility Billing supervisor and offered to bring a plan for an amendment for the 2024 budget if necessary. Treasurer Deschaine and Trustee Trezise indicated their support. Clerk Guthrie asked for clarification as to whether the motion on the table is for an amendment to 2024 budget or of the motion is to include the position in the 2025 budget. Supervisor Hendrickson clarified that this motion is to add to the 2025 budget a Utility Billing supervisor, which will need to be brought as an amendment to the 2025 budget, and that there has been additional discussion about bringing forward an amendment for the 2024 budget.

At 7:02, Trustee Wilson arrived.

Trustee Trezise moved to add another employee, a supervisor in utility collections. Supported by Treasurer Deschaine.

VOICE VOTE YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustee McCurtis, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, Trustee Wilson

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 7-0

Trustee Trezise moved to strike the cemetery buy-back fee from the 2025 budget. Supported by Trustee McCurtis.

VOICE VOTE YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustee McCurtis, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, Trustee Wilson

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 7-0

Trustee Wilson asked for more information regarding the cost of the RFP for the proposed cricket pitch. Interim Manager Schmitt clarified that the discussion was left that the budgeted amount would remain until a RFP has been prepared and responses received, then have the conversation about the amount to be spent. Supervisor Hendrickson added that the State has recently assisted with funding for another community's cricket pitch.

Trustee Wilson moved to adopt the resolution approving the 2025 recommended Budget with the changes discussed by the Board at the September 3, 2024 Budget Public Hearing meeting and the amendments made at the September 17, 2024 meeting. Supported by Trustee Trezise.

ROLL CALL VOTE YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustee McCurtis, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 7-0

B. Township Manager Review Process

Supervisor Hendrickson gave an overview of the process and the discussion that has occurred to date. He indicated that there are more updates recommended for the evaluation form and asked the Board to consider tabling this item until October 1st, 2024.

Trustee Wilson moved to table the Manager Review Process as presented and adopt the Township Manager Review Form to the October 1st, 2024 meeting. Supported by Clerk Guthrie

VOICE VOTE

YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustee McCurtis, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, Trustee Wilson

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 7-0

13. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Board Policy Update

Clerk Guthrie briefed the Board on the work that has occurred to date. She directed Board Members to highlighted parts of the draft document to see where changes have been made from the current documents. Trustee Trezise added that it would be appropriate to review the goals and mission statements from the old to make them more timely for 2025, but they were omitted from the draft because they are items that should be reviewed every few years and reviewed by the entire Board instead of a subcommittee. Trustee Wilson concurred with Trustee Trezise.

Treasurer Deschaine asked how an ethics policy will be addressed and asked to add “to the residents of Meridian Township” at the end of the fiduciary responsibility statement. Clerk Guthrie explained that the personnel policy includes ethics and that all staff and elected officials are expected to adhere to that policy. Trustee Trezise stated that a reference to the ethics policy can be included.

Treasurer Deschaine suggested a signature page be added to the end of the document, to be signed by Board Members and retained in records.

Trustee Wilson asked for clarity regarding the highlighted statements. Clerk Guthrie gave details about how the highlighted areas reflect the changes made. Trustee Wilson asked for a copy without the highlights and strikethroughs for ease of reading. Supervisor Hendrickson concurred.

Trustee Wilson asked that the first sentence under Rule and Authority of the Board be rewritten for clarity. Supervisor Hendrickson and Clerk Guthrie indicated that it can be rewritten.

Supervisor Hendrickson and Trustee Trezise suggested keeping the mission and vision statements in the document and taking up discussion for a revision at a later date.

Supervisor Hendrickson asked for clarity regarding disciplinary action to hold Board Members accountable, or to remove the statement from the document. Trustee Trezise indicated that he is only aware of disciplinary action through the State. Clerk Guthrie suggested striking that component. Supervisor Hendrickson concurred.

Supervisor Hendrickson asked to add nuance to Rule 1, Number 8 in order to ensure that the Supervisor does not become an unintentional barrier to another Board Member seeking access to the Township attorney. Treasurer Deschaine suggested allowing Township Clerk and Township Treasurer to request access through the Township Manager for items that arise during the working day.

Supervisor Hendrickson suggested removing the portions that detail the Open Meetings Act and replace them with statements that defer to the Open Meetings Act.

Supervisor Hendrickson expressed his concern regarding number 6 of the Procedures for Establishing Board Meetings. He would prefer to see a list of the school boards, bordering municipalities, and county authorities that Board Members will meet with in order to keep Board Members from being stretched too thin for ability to meet this requirement.

Supervisor Hendrickson asked that the last statement of Rule 5 eliminate "maximum one hour". Clerk Guthrie indicated that can be struck from the document.

Supervisor Hendrickson asked that the agenda still be physically posted as well as online.

Supervisor Hendrickson asked for an explanation for the Agenda Planning section. Treasurer Deschaine suggested that the language change from "annual agenda" to annual goal setting"

Supervisor Hendrickson stated that the attorneys have stated that there needs to be a temporary Clerk and suggested adding that to Rule 6.

Treasurer Deschaine asked if there are time limits for Board discussions, in reference to "Disorderly Conduct." He indicated that it has not been an issue with the current Board, but it has been an issue in the past. Trustee Wilson stated that it would be difficult and seems arbitrary. Trustee Trezise referred to "motion to call the question" in Roberts Rules of Order. Treasurer Deschaine stated that that motion would end discussion entirely, disallowing other Board Members to speak. Supervisor Hendrickson suggested researching regulatory framework to look for a way to address the issue.

Supervisor Hendrickson asked for closed session minutes procedure be revised to ensure that closed session minutes are being reviewed and approved before being sealed.

Trustee Wilson noted that conflicts of interest are not limited to financial conflicts and she would like to see the statement "with respect to their fiduciary responsibility" stricken so as to include all conflicts of interest.

Clerk Guthrie stated that the attorneys have not seen this document yet, that she wanted to bring it for Board Discussion first. She will bring a clean copy to the next meeting. She thanked Trustee Trezise and Director Tithof for their work on the document.

B. Police Department Contract with Michigan State University

Interim Manager Schmitt outlined the need for changes in the services provided to Michigan State University and the changes being reviewed by Township and University attorneys, and asked the Board for feedback.

Trustee Trezise suggested adding a component to the contract that allows for revision of the hourly rate.

Trustee Wilson asked if the \$75 rate was sufficient to cover costs. Interim Manager Schmitt stated that it was calculated by Chief Grillo and is sufficient. Clerk Guthrie asked if the \$75 is per officer per hour. Interim Manager Schmitt clarified that it is.

Treasurer Deschaine asked if the officers enjoy the work and if there are problems with providing staffing. Chief Grillo stated that there are officers who enjoy signing up for the shifts and clarified that it is usually overtime hours.

C. Transportation Commission

Interim Manager Schmitt gave an overview of the staff recommendation to dissolve the Commission.

Treasurer Deschaine stated that he thinks CATA has addressed the concerns that the Commission took up and the Commission's goals have been met.

Trustee McCurtis stated that, provided residents' safety concerns are being addressed, he is comfortable dissolving the Commission. Supervisor Hendrickson concurred, adding that other Boards and Commissions are currently able to address those concerns and that it can always be reconstructed if the need arises. Clerk Guthrie concurred.

Clerk Guthrie suggested reviewing all of the Boards and Commissions to determine if they are still necessary or if their need has been met.

D. Community Survey Initial Data

Interim Manager Schmitt noted that the data provided is the raw data and has not been fully analyzed. In two weeks, the final presentation will be available and will be brought to the Board for discussion.

Supervisor Hendrickson noted that in almost all categories, respondents are more satisfied with services than three years ago and he thanked staff for their work to provide services to residents.

Trustee Wilson asked if the comments could be grouped by subject versus a list sorted alphabetically by the verbatim comments. Trustee McCurtis added that he would like it more reader-friendly to allow for quicker analysis of the data. Interim Manager Schmitt indicated that the final presentation will provide clarity and summarize the hard data.

Treasurer Deschaine suggested the Board use the data from this survey to make sure Board goals are in alignment with what residents want.

E. Community/Senior Center Task Force

Supervisor Hendrickson outlined the discussion that has taken place to date. He proposes a formal Task Force to address the community need for a new Senior Center and the community desire for a Community and Senior Center. This Task Force will operate similarly to other Boards and Commissions, publishing an agenda and packet in advance of meetings and minutes after each meeting. The plan is to complete the process by the end of March to allow time in April for the Board to discuss the work of the Task Force.

Treasurer Deschaine indicated his support and asked that funding sources outside of tax increases be reviewed. He also asked that the meetings be televised, periodic updates be provided to the Board, and the Board allow staff to lead to avoid criticism that the Board is not making objective decisions.

Clerk Guthrie asked for the reasoning behind selecting the proposed members of the Task Force. She expressed her desire that both Haslett residents and Okemos residents are represented equally. Supervisor Hendrickson explained the reasoning behind the selections. Clerk Guthrie asked that the Board Member who sits on the Task Force not chair the Task Force. She also supported Treasurer Deschaine's suggestion to televise the meetings

Supervisor Hendrickson noted that the Board Rules, Policies, and Procedures document requires the presence of a Board Member on Task Forces created by the Board and indicated his interest in being that person. Treasurer Deschaine suggested Trustee Trezise be the Board Member appointed to the Task Force because of his experience with the school districts because he thinks it is inappropriate for the Board Supervisor to be on the Task Force.

Trustee Trezise requested that public comment be allowed at the meetings.

Trustee McCurtis expressed his support for televised meetings.

F. Alaiedon Township Building Services

Interim Manager Schmitt explained the proposal from Alaiedon Township and noted that Meridian Township staff is easily able to do the work.

14. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Supervisor Hendrickson opened comments from the public at 8:53 pm

Peggy Frisch, President of the Senior Center Advisory Board, spoke in opposition of a combined Community & Senior Center and supports a standalone Senior Center.

Ellen Portnoy, Township Resident, asked that the Senior Center discussion be placed higher up the agenda so as to be discussed earlier

Supervisor Hendrickson closed comments from the public at 8:47 pm

15. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee McCurtis asked about the sign in front of the dispensary on Okemos Rd. Interim Manager Schmitt stated that the monument sign is permitted, and the logo is legal because it does not use the words cannabis or marijuana.

Clerk Guthrie cited HOMTV policies and requested that coverage be provided for the upcoming Community/Senior Center Task Force meeting. The Board agreed and Manager Schmitt stated he would put in the request for coverage.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Wilson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee McCurtis.

VOICE VOTE

YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustee McCurtis, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, Trustee Wilson

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 7-0

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Scott Hendrickson
Township Supervisor

Deborah Guthrie
Township Clerk



9.C

To: Board Members
From: Dante Ianni, Finance Director
Date: October 1, 2024

Charter Township of Meridian
Board Meeting
10/1/2024

MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVE THE TOWNSHIP
INVOICES/EXPENSES AS FOLLOWS:

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| COMMON CASH | \$ | 246,360.62 |
| PUBLIC WORKS | \$ | 425,713.53 |
| TRUST & AGENCY | \$ | 75,337.39 |
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| | TOTAL CHECKS: | \$ 747,411.54 |
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| CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS | | |
| 09/11/2024 to 09/25/2024 | \$ | 12,492.07 |
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| | TOTAL PURCHASES: | \$ <u>759,903.61</u> |
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| ACH PAYMENTS | \$ | <u>3,497,396.61</u> |

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| 2. ABUNDANCE CAFE LLC | FARM MARKET VENDOR | 154.00 | |
| 3. ADAM STACKPOLE | FARMERS MARKET VENDOR | 50.00 | |
| 4. ALDEN DIMENSIONAL MEDIA INC | 50 NARCAN POUCHES | 1,103.00 | |
| 5. ALEX OR ALLISON REPP | FARMERS MARKET VENDOR | 68.00 | |
| 6. APPLE BLOSSOM KOMBUCHA | FARM MARKET VENDOR | 124.00 | |
| 7. AT & T | SEP 7 - OCT 6 2024 - TELEPHONE + INTERNET M1 83100 | 1,252.06 | 113022 |
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| 8. AT & T MOBILITY | SEP 5 - OCT 4 2024 - WIRELESS 287252740666 517.332 | 76.39 | 113023 |
| | AUG 7 - SEP 6 2024 - FIRSTNET 287312082574 517.331 | 173.00 | 113023 |
| | TOTAL | 249.39 | |
| 9. BARKHAM & CO | 2024 - BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY MOWING | 4,800.00 | |
| 10. BECKS PROPANE | HNC - 2024/2025 WINTER CAP PRICE AGREEMENT | 40.00 | |
| | GLENDALE - 2024/2025 PROPANE CAP PROGRAM | 40.00 | |
| | TOTAL | 80.00 | |
| 11. BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MICHIGAN | 10/1/24 THRU 10/31/24 PPO RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE | 2,206.24 | 113024 |
| 12. BOARD OF WATER & LIGHT | 7/1/24 - 7/31/24 STREETLIGHT SERVICE | 808.05 | 113037 |
| | 8/1/24 - 8/31/24 STREETLIGHT SERVICE | 784.83 | 113037 |
| | TOTAL | 1,592.88 | |
| 13. BOBCAT OF LANSING | PARKS - UNIT #686 MAINTENANCE | 313.30 | |
| 14. BRD PRINTING, INC | FARMERS MARKET 50TH ANNIVERSARY TIMELINE | 95.46 | |
| | #10 WINDOW ENVELOPES | 235.60 | |
| | TOTAL | 331.06 | |
| 15. BREAD BITES LLC | FARMERS MARKET | 9.00 | |
| 16. BRIDGET CANNON | AUGUST 2024 MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT | 25.19 | |
| 17. BS&A SOFTWARE | MAY 1 2024 TO MAY 1 2025 - ANNUAL SERVICE/SUPPORT | 3,230.00 | 113033 |
| 18. C & S FAMILY FARM | FARMERS MARKET VENDOR | 53.00 | |
| 19. CAMCA | 2024 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - 4 STAFF CLERKS OFFICE | 80.00 | |
| 20. CAPITAL AREA TRANSPORTATION | 100 REDI RIDE BUS PASSES FOR CARES PROGRAM | 600.00 | 113032 |
| 21. CARRIE BALLOU | FARMERS MARKET VENDOR | 68.00 | |
| 22. CDW | IPAD CASE - WATER DEPT | 30.85 | |
| | IPAD VEHICLE MOUNT - WATER DEPT | 39.57 | |
| | IPAD CASES - WATER DEPT | 104.30 | |
| | TOTAL | 174.72 | |
| 23. CHA SHER XIONG | FARMERS MARKET | 133.00 | |

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| | 9/18/24 - MECHANICS UNIFORMS | 52.93 | |
| | TOTAL | 105.86 | |
| 25. CINZORI FARMS LLC | FARM MARKET VENDOR | 291.00 | |
| 26. CITY PULSE | 8/28/2024 TWP NOTICES | 370.00 | |
| | 9/4/2024 TWP NOTICES | 364.08 | |
| | 9/18/2024 RECYCLING EVENT AD IN CITY PULSE | 183.60 | |
| | TOTAL | 917.68 | |
| 27. COMCAST | OCT 1 2024 TO OCT 31 2024 - INTERNET + TV M1 | 538.84 | |
| | SEP 29 - OCT 28 2024 - TELEPHONE + INTERNET S2 | 249.57 | 113026 |
| | SEP 29 - OCT 28 2024 - TV P1 | 32.01 | 113026 |
| | SEP 19 - OCT 18 2024 - INTERNET SCADA | 257.90 | 113026 |
| | TOTAL | 1,078.32 | |
| 28. COMCAST | SEP 14 - OCT 13 2024 - INTERNET + TV HOMTV | 463.77 | 113025 |
| 29. CONSUMERS ENERGY | ACCT 1000-8941-4807 - EMERGENCY UTILITY ASSISTANCE | 133.80 | 113027 |
| | ACCT 1001-0242-4114 - EMERGENCY UTILITY ASSISTANCE | 121.03 | 113028 |
| | TOTAL | 254.83 | |
| 30. CREATIVE FINANCIAL STAFFING LLC | TEMP STAFFING SERV - UB WK END 9/15/2024 | 1,483.28 | |
| | TEMP STAFFING SERV - UB WK END 9/22/2024 | 1,430.55 | |
| | TOTAL | 2,913.83 | |
| 31. CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING | ACCT 5454003 - HNC WATER SOFTENER SALT | 25.00 | |
| 32. DANTE IANNI | REIMB PARKING/MILEAGE MICPA TRAINING | 23.52 | |
| 33. DAVE OR ANN BROGREN | FARMERS MARKET VENDORS | 12.00 | |
| 34. DELORES R LENTZ | AMBULANCE OVERPMT ON 5/1/2024 | 201.96 | |
| 35. DIANA TENNES | FARM MARKET VENDOR | 531.00 | |
| 36. DINGES FIRE COMPANY | CUST ID 15472 - FIRE GLOVES, QTY: 32 | 2,402.21 | |
| 37. DOUGHNATION BAKERY | FARM MARKET VENDOR | 106.00 | |
| 38. EDGEWOOD VILLAGE APARTMENTS | EMERGENCY RENT ASSISTANCE | 900.00 | 113038 |
| 39. ELECTION SOURCE | ON-SITE AV MACHINE TESTING | 2,445.00 | |
| 40. ELECTRICAL TERMINAL SERVICE | WATER - UNIT #729 - LED FLASHING LIGHTING | 357.23 | |
| 41. FD HAYES ELECTRIC | REPAIR RRFB AT HAGADORN RD & SHAW LN (EAST SIDE OF HNC POWER SURGE AFTER STORM ON 8-27-24 | 370.00 150.00 | |
| | TOTAL | 520.00 | |
| 42. FEEDERS SUPPLY COMPANY LLC | CUST #0902058 - ANIMAL FOOD | 66.99 | |
| 43. FIRST ADVANTAGE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH | CDL DRIVERS - RANDOM DRUG DRAW COLLECTION | 16.18 | |
| 44. FIRST COMMUNICATIONS | AUG 2024 - TELEPHONE LINES 3142216 | 55.49 | 113029 |

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| | FIRE PREVENTION OPEN HOUSE GIVEAWAY ITEMS (PENCILS | 464.52 | |
| | TOTAL | 825.20 | |
| 46. FORESIGHT GROUP | WATER BILLS 9/16/2024 AND POSTAGE | 546.90 | |
| | 18"X24" CORO SIGNS W/STAKES | 120.00 | |
| | TOTAL | 666.90 | |
| 47. FRANK LOWDEN WALSH | 10/1/2024 - CONSULTING CONTRACT SERVICES | 9,278.25 | |
| 48. GRAINGER | BIB OVERALLS FOR DEER MANAGEMENT | 118.26 | |
| 49. GRANGER | SEPT 2024 - ACCT NO 17334070/17342460 MUN BLDG & P | 86.96 | |
| | SEPT 2024 - ACCT NO 17349880 - SERVICE CENTER RECY | 31.02 | |
| | SEPT, OCT, NOV 2024 - ACCT NO 10159300 HARRIS NATU | 215.43 | |
| | SEPT 2024 ACCT 1106100/2706910 TOWNHALL & PS RUBBI | 136.55 | |
| | SEPT 2024 - ACCT NO 1106200 - SERVICE CENTER - RUB | 339.20 | |
| | SEPT 2024 - ACCT 1106300 - S FIRE - RUBBISH DISPOS | 94.68 | |
| | SEPT 2024 - ACCT NO. 2509750 - C. FIRE - RUBBISH S | 129.83 | |
| | TOTAL | 1,033.67 | |
| 50. HALT FIRE INC | MOTOR POOL - FIRE - UNIT 138 ENGINE 93 | 506.04 | |
| 51. HAMMOND FARMS | BRUSH DUMP FEE - PARKS AND PATHWAY MAINTENANCE SU | 10.50 | |
| 52. HAWORTH INC | ORDER 201513879 - RECORDS DEPT FURNITURE | 1,844.60 | |
| | ORDER 201514044 - RECORDS DEPT FURNITURE | 15,146.38 | |
| | TOTAL | 16,990.98 | |
| 53. HICKORY KNOLL FARMS | FARM MARKET VENDOR | 72.00 | |
| 54. HIGHWATER FARMS | FARMERS MARKET | 73.00 | |
| 55. HILLARY DOYLE | FARMERS MARKET | 64.00 | |
| | FARMERS MARKET | 43.00 | 113039 |
| | TOTAL | 107.00 | |
| 56. IGNITE DONUTS LLC | FARMERS MARKET | 40.00 | |
| 57. JACK DOHENY COMPANIES INC | REPLACE ALL WATER TANKS ON UNIT 30 | 37,684.90 | |
| | MOTOR POOL - WATER - VACTOR REPAIR PARTS | 795.31 | |
| | TOTAL | 38,480.21 | |
| 58. JACOB FARLEY | FARM MARKET VENDOR | 203.00 | |
| 59. JAMES DUST-EE ACRES | FARMERS MARKET | 12.00 | |
| 60. JANET'S LLC | FARM MARKET VENDOR | 63.00 | |
| 61. JEAN S. FIERKE | FARMERS MARKET | 91.00 | |
| 62. JEFF CLARK | FARMERS MARKET VENDOR | 6.00 | |
| 63. JOSEPH CESARIO | FARMERS MARKET VENDOR | 47.00 | |
| 64. KATE OR BRANDON SLOTMAN | FARMERS MARKET | 25.00 | |

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| 65. KCI | 7/1/24 TO 7/26/24 - AUG 2024 BALLOT MAILING | 26.63 | |
| | AUGUST 2024 BALLOT MAILING | 107.96 | |
| | TOTAL | 134.59 | |
| 66. KEVIN COSGROVE | FARMERS MARKET | 60.00 | |
| 67. KEVIN THOMAS | FARMERS MARKET VENDOR | 47.00 | |
| 68. KIMBERLY COSGROVE | FARMERS MARKET | 31.00 | |
| 69. LANSING SANITARY SUPPLY INC | FIRE - 9/10/24 CUSTODIAL SUPPLYS | 158.01 | |
| 70. LANSING UNIFORM COMPANY | UNIFORM ITEMS - SPENCER/GORDON/HELPS/SHORT | 1,669.05 | |
| | BOOTS - GORDON | 189.95 | |
| | FIRE UNIFORM ITEMS - MCNALLEY | 273.80 | |
| | TOTAL | 2,132.80 | |
| 71. LEADSONLINE LLC | START TO DEC 14 2024 - CELLHAWK INVESTIGATOR SUBSC | 1,465.00 | |
| 72. LISKEY'S AUTO & TRUCK SERVICE INC | FIRE UNIT 663 - FRONT WHEEL ALIGNMENT | 91.38 | |
| 73. MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO | OCT 2024 LIFE/DISABILITY INSURANCE | 3,865.61 | 113040 |
| 74. MAMA C'S SAUCES | FARMERS MARKET VENDOR | 2.00 | |
| 75. MARCUS LESLIE | FARMERS MARKET VENDOR | 49.00 | |
| 76. MARTIN BRAMAN | FARMERS MARKET | 22.00 | |
| 77. MERIDIAN MALL LIMITED PARTNERSHIP | 9/21/2024 LOT RENTAL - ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT | 150.00 | |
| 78. MI GREAT LAKES FISH COMPANY | FARMERS MARKET VENDOR | 320.00 | |
| 79. MICHIGAN PAVING | 2024 LOCAL ROAD PROGRAM CRUSHING AND RESURFACING C | 45,454.00 | |
| 80. MICHIGAN POLICE EQUIPMENT CO | 4 DUTY GUNS AND HOLSTERS | 910.72 | |
| 81. MID MICHIGAN EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT | FIRE - UNIT #671 FIRE CHIEF CAR UPFITTING | 5,253.62 | |
| 82. MIDWEST POWER EQUIPMENT | PARKS - UNIT #709 REPAIR PARTS | 39.99 | |
| 83. MIDWEST TREE SERVICE | TREE REMOVAL IN TED BLACK WOODS | 500.00 | |
| 84. MIKE DEVLIN | REIMB - CHAIR FOR DRIVE THRU SANTA EVENT | 50.00 | |
| 85. MIKE KEREKES | FARMERS MARKET | 24.00 | |
| 86. MOST DEPENDABLE FOUNTAINS | REPLACEMENT DRINKING FOUNTAIN FOR N MERIDIAN RD PA | 5,525.00 | |
| 87. MYCOPHILES GARDEN LLC | FARM MARKET VENDOR | 251.00 | |
| 88. OLMSTED FARMS | FARMERS MARKET VENDOR | 142.00 | |
| 89. PITNEY BOWES BANK INC RESERVE ACCT | ACCT#24708851 TWP POSTAGE | 10,000.00 | |
| 90. PONDSIDE FARMS | FARMERS MARKET VENDOR | 112.00 | |
| 91. PRINTING SYSTEMS INC | ACCT 3663 - AV BALLOT SECRECY ENVELOPES | 268.12 | |
| 92. PRO-TECH MECHANICAL SERVICES | W/O 54994 - MUNICIPAL BUILDING - BOILER SERVICE CA | 180.00 | |
| 93. PRO-TECH SECURITY SALES | 2 BALLISTICS VESTS - CRANE & SHORT | 2,733.00 | |
| 94. QUALITY TIRE INC | MOTOR POOL TIRES - WATER UNIT 714 | 284.35 | |
| 95. RACHAEL STOHLIN | MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT | 15.61 | |

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| 96. ROJAS FARM | FARMERS MARKET | 688.00 | |
| 97. ROTARY MULTIFORMS INC | UNIFORM LAW UC-01A BOOK | 480.96 | |
| 98. SAFEWARE, INC. | MICRORAE AIR MONITOR, CRADLE, AND REGULATOR | 740.53 | |
| 99. SAMIA'S MEDITERRANEAN GOURMET LLC | FARM MARKET VENDOR | 68.00 | |
| 100 SARA BRUCE | FARMERS MARKET | 2.00 | |
| 101 SARAH BROWN | FARMERS MARKET | 10.00 | |
| 102 SCOTT BRYAN | REIMB FUNDRAISER PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUPPLIES | 35.96 | |
| 103 SCS SYSTEMS | 10/1/24 - 10/1/25 - ANNUAL MAINT AGREEMENT - TOWNE | 255.00 | |
| | 10/1/24 - 10/1/25 - ANNUAL MAINT AGREEMENT - HNC | 295.00 | |
| | 10/1/24 - 10/1/25 - ANNUAL MAINT AGREEMENT - HARTR | 295.00 | |
| | 10/1/24 - 10/1/25 - ANNUAL MAINT AGREEMENT - N. ME | 315.00 | |
| | TOTAL | 1,160.00 | |
| 104 SHAWN DIEMER | FARM MARKET VENDOR | 2,291.00 | |
| 105 SHILA KIANDER | 10/8/2024 - ASSESSOR TRAINING | 25.00 | |
| 106 SPALDING DEDECKER ASSOCIATES | PROF SERV JULY 1 2024 - JULY 28 2024 - ROAD PROG- | 14,244.50 | |
| 107 SPARTAN DISTRIBUTORS | PARKS - UNIT 70 - REPAIR PARTS | 569.62 | |
| | PARKS - UNIT 70 - REPAIR PARTS | 152.84 | |
| | TOTAL | 722.46 | |
| 108 SPARTAN FENCE | REPLACE FENCE ALONG MARSH ROAD NORTH OF TOWNER | 7,300.00 | |
| 109 ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH | EMERGENCY RENT ASSISTANCE | 500.00 | 113030 |
| | EMERGENCY RENT ASSISTANCE | 395.00 | 113041 |
| | TOTAL | 895.00 | |
| 110 STEPHEN GROSE | FARMERS MARKET | 719.00 | |
| 111 SUPREME SANITATION | BENNET WOODS - SEPT 2024 - PORTABLE TOILET RENTAL | 90.00 | |
| | MARKETPLACE - SEPT 2024 - PORTABLE TOILET RENTAL | 180.00 | |
| | NEWTON RD PARK - SEPT 2024 - PORTABLE TOILET RENTA | 90.00 | |
| | SEPT 2024 - HILLBROOK PARK - PORTABLE TOILET RENTA | 90.00 | |
| | SEPT 2024 - NANCY MOORE PARK - PORTABLE TOILET REN | 90.00 | |
| | SEPT 2024 - TOWNER ROAD PARK - PORTABLE TOILET REN | 90.00 | |
| | SEPT 2024 - EASTGATE PARK - PORTABLE TOILET RENTAL | 90.00 | |
| | TOTAL | 720.00 | |
| 112 SWEETIE PIE PANTRY LLC | FARMERS MARKET VENDOR | 34.00 | |
| 113 TED FERRIS | REIMB SUPPLIES FOR PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER 9/ | 754.60 | |
| 114 THE CHEESE PEOPLE OF GRAND RAPIDS | FARM MARKET VENDOR | 273.00 | |
| 115 THE HARKNESS LAW FIRM PLLC | SEPT 2024 PROSECUTING FEES | 6,668.71 | |
| 116 THE PEASE FAMILY FARM | FARMERS MARKET | 18.00 | |
| 117 THE RAPID GROUP LLC | SECURE SHRED CART PICKUP | 70.00 | |
| 118 TIM SCHMITT | REIMB LUNCH MEETING W/SCOTT | 57.94 | |
| 119 TINA STEWART | REFUND SECURITY DEPOSIT - C. PARK PAVILION RENTAL | 100.00 | |
| 120 TITUS FARMS LLC | FARM MARKET VENDOR | 532.00 | |

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| 121 TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING | 10/1/2023 - 9/30/2024 TWP ANNUAL DUES | 21,194.00 | |
| 122 UDAY H PALKAR | FARMERS MARKET | 20.00 | |
| 123 UDDERLY MAGIC LLC | FARMERS MARKET | 120.00 | |
| 124 VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC | AUG 2024 - VEHICLE DATA UPLINK MERI007 2024 | 1,246.63 | 113031 |
| 125 WEST MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL LLC | FIRE - UNIT #138 - DIAGNOSE/REPAIR BRAKES | 969.29 | |
| 126 WILLIAMSTON GREEN HOUSE & FLORIST | FARM MARKET VENDOR | 696.00 | |
| 127 WILSON FARM FRESH MEATS | FARMERS MARKET VENDOR | 45.00 | |
| TOTAL - ALL VENDORS | | 246,360.62 | |

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| Vendor Name | Description | Amount | Check # |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------|---------|
| 1. CITY OF EAST LANSING | SEPT 2024 OPERATING, INTERCONNECT & DEBT SHARING | 377,461.25 | |
| 2. FERGUSON WATERWORKS #3386 | CUSTOMER INSTALL - REPLACEMENT T10 R900 1 1/2" PIT | 1,603.08 | |
| 3. HYDROCORP | AUG 2024 CROSS CONNECTION PROGRAM SERVICES CONTRAC | 2,735.00 | |
| 4. MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO | OCT 2024 LIFE/DISABILITY INSURANCE | 536.20 | 29837 |
| 5. PLUMMER'S ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES | 2024 WATER SERVICE LINE PHYSICAL VERIFICATION CONT | 43,378.00 | |
| TOTAL - ALL VENDORS | | 425,713.53 | |

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| Vendor Name | Description | Amount | Check # |
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| 1. ALWARD FAMILY LLC | 2024 SUM TAX REFUND - ARROWHEAD | 58.00 | 13558 |
| 2. ATA NATIONAL TITLE GROUP | 2024 SUM TAX REFUND - DOWNING ST, HASLETT | 30.21 | 13559 |
| 3. BENNETT HOLDING LLC | 2024 SUM TAX REFUND - SILVERLEAF | 3,203.11 | 13560 |
| 4. CORELOGIC CENTRALIZED REFUNDS | 2024 SUM TAX REFUND - BARNSBURY RD | 4,853.49 | 13561 |
| | 2024 SUM TAX REFUND - DOWNING ST. | 3,051.67 | 13564 |
| | 2024 SUM TAX REFUND - MOHAWK RD | 2,553.21 | 13563 |
| | 2024 SUM TAX REFUND - SEMINOLE DR | 2,299.97 | 13562 |
| | TOTAL | 12,758.34 | |
| 5. CORELOGIC TAX SERVICES LLC | 2024 SUM TAX REFUND - CREEK LANDING | 2,654.74 | 13565 |
| 6. GEOFFRY A WAIDELICH | 2024 SUM TAX REFUND - NEMOKE TRAIL | 100.00 | 13566 |
| 7. GUARDIAN TITLE AGENCY | 2024 SUM TAX REFUND - SWEETWOOD DR. | 48.17 | 13567 |
| 8. KIMBERLY BATTJES | 2024 SUM TAX REFUND - ALGONQUIN WAY | 100.00 | 13568 |
| 9. LERETA LLC | 2024 SUM TAX REFUND - FRESNO LANE | 1,825.42 | 13569 |
| | 2024 SUM TAX REFUND - SOUTHRIDGE RD. | 8,087.65 | 13570 |
| | 2024 SUM TAX REFUND - BIBER STREET | 1,427.17 | 13571 |
| | 2024 SUM TAX REFUND - RUTHERFORD AVE | 2,664.78 | 13572 |
| | 2024 SUM TAX REFUND - COPPER CREEK DR. | 204.52 | 13573 |
| | 2024 SUM TAX REFUND - BURCHAM DR. | 1,602.42 | 13574 |
| | 2024 SUM TAX REFUND - OAKWOOD DR. | 2,647.84 | 13575 |
| | 2024 SUM TAX REFUND - MAUMEE DR. | 2,406.85 | 13576 |
| | 2024 SUM TAX REFUND - JOLLY RD | 14,431.09 | 13577 |
| | 2024 SUM TAX REFUND - JOLLY RD. | 13,459.60 | 13578 |
| | 2024 SUM TAX REFUND - CHIPPENDALE DR. | 7,555.56 | 13579 |
| | TOTAL | 56,312.90 | |
| 10. RONALD WELLMAN | 2024 SUM TAX REFUND - DAYSRING COURT | 45.00 | 13580 |
| 11. TRANSNATION TITLE AGENCY | 2024 SUM TAX REFUND - GRAND RIVER AVE. | 26.92 | 13581 |
| TOTAL - ALL VENDORS | | 75,337.39 | |

Credit Card Report 9/11/2024 - 9/25/2024

| Transaction Date | Account Name | Transaction Amount | Transaction Merchant Name |
|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 9/11/2024 | LAWRENCE BOBB | \$150.00 | SQ *MARKS LOCK AND SAFE, |
| 9/12/2024 | LAWRENCE BOBB | \$14.89 | AUTO VALUE 244 EAST LANSI |
| 9/16/2024 | LAWRENCE BOBB | \$35.82 | THE HOME DEPOT #2723 |
| 9/18/2024 | LAWRENCE BOBB | \$3.32 | MIDWEST POWER EQUIPMENT |
| 9/18/2024 | LAWRENCE BOBB | \$389.96 | MIDWEST POWER EQUIPMENT |
| 9/16/2024 | ROBERT STACY | \$39.97 | THE HOME DEPOT #2723 |
| 9/11/2024 | TYLER KENNEL | \$16.75 | THE HOME DEPOT #2723 |
| 9/13/2024 | TYLER KENNEL | \$152.00 | HAMMOND FARMS E LANSING |
| 9/14/2024 | MICHAEL HAMEL | \$616.13 | NFPA NATL FIRE PROTECT |
| 9/12/2024 | KYLE FOGG | \$61.41 | THE HOME DEPOT #2723 |
| 9/21/2024 | DEBORAH GUTHRIE | \$11.99 | SIGNUPGENIUS |
| 9/13/2024 | JACOB FLANNERY | \$17.60 | THE HOME DEPOT #2723 |
| 9/17/2024 | JACOB FLANNERY | \$24.86 | THE HOME DEPOT #2723 |
| 9/24/2024 | JACOB FLANNERY | \$34.28 | WILLIAMSTON SPORT AND |
| 9/12/2024 | CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON | \$15.96 | COSTCO WHSE#1277 |
| 9/20/2024 | CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON | \$63.78 | JETS PIZZA - MI-053 MOTO |
| 9/23/2024 | TIMOTHY SCHMITT | \$449.40 | BAYMONT INN AND SUITES |
| 9/23/2024 | BRIAN PENNELL | \$58.00 | AMERICAN RED CROSS |
| 9/18/2024 | MELISSA MASSIE | \$375.00 | CONSUMERS ENERGY CO |
| 9/13/2024 | COURTNEY WISINSKI | \$238.34 | GALISON.COM |
| 9/13/2024 | COURTNEY WISINSKI | \$14.90 | THE HOME DEPOT #2723 |
| 9/16/2024 | COURTNEY WISINSKI | \$52.18 | WAL-MART #2866 |
| 9/17/2024 | COURTNEY WISINSKI | \$34.11 | BUILDASIGN |
| 9/16/2024 | COURTNEY WISINSKI | \$43.96 | OFFICEMAX/OFFICEDEPT#3379 |
| 9/20/2024 | COURTNEY WISINSKI | \$66.54 | GROOVY DONUTS |
| 9/19/2024 | COURTNEY WISINSKI | \$59.43 | QUALITY DAIRY#31 |
| 9/19/2024 | COURTNEY WISINSKI | \$3.98 | QUALITY DAIRY#31 |
| 9/19/2024 | COURTNEY WISINSKI | \$438.90 | THE HOME DEPOT #2723 |
| 9/18/2024 | KATIE LOVE | \$16.97 | THE HOME DEPOT #2723 |
| 9/19/2024 | STEPHEN GEBES | \$449.85 | ZOOM.US 888-799-9666 |
| 9/11/2024 | RICHARD GRILLO | \$455.82 | ALLIE BROS |
| 9/11/2024 | RICHARD GRILLO | \$13.71 | DOG CENTRAL |
| 9/13/2024 | RICHARD GRILLO | \$100.00 | LARRY CUSHION TROPHIES & |
| 9/13/2024 | RICHARD GRILLO | \$40.00 | FORESIGHT GROUP LLC |
| 9/13/2024 | RICHARD GRILLO | \$36.94 | AMAZON MKTPL*H056748L3 |
| 9/14/2024 | RICHARD GRILLO | \$14.99 | LANSINGSTATE JOURNAL |
| 9/16/2024 | RICHARD GRILLO | \$46.69 | TOM'S FOOD |
| 9/19/2024 | RICHARD GRILLO | \$361.20 | GLOW UNIVERSE |
| 9/22/2024 | RICHARD GRILLO | \$79.60 | AMAZON RETA* PA8AP5KE3 |
| 9/22/2024 | RICHARD GRILLO | \$293.63 | AMAZON.COM*H08XY9MU3 |
| 9/13/2024 | YOUNES ISHRAIDI | \$408.00 | STATE MI EGLE MIENVIRO |
| 9/17/2024 | YOUNES ISHRAIDI | \$60.00 | MTU-CASHIERS OFFICE WEB |
| 9/23/2024 | KEITH HEWITT | \$760.50 | ETNA DISTRIBUTORS,LLC |
| 9/11/2024 | MICHELLE PRINZ | \$199.00 | GRANTWATCH.COM |
| 9/12/2024 | MICHELLE PRINZ | \$171.00 | AMAZON MARK* TB10V0JH3 |
| 9/14/2024 | MICHELLE PRINZ | \$14.99 | DETROITNEWS.COM |
| 9/13/2024 | MICHELLE PRINZ | \$531.83 | GRAND HOTEL |
| 9/16/2024 | MICHELLE PRINZ | \$94.38 | AMAZON MARK* YE4W90F33 |
| 9/18/2024 | MICHELLE PRINZ | \$19.99 | FREEP.COM |
| 9/18/2024 | MICHELLE PRINZ | \$19.99 | LANSINGSTATE JOURNAL |
| 9/19/2024 | MICHELLE PRINZ | \$43.78 | AMAZON MKTPL*9M7A15JU3 |
| 9/22/2024 | MICHELLE PRINZ | \$426.80 | AMAZON RETA* BV2O84CA3 |
| 9/20/2024 | MICHELLE PRINZ | \$59.96 | AMAZON MKTPL*8D7DA3LP3 |

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| 9/22/2024 | MICHELLE PRINZ | \$242.76 | AMAZON MKTPL*4311L5Q43 |
| 9/24/2024 | MICHELLE PRINZ | \$212.50 | AMZN MKTP US*A838N8BZ3 |
| 9/19/2024 | CATHERINE ADAMS | \$125.00 | AMZN MKTP US*W27NZ2Q43 |
| 9/23/2024 | CATHERINE ADAMS | \$333.38 | AMAZON MKTPL*K40V11333 |
| 9/11/2024 | ED BESONEN | \$12.04 | QDOBA 2728 |
| 9/11/2024 | ED BESONEN | \$20.97 | TST*GRAND WOODS LOUNGE |
| 9/12/2024 | ED BESONEN | \$528.02 | HOMEWOOD SUITES |
| 9/17/2024 | ED BESONEN | \$32.99 | COVERT SCOUTING |
| 9/20/2024 | ED BESONEN | \$745.00 | MICHIGAN POLICE EQUIPMENT |
| 9/24/2024 | BART CRANE | \$176.78 | COMCAST |
| 9/17/2024 | DANIEL OPSOMMER | \$330.00 | RETRODUCK.COM |
| 9/13/2024 | ALLISON GOODMAN | \$40.12 | MARCOS PIZZA 1235 |
| 9/19/2024 | ALLISON GOODMAN | \$48.18 | PETSMART # 0724 |
| 9/19/2024 | ALLISON GOODMAN | \$39.99 | PETSMART # 0724 |
| 9/17/2024 | ROBERT MACKENZIE | \$545.19 | AMAZON.COM*TL6073483 |
| 9/18/2024 | ROBERT MACKENZIE | \$179.00 | AMZN MKTP US*6I7F12HO3 |
| 9/19/2024 | ROBERT MACKENZIE | \$183.00 | ELKAY SALES INC |
| 9/24/2024 | ROBERT MACKENZIE | \$68.09 | AMZN MKTP US*B51YH38G3 |
| 9/18/2024 | CURT SQUIRES | \$146.28 | SQ *TSHIRT GOODS |
| 9/19/2024 | CURT SQUIRES | \$179.70 | CMP DISTRIBUTORS INC. |
| 9/20/2024 | CURT SQUIRES | \$100.00 | A1 DETAILING & CUSTOMS |

TOTAL

\$12,492.07

ACH Transactions

| Date | Payee | Amount | Purpose |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| 9/12/2024 | MCT Utilities | \$ 1,027.12 | Water/Sewer |
| 9/12/2024 | Fifth Third Bank | \$ 369.71 | Service Charges/Banking Fees |
| 9/17/2024 | ELAN | \$ 29,508.13 | Credit Card Payment |
| 9/18/2024 | Fifth Third Bank | \$ 2,400,000.00 | Transfer from Horizon to 5/3rd - Public Works AC |
| 9/20/2024 | IRS | \$ 135,114.53 | Payroll Taxes 09/20/2024 |
| 9/20/2024 | Various Financial Institutions | \$ 365,048.09 | Direct Deposit 09/20/2024 |
| 9/20/2024 | Alerus | \$ 48,107.87 | Payroll Deductions 09/20/2024 |
| 9/20/2024 | Nationwide | \$ 10,476.24 | Payroll Deductions 09/20/2024 |
| 9/23/2024 | MERS | \$ 467,883.61 | Employee Retirement |
| 9/23/2024 | MCT Utilities | \$ 118.78 | Water/Sewer |
| 9/23/2024 | State of Michigan | \$ 39,523.49 | State Payroll Taxes 09/20/2024 |
| 9/25/2024 | MERS | \$ 219.04 | Employee Retirement |
| Total ACH Payments | | \$ 3,497,396.61 | |



9. D

To: Board Members

From: Rick Grillo, Chief of Police

Date: October 1, 2024

Re: 2024 Halloween Trick-or-Treating Hours

Meridian Township is pleased to announce trick-or-treating will take place on Thursday, October 31, 2024 from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm.

The following motion is proposed for Board consideration:

MOVE TO AUTHORIZE TRICK-OR-TREATING ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2024 FROM 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM.



To: Board Members

From: Timothy R. Schmitt, AICP, Interim Township Manager & Director of Community Planning and Development

**Dan Opsommer, Deputy Township Manager
Director of Public Works & Engineering**

Dante R. Ianni, Finance Director

Date: October 1, 2024

Re: ARPA Funding Reallocation

The Board has had a series of discussions since the spring of 2022 regarding how to invest the \$4,539,412.36 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds the Township received.

We are proposing to invest \$262,850 of the remaining funds to replace the water main that has failed that serves Chili's and Olive Garden. This project is ready to begin construction this fall. We have had three water main breaks in the last 18 months on this water main. The main is corroded in some places to the point that we have had to piece in sections of water main (we would typically clamp the existing main to seal a small point of corrosion). Restaurants are struggling from the pandemic and the changing economics that door-to-door services are creating in this post-pandemic world. This investment will help us support these two restaurants in the Township.

We are proposing to invest the remaining balance of funds in the 2025 Local Road Program, which just started construction on August 18 as we are ahead of schedule. The Local Road Program has been hit hard by inflation as the price per ton of asphalt increased 50-60% after our second year of construction. This has significantly reduce the number of miles we have been able to complete. This investment of \$226,711.09 will allow the Township to reconstruct approximately .5-.6 more miles of roadway.

In order to keep the remaining \$124,493.49 in funding for the Senior & Community Center available, staff have recommended that we reduce the General Fund transfer to the Local Road Program from \$280,000 to \$155,506.51 in the 2024 budget, which will keep this funding in the GF and available if/when it is needed.

Lastly, Staff would recommend that any of the funds that have already been appropriated, and are not fully under contract by the December 31, 2024, be transferred to the 2025 Local Road Program.

We look forward to this conversation and finalizing the investment of the Township's ARPA dollars.

The following motion has been prepared for the Board's consideration:

MOVE TO REAPPROPRIATE THE TOWNSHIP REMAINING ARPA ASSETS, AND ALL ADDITIONAL INTEREST REVENUE THAT IS GENERATED, AS FOLLOWS WITH ANY UNSPENT FUNDS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024 BEING APPROPRIATED TO THE 2025 LOCAL ROAD PROGRAM:

ARPA Funding Reallocation
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| Project Name | Original Appropriations | Proposed Appropriations | Actual Expenses | Remaining Funding | Q3 Budget Amendments |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2022 Local Road Program | \$1,300,000.00 | \$1,300,000.00 | \$1,300,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 2023 Local Road Program | \$700,000.00 | \$700,000.00 | \$700,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 2025 Local Road Program | \$0.00 | \$226,711.09 | \$0.00 | \$226,711.09 | \$223,111.09 |
| Police and Fire Department Wages | \$300,000.00 | \$300,000.00 | \$300,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Fire Department Stryker 10-Year Lease Agreement | \$262,903.00 | \$214,677.43 | \$214,677.43 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Police Department Locker Room Renovation | \$135,000.00 | \$108,102.96 | \$108,102.96 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Marketplace Wind Screens | \$93,000.00 | \$92,898.00 | \$92,898.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| IT Network Upgrades | \$970,248.00 | \$970,248.00 | \$725,431.90 | \$244,816.10 | \$244,817.00 |
| Affordable Housing | \$350,000.00 | \$86,400.00 | \$0.00 | \$86,400.00 | \$86,400.00 |
| Senior & Community Center | \$200,000.00 | \$200,000.00 | \$75,506.51 | \$124,493.49 | \$72,239.00 |
| Historical Village Capital Outlay Projects | \$150,000.00 | \$150,000.00 | \$105,525.85 | \$44,474.15 | \$63,955.00 |
| Software for Community Planning & Development | \$60,000.00 | \$30,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$30,000.00 | \$30,000.00 |
| Interest Transfer For SCBA Fire Equipment Match | \$0.00 | \$26,302.00 | \$26,302.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 2024 Water Main Replacement Project | \$0.00 | \$262,850.00 | \$0.00 | \$262,850.00 | \$262,850.00 |
| TOTALS: | \$4,521,151.00 | \$4,668,189.48 | \$3,648,444.65 | \$1,019,744.83 | |
| TOTAL MINUS INTEREST & REMAINING ASSETS: | N/A | \$4,539,412.36 | | | |
| TOTAL ARPA FUNDING RECEIVED: | \$4,539,412.36 | \$4,539,412.36 | | | |
| UNAPPROPRIATED ARPA FUNDING: | \$18,261.36 | \$0.00 | | | |



To: Board Members
From: Dante Ianni
Finance Director
Date: October 1, 2024
Re: 3rd Quarter Budget Amendments

The 2024 3rd quarter budget amendments are detailed in the attached document. These amendments result from expenditures that were unknown during the original budget process.

Amendments to the 2024 General Fund primarily consist of changes due to increased expenditures related to legal fees, election costs and the purchase of a new fire truck.

The projected Fund Balance for the General Fund is as follows:

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|---|----------------------|
| Fund Balance on December 31, 2023 | \$12,352,523 |
| Original budgeted to Fund Balance 2024 | \$114,370 |
| Initial budget amendments | (\$655,804) |
| 1 st quarter budget amendments | (\$640) |
| 2 nd quarter budget amendments | (\$193,323) |
| 3 rd quarter budget amendments | (\$991,462) |
| Projected use of Fund Balance | <u>(\$1,726,859)</u> |
| Projected Fund Balance at December 31, 2024 | <u>\$10,625,664</u> |
| Fund Balance/Average Monthly Expenditures | 4.88 |

Amendments to the Special Revenue Funds include federal fire grant spending, increased revenue from opioid settlements, payment in lieu of construction for the pathway system, reallocation of ARPA funding, and purchase of a new fire truck in the motor pool. In addition to the projected fund balance of the general fund above, the pension stabilization fund has a current balance of \$2,176,465, and the capital project fund has a current balance of \$2,106,835.

The following motion is proposed:

MOVE TO APPROVE THE ATTACHED 2024 3rd QUARTER BUDGET AMENDMENTS WITH A DECREASE IN BUDGETED FUND BALANCE FOR THE GENERAL FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$991,462 WHICH PROJECTS A USE OF FUND BALANCE OF \$1,726,859. BASED ON 2024 RESULTS, THE PROJECTED FUND BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2024, WILL BE \$10,625,664.

Attachment:

1. 2024 3rd Quarter Budget Amendments

Third Quarter Budget Amendments
2024 Budget
Charter Township of Meridian

| Department | Amount | Explanation | Account |
|--|------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| GENERAL FUND | | | |
| Revenue | | | |
| Payment in Lieu of Taxes | \$1,815 | Higher than anticipated | 101-000.000-402.100 |
| Municipal Services Agreement | 9,000 | New revenue item not in initial budget | 101-000.000-402.200 |
| Trailer Park Collections | 30 | Higher than anticipated | 101-000.000-406.000 |
| Delinquent Property Taxes | 2,170 | Higher than anticipated | 101-000.000-412.000 |
| Street Lights | 24,250 | Higher than anticipated | 101-000.000-428.000 |
| Tax Penalties | 9,700 | Higher than anticipated | 101-000.000-445.000 |
| MEP Registration Fees | 1,805 | Higher than anticipated | 101-000.000-476.400 |
| Liquor License Application Fee | 250 | Higher than anticipated | 101-000.000-476.500 |
| Other Permits | 500 | Higher than anticipated | 101-000.000-478.000 |
| Mobile Food Vendor Permits | 500 | Higher than anticipated | 101-000.000-479.000 |
| Pavement Sealant License | 100 | Higher than anticipated | 101-000.000-491.000 |
| Grant Revenue - Federal | 20,633 | Additional fire grant revenue received | 101-000.000-502.000-EMW 2021FG |
| Grant Revenue - Federal | 76,480 | Grant received for solar improvements | 101-000.000-502.000-24EECBGSOL |
| State Grant Revenue | 71,662 | Additional funds received for police training | 101-000.000-540.100-MCOLES-P A |
| State Revenue Sharing - Public Safety | 2,004 | New state program not in original budget | 101-000.000-574.010 |
| Other Intergovernmental Revenue | 2,560 | Higher than anticipated | 101-000.000-581.000 |
| Local Revenue Sharing Agreements | 366 | Higher than anticipated | 101-000.000-582.000 |
| Fire Inspection Charges | 200 | Higher than anticipated | 101-000.000-605.000 |
| Planning Department | 500 | Higher than anticipated | 101-000.000-616.000 |
| Cemetery Revenue | 2,275 | Higher than anticipated | 101-000.000-619.000 |
| Rental Housing Reinspection Fees | 6,600 | Higher than anticipated | 101-000.000-627.010 |
| Rental Registration | 23,200 | Higher than anticipated | 101-000.000-627.015 |
| Copies | 300 | Slightly higher than anticipated | 101-000.000-637.000 |
| Police Desk Revenue | 340 | Slightly higher than anticipated | 101-000.000-637.010 |
| Electronic Copies | 600 | Slightly higher than anticipated | 101-000.000-637.500 |
| Surplus Property | 482 | Surplus property sales | 101-000.000-647.010 |
| Sponsor Revenue - Pride Event | 3,777 | Sponsor donations | 101-000.000-647.110 |
| Sponsor Revenue - Pancake Breakfast | 2,864 | Sponsor donations | 101-000.000-647.120 |
| Parking Tickets | 1,208 | Higher than anticipated | 101-000.000-656.000 |
| Ordinance Fines | 15,000 | Higher than anticipated | 101-000.000-657.000 |
| Interest | 75,000 | Higher than anticipated | 101-000.000-665.000 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,880 | Higher than anticipated | 101-000.000-675.000 |
| Reimbursements - Police | 2,000 | Higher than anticipated | 101-000.000-676.020 |
| Reimbursements - Fire | 21,512 | Higher than anticipated | 101-000.000-676.030 |
| Reimbursements - Insurance | 3,056 | Higher than anticipated | 101-000.000-676.040 |
| Reimbursements - School Security | 4,000 | Higher than anticipated | 101-000.000-676.300 |
| Total Revenues | \$388,619 | | |
| Expenditures | | | |
| Township Board - Operating Supplies | \$500 | Budget error | 101-100.101-728.000 |
| * Township Board - Professional Services | 8,000 | Additional costs related to contracts | 101-100.101-821.000 |
| Township Board - Communications | 6,250 | Listening session costs | 101-100.101-851.000 |
| Administrative Services - FICA | 25 | Budget error | 101-170.173-714.000 |
| Administrative Services - Health Insurance | 5,000 | Higher than anticipated | 101-170.173-715.000 |
| Administrative Services - Health Care Savings Plan | 5 | Budget error | 101-170.173-717.500 |
| Administrative Services - Legal Fees - Labor Relations | 60,000 | Higher than anticipated | 101-170.173-808.200 |
| Administrative Services - Insurance | 13,022 | Higher than anticipated | 101-170.173-812.000 |
| Administrative Services - Professional Services | 5,410 | Higher than anticipated | 101-170.173-821.000 |
| Administrative Services - Ambulance Billing | 5,000 | More revenue than anticipated | 101-170.173-836.000 |
| Administrative Services - Equipment Maintenance | 5,000 | Budget error | 101-170.173-936.000 |
| Accounting - Salaries | (21,500) | Vacancies in department during fiscal year | 101-170.191-701.000 |
| Accounting - Salaries - Temporary | 19,500 | Temporary help used to fill vacancies | 101-170.191-701.080 |
| Accounting - Logenvity | (320) | For departed employee | 101-170.191-710.000 |
| Accounting - FICA | (500) | Vacancies in department during fiscal year | 101-170.191-714.000 |
| Accounting - Health Care Savings Plan | (500) | Vacancies in department during fiscal year | 101-170.191-717.500 |
| Accounting - Audit | 2,802 | Additional costs incurred as part of audit and preparation | 101-170.191-807.000 |
| Clerk - Overtime | 8,000 | Additional hours needed for elections | 101-170.215-706.000 |
| Clerk - Pension | 1,500 | Additional cost due to overtime | 101-170.215-717.000 |
| Clerk - Contractual Services | 4,000 | Additional costs due to public notices | 101-170.215-820.000 |
| Clerk - Professional Conferences/Dues | 1,400 | Additional training needed | 101-170.215-825.000 |
| Assessing - Salaries - Temporary | (1,828) | Intern program complete for 2024 | 101-170.243-701.080 |
| Assessing - Board of Review | 400 | Higher training costs than anticipated | 101-170.243-704.000 |
| Assessing - Operating Supplies | 400 | More reinspection parcel mailers sent than original goal | 101-170.243-728.000 |
| Assessing - Computer Services/Supplies | (3,000) | Decided not to purchase field work tablets this year | 101-170.243-826.000 |
| Treasurer - Salaries-Temporary | 12,000 | Temporary staff during parental leave and busy times | 101-170.253-701.080 |
| Treasurer - Postage | 2,000 | Budget error | 101-170.253-730.000 |
| Treasurer - Legal Fees | 520 | Unanticipated legal advice needed | 101-170.253-808.000 |
| * Treasurer - Contractual Services | 17,332 | Hired investment advisor to improve returns and reduce risk | 101-170.253-820.000 |

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| Elections - Salaries - Temporary | 55,000 | Additional staff needed for elections | 101-170.262-701.080 |
| Elections - Salaries - August Primary | 26,585 | Additional staff needed for August election | 101-170.262-701.130 |
| Elections - Salaries - Presidential Primary | 382 | Slight overage | 101-170.262-701.150 |
| Elections - Overtime | 5,000 | Additional hours needed | 101-170.262-706.000 |
| Elections - Operating Supplies | 2,000 | Additional elections supplies needed | 101-170.262-728.000 |
| Elections - Supplies - August Election | (9,846) | Unused funds after election | 101-170.262-728.002 |
| Elections - Presidential Election | (32,637) | Unused funds after election | 101-170.262-728.004 |
| Elections - Postage - August Election | 49 | Slight overage | 101-170.262-730.002 |
| Elections - Postage - Presidential Election | (2,000) | Unused funds after election | 101-170.262-730.004 |
| Elections - Contractual Services | 5,000 | Additional costs for elections | 101-170.262-820.000 |
| Elections - Mileage | 500 | Additional travel for elections | 101-170.262-870.000 |
| Elections - Equipment Maintenance | (60) | Not all funds needed | 101-170.262-936.000 |
| Elections - Office Equipment and Furniture | 184 | Slight overage | 101-170.262-980.000 |
| Admin & HR - Mileage | 100 | Budget error | 101-170.270-870.000 |
| Police - Overtime - Court Hearings | 8,000 | Additional overtime needed | 101-300.301-706.010 |
| Police - Training MCOLES PA | 10,000 | State grant funded training | 101-300.301-831.000-MCOLES-P A |
| Police - Equipment Maintenance | 13,700 | Additional costs related to taser subscription | 101-300.301-936.000 |
| Police - Machinery & Equipment | 3,000 | Agency license for medical first responders | 101-300.301-979.000 |
| Fire Department - Part Time Firefighters | (15,000) | Move to Salaries - Acting Pay | 101-300.336-701.060 |
| Fire Department - Salaries - Acting Pay | 15,000 | Balance Salaries - Acting account for the rest of the year (because of long-term injuries of 3 lieutenants, this account usage has been increased heavily) | 101-300.336-701.070 |
| Fire Department - Special Equipment | 23,000 | Upgrades for 2nd engine purchase (due to truck lawsuit) - compartment space configuration costs not covered by original quote & motor pool | 101-300.336-726.000 |
| Fire Department - Operating Supplies - Ambulance | 6,000 | Health & wellness Berner mat | 101-300.336-728.090 |
| Fire Department - Uniforms | 4,000 | Class A uniforms for 7 new FFs | 101-300.336-760.000 |
| Fire Department - Contractual Services | 8,200 | NFPA 1582 health & wellness initiative (cancer detection); required to have completed prior to health & wellness grants. \$300/person for FD staff. | 101-300.336-820.000 |
| Fire Department - Radio Maintenance | 2,600 | Radio & electrical wiring, installation - Fire Marshal new vehicle (cost is \$11,600.00) | 101-300.336-827.000 |
| Fire Department - Training | 7,467 | FD cost of training props not covered by AFG grant and cost of concrete for new training props install | 101-300.336-831.000 |
| Watershed Management - Chapter 20 Drains | 19,600 | The ICDC invoiced the Township for maintenance work that | 101-170.445-842.500 |
| Recreation - Recreation Program Expenses | (4,000) | Used to offset card connect fees | 101-750.754-882.500 |
| Recreation - Miscellaneous | 4,000 | Card connect fees higher than expected | 101-750.754-955.000 |
| Park Maintenance - Overtime | 3,000 | Uplanned overtime due to Celebrate Meridian | 101-750.758-706.000 |
| Park Maintenance - Contractual Services | 20,500 | Paving for Marshall Park parking lot and basketball court | 101-750.758-820.000 |
| Park Maintenance - Grounds Maintenance | 14,000 | Paving for Ted Black Woods parking lot | 101-750.758-934.000 |
| Community Activities - Community Promotion - Pride Event | 1,850 | Additional funds raised and expended | 101-750.775-880.110 |
| Associations and Authorities - Tri-County Regional Planning | (806) | Slightly under budget | 101-750.800-825.020 |
| Associations and Authorities - Michigan Townships Association | 277 | Slight overage | 101-750.800-825.060 |
| Associations and Authorities - Michigan Municipal League | 586 | Slight overage | 101-750.800-825.080 |
| Cable TV - Pancake Breakfast | 2,864 | Funds raised from donors to cover costs | 101-750.806-880.070 |
| Capital Outlay - Construction/Improvements | 76,480 | Additional Grant Received for Solar Array | 101-900.901-974.000-24EECBGSOL |
| * Operating Transfer Out - Fire Restricted | \$6,434 | FD matching amount & additional funds to cover price increase for Cascade (AFG grant) | 101-965.966-995.010 |
| * Operating Transfer Out - Motor Pool for Fire Truck | \$948,654 | Transfer of general fund dollars to the motor pool to purchase new fire truck | 101-965.966-995.009 |
| Total Expenditures | \$1,380,081 | | |
| Net to Fund Balance | (\$991,462) | | |

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Local Roads

Revenues

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|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Reimbursements | \$14,362 | Additional funds received | 204-000.000-676.000 |
| Total Revenues | \$14,362 | | |
| Net to Fund Balance | \$14,362 | | |

Park Millage

Revenues

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Delinquent Property Taxes | \$432 | Higher than expected | 208-000.000-412.000 |
| Local Community Stabilization Share | 2,763 | Higher than expected | 208-000.000-573.000 |
| Interest | 25,000 | Interest rates higher than expected | 208-000.000-665.000 |
| Rentals | 8,000 | Higher than expected | 208-000.000-667.000 |
| Total Revenues | \$36,195 | | |

Expenditures

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| Parks and Recreation Admin - Audit | \$234 | Higher than expected | 208-750.753-807.000 |
| Park Maintenance - Salaries - Temporary | \$3,856 | Higher than expected | 208-750.758-701.080 |
| Park Maintenance - Utilities Electric/Gas/Water | \$1,000 | Higher than expected | 208-750.758-920.000 |
| Total Expenditures | \$5,090 | | |
| Net to Fund Balance | 31,105 | | |

Park Restricted/Designated

Revenues

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| Sponsor Revenue | \$5,000 | Higher than expected | 211-000.000-647.050 |
| Interest | 5,000 | Higher than expected | 211-000.000-665.000 |
| Market Vendor Revenue | 5,000 | Higher than expected | 211-000.000-667.035 |
| Donations - Harris Nature Center | 371 | Higher than expected | 211-000.000-674.100 |
| Donations - Native Plant Sales | 1,335 | Higher than expected | 211-000.000-674.101 |
| Donations - Compost | 948 | Higher than expected | 211-000.000-674.200 |
| Total Revenues | \$17,654 | | |

Expenditures

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| Workers Compensation | \$104 | Budget error | 211-000.000-718.000 |
| Summer Concert Series Expenditures | 5,000 | Cost covered by donations for this purpose | 211-000.000-886.700 |
| Celebrate Downtown - Sponsored Expense | 1,500 | Cost covered by donations for this purpose | 211-000.000-892.000 |
| Total Expenditures | \$6,604 | | |
| Net to Fund Balance | \$11,050 | | |

Fire Restricted/Designated

Revenues

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| * Grant Revenue - Federal | \$54,946 | FEMA AFG grant | 214-000.000-502.000-AFG 2023FG |
| * Operating Transfers In | \$6,434 | AFG Grant Matching Funds | 214-000.000-699.000-AFG 2023FG |
| Total Revenues | \$61,380 | | |

Expenditures

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| * Equipment - Grant Funded | \$61,380 | FEMA AFG grant expenditures + local match | 214-000.000-979.000-AFG 2023FG |
| Net from Fund Balance | \$0 | | |

Pedestrian Bikepath Millage

Revenues

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| Delinquent Property Taxes | \$241 | Higher than anticipated delinquent property tax collection. | 216-000.000-412.000 |
| Local Community Stabilization Share | 694 | Higher than anticipated local community stabilization share. | 216-000.000-573.000 |
| Payment in Lieu of Construction | 270,000 | Payment for the pathway that American House was required to construct as a conditional approval of the development. American House failed to construct the pathway. Township staff are currently working on the design of the pathway, and will then bid it out for construction. | 216-000.000-629.000 |
| Interest | 30,000 | Higher interest rates | 216-000.000-665.000 |
| Reimbursements | 8,039 | Reimbursements from utility providers for damage to the Township's Pathway System. We continue to try to identify responsible parties to invoice them for the cost of repairing the pathway system. | 216-000.000-676.000 |

Total Revenues \$308,733

Expenditures

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| After-Hours Stipend | \$80 | Unanticipated emergency responses. Closure of Phase I when the river crested over the pathway after the three major storm events in June and July. | 216-440.450-702.020 |
| Licenses | 339 | Higher than anticipated license fees for pathways. | 216-440.450-727.000 |
| Audit | 239 | Higher than anticipated audit costs. | 216-440.450-807.000 |

Total Expenditures \$658

Net to Fund Balance \$308,075

Land Preservation Millage

Revenues

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| Interest | \$ 100,000 | Higher interest rates | 217-000.000-665.000 |
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Total Revenues \$100,000

Expenditures

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| Audit | \$ 239 | Higher than anticipated audit costs. | 217-000.000-807.000 |
| Property Taxes | 3,158 | Taxes owed on property donated to Township | 217-000.000-965.000 |

Total Expenditures 3,397

Net to Fund Balance \$96,603

Land Preservation Reserve

Revenues

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| Interest | \$ 25,000 | Higher interest rates | 218-000.000-665.000 |
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Total Revenues \$25,000

Net to Fund Balance \$25,000

Senior Center Millage

Revenues

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| Interest | 6,000 | Higher interest rates | 223-000.000-665.000 |
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Total Revenues \$6,000

Net to Fund Balance \$6,000

Police Restricted/Designated**Revenues**

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| MCOLES CPE | \$16,500 | State grant revenue for training | 232-000.000-674.055 |
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Expenditures

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| MCOLES CPE | \$16,500 | State grant expenditures for training | 232-000.000-956.045 |
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| Police Designated Fund | 385 | Additional funds needed for photo | 232-000.000-956.090 |
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| | <u>\$16,885</u> | | |
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| Net from Fund Balance | <u>(\$385)</u> | | |
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Brownfield Revolving Fund**Revenues**

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| Transfer in from BRA Fund | \$23,595 | Budget error | 242-000.000-699.243 |
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| Net to Fund Balance | <u>\$23,595</u> | | |
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Brownfield Redevelopment Authority**Revenues**

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| Current Property Taxes | \$184,472 | Tax capture | 243-000.000-402.000 |
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| Current Property Taxes | (\$350,000) | Budget error | 243-000.003-402.000 |
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| Total Revenues | <u>(\$165,528)</u> | | |
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Expenditures

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| Contractual Services | (\$315,000) | Budget error | 243-000.003-820.000 |
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| Developer Reimbursement | \$181,243 | Budget error | 243-700.707-801.000 |
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| Contractual Services | \$7,500 | Budget error | 243-700.707-820.000 |
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| Operating Transfer Out - LBRF | \$14,343 | Budget error | 243-965.966-995.242 |
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| Total Expenditures | <u>(\$111,914)</u> | | |
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| Net from Fund Balance | <u>(\$53,614)</u> | | |
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Community Needs Fund**Revenues**

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| Ineterest | \$1,000 | Higher than anticipated | 272-000.000-665.000 |
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| Donations - HRC Emer Services | \$4,000 | Higher than anticipated | 272-000.000-674.060 |
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| Donations - Back to School | \$2,520 | Higher than anticipated | 272-000.000-674.075 |
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| Donations - Holiday Baskets | \$5,000 | Higher than anticipated | 272-000.000-674.076 |
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| Total Revenues | <u>\$12,520</u> | | |
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Expenditures

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| Emergency Fund | \$10,000 | We have received \$5,490.69 in reimbursements for costs fronted and have collected donations and interest above expectations. | 272-000.000-956.070 |
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| Redi-Ride | 100 | Increased demand by residents. We recoved our costs with donations. | 272-000.000-956.075 |
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| Total Expenditures | <u>\$10,100</u> | | |
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| Net to Fund Balance | <u>\$2,420</u> | | |
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Revolving Energy Fund**Revenues**

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| Interest | 1,730 | Higher interest rates | 275-000.000-665.000 |
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| Total Revenues | <u>1,730</u> | | |
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| Net to Fund Balance | <u>1,730</u> | | |
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Law Enforcement Grants**Revenues**

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| Grant Revenue - Federal | 1,384 | Higher than anticipated | 277-000.000-502.000-MOHSP 2024 |
| Interest | 1,565 | Higher than anticipated | 277-000.000-665.000 |

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| Total Revenues | <u>2,949</u> | | |
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Expenditures

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| OT - OHSP Traffic Grant | \$2,803 | Expenditures from grant for traffic overtime | 277-300.301-706.310-MOHSP 2024 |
| FICA | 215 | FICA related to grant funded overtime | 277-300.301-714.000-MOHSP 2024 |

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| Total Expenditures | <u>\$3,018</u> | | |
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| Net from Fund Balance | <u>(69)</u> | | |
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Opioid Settlement Fund**Revenues**

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| Opioid Settlement Revenue | 13,735 | Additional payments received | 284-000.000-685.000 |
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| Total Revenues | <u>13,735</u> | | |
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| Net to Fund Balance | <u>13,735</u> | | |
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American Rescue Plan Act Fund**Revenues**

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| Other federal grants | 608,401 | Recognize ARPA revenue as funds expended | 275-000.000-665.000 |
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| Total Revenues | <u>\$608,401</u> | | |
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Expenditures

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| Capital Outlay - Professional Services | (\$263,600) | Reduce appropriation from \$350,000 to \$86,400 as affordable housing project is coming in under budget. | 285-900.901-821.000 |
| Capital Outlay - Professional Services | (\$127,761) | Reduce appropriation from \$200,000 to \$72,239 as this funding cannot be obligated by December 31, 2024. | 285-900.901-821.000-ARPA SENIOR |
| Capital Outlay - Construction/Improvements | \$462,475 | Increase appropriation from \$27,087 to \$226,712 for the 2025 LRP. Increase appropriation an additional \$262,850 for the 2024 Water Main Replacement Project. | 285-900.901-974.000 |
| Capital Outlay - Software | (\$30,000) | Reduce appropriation to \$30,000 as this project is coming in under budget. | 285-900.901-978.000 |
| Capital Outlay - Machinery and Equipment | (48,138) | Reduce appropriation to \$214,678 as this project has been completed at a total of \$214,677.43. | 285-900.901-979.000 |

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| Total Expenditures | <u>(\$78,138)</u> | | |
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| Net to Fund Balance | <u>\$686,539</u> | | |
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DEBT SERVICE FUND

Roads Debt Retirement Fund

Revenues

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| Delinquent Property Taxes | \$1,018 | Higher than anticipated | 310-000.000-412.000 |
| Local Community Stabilization Share | 13,710 | Higher than anticipated | 310-000.000-573.000 |
| Interest | 40,000 | Higher interest rates | 310-000.000-665.000 |

Total Revenues \$54,728

Net to Fund Balance \$54,728

Fire Station Debt Service Fund

Revenues

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| Delinquent Property Taxes | \$108 | Higher than anticipated delinquent property tax revenue collection. | 372-000.000-412.000 |
| Local Community Stabilization Share | 471 | Higher than anticipated community stabilization share. | 372-000.000-573.000 |
| Interest | 3,500 | Higher interest rates | 372-000.000-665.000 |

Total Revenues \$3,971

Net to Fund Balance \$3,971

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

Capital Project Fund

Revenues

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| Interest | <u>\$49,000</u> | Interest rates higher than anticipated | 401-000.000-665.000 |
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Total Revenues \$49,000

Expenditures

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| Construction/Improvements | \$20,000 | Quotes came in higher than estimated. | 401-900.901-974.000 |
| Construction/Improvements | <u>20,000</u> | Quotes came in higher than estimated. | 401-900.901-974.000-23BLDGRENO |

Total Expenditures \$40,000

Net to Fund Balance \$9,000

Township Improvement Revolving Fund

Revenues

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| Penalties | \$142 | Higher than anticipated penalty revenue on special assessments. | 446-000.000-474.000 |
| Interest | 57,000 | High than anticipated interest revenue. | 446-000.000-665.000 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>379</u> | High than anticipated revenue. | 446-000.000-675.000 |

Total Revenues \$57,379

Net to Fund Balance \$57,379

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Sewer Fund

Revenues

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| Water and Sewer Penalties | \$10,000 | Higher than anticipated | 590-000.000-632.000 |
| Connection Fees | 20,000 | Higher than anticipated | 590-000.000-644.000 |
| Inspection Charges | 80,000 | Higher than anticipated | 590-000.000-645.010 |
| Interest | 115,000 | Higher interest rates | 590-000.000-665.000 |
| Miscellaneous | 610 | Higher than anticipated | 590-000.000-675.000 |

Total Revenues \$225,610

Expenses

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| Water/Sewer Administration - Audit | 758 | Higher than anticipated audit costs. | 590-440.441-807.000 |
| Sewer Maintenance - Operating Supplies | 15,000 | Higher than anticipated operating supply costs. | 590-440.538-728.000 |
| Sewer Maintenance - Contractual Services | 180,000 | Higher than anticipated contractual costs, some of which we are being reimbursed for from ELMWSA. | 590-440.538-820.000 |

Total Expenditures 195,758

Net to Fund Balance \$29,852

Water Fund

Revenues

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| Connection Fees | \$ 30,000 | Higher than anticipated | 591-000.000-644.000 |
| Inspection Charges | 75,000 | Higher than anticipated | 591-000.000-645.010 |
| Interest - Special Assessments | 445 | Higher interest rates | 591-000.000-665.040 |
| Miscellaneous | 12,000 | Higher than anticipated | 591-000.000-675.000 |
| Reimbursements | 183,000 | Higher than anticipated | 591-000.000-676.000 |
| Special Assessments | 2,473 | Higher than anticipated | 591-000.000-677.000 |

Total Revenues \$302,918

Expenses

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| Water/Sewer Administration - Audit | \$758 | Higher than anticipated audit costs. | 591-440.441-807.000 |
| Engineering - Contractual Services | 150 | Higher than anticipated contractual services. | 591-440.447-820.000 |
| Water Maintenance - Salaries - Temporary | 5,000 | We were able to get back to full staffing for seasonal workers. | 591-440.537-701.080 |

Total Expenses \$5,908

Net to Fund Balance \$297,010

Internal Service Fund

Motor Pool Fund

Revenues

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| Interest | \$10,000 | Higher than anticipated interest revenue. | 661-000.000-665.000 |
| * Rentals - Public Safety Vehicles | 948,654 | Transfer from GF for new fire truck | 661-000.000-667.500 |
| Vehicle Sales | 25,000 | Higher than anticipated revenue. | 661-000.000-673.000 |
| Insurance Recoveries | 44,878 | Higher than anticipated revenue. | 661-000.000-698.000 |

Total Revenues \$1,028,532

Expenses

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| Batteries/Electrical | \$1,500 | Higher than anticipated costs. | 661-000.000-728.105 |
| Audit | 239 | Higher than anticipated costs. | 661-000.000-807.000 |
| Insurance | 51 | Higher than anticipated costs. | 661-000.000-812.000 |
| * Vehicles | 948,654 | Purchase of new fire truck | 661-000.000-981.000 |

Total Expenses \$948,654

Net to Fund Balance \$79,878

* Previously approved by the Township Board



To: Board Members

**From: Dan Opsommer, Deputy Township Manager
Director of Public Works and Engineering**

Roger Swets, Dickinson Wright PLLC

Date: October 1, 2024

Re: Resolution to Authorize Issuance of General Obligation Unlimited Tax Bonds

Before you this evening is the Bond Resolution for the Township's proposed General Obligation Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2024, which are proposed to be issued as the third and final series of bonds to implement the third and final phase of the \$35,250,000 street improvement project approved by the voters at the August 2019 Primary Election.

This resolution is required to be approved by the Township Board in order to proceed with the third and final series of bonds. The bonds are authorized in the amount of \$10,239,532, which is the full remaining amount the Township can bond for under the voter-approved millage.

This resolution is the main legal document to authorize the issuance of the bonds. As bonds approved by the voters, the bonds will be paid from the road millage levied in an amount needed to pay the debt service on the bonds each year.

The resolution provides that the bonds will be sold at a competitive public sale. By law in Michigan, this is done by printing an official notice of sale in a national newspaper called the Bond Buyer, and then taking bids from any underwriter or financial institution in the country that has interest in purchasing the bonds. By law, the bonds will then be awarded to the bidder whose bid provides the lowest true interest cost to the Township.

The resolution allows the bonds to be outstanding up to a maximum term of 6 years, but it is anticipated that the term will be shorter. The resolution sets the maximum interest rate on the bonds at 6.00%. This is a standard boilerplate ceiling for the interest rate. The final interest rate will be lower, based on the bids received. Since these are short-term bonds, the resolution does not allow optional prepayment prior to maturity.

The following motion has been prepared for the Board's consideration:

"MOVE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS, SERIES 24, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,239,532."

Attachments:

1. Resolution to Authorize Issuance of General Obligation Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2024

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
(Ingham County, Michigan)**

Resolution No. _____

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF
GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS, SERIES 2024**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held in the Township Hall on October 1, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., local time.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following resolution was offered by Member _____ and supported by Member _____:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 359, Public Acts of Michigan, 1947, as amended (the “Act”) the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian (the “Township”) has determined to make the improvements identified in the proposal below (the “Improvements”); and

WHEREAS, the Township Board prepared and submitted to the electorate within the Township the following proposal (the “Ballot Proposal”):

STREET IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSAL

Shall the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan (the “Township”), borrow the principal amount of not to exceed \$35,250,000 and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for all or a portion of that amount in one or more series payable over not to exceed 6 years from the date of issue of each series to pay the cost of designing, acquiring, constructing, improving, repairing, and maintaining streets and related improvements within the Township?

The estimated millage to be levied in the first year of levy is 1.9428 mills (\$1.9428 for each \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds over approximately 10 years is 1.9429 mills (\$1.9429 for each \$1,000 of taxable value).

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2019, the voters of the Township approved the Ballot Proposal; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ballot Proposal, the Township has issued its General Obligation Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2019, receiving bond proceeds in the amount of \$11,970,765.05, and its General Obligation Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2022, receiving bond proceeds in the amount of \$13,039,702.61; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has the remaining authority to issue its bonds in one or more series in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$10,239,532 supported by the Township's full faith and credit, unlimited tax, general obligation to undertake the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Improvements will enable the Township to provide more efficient and better quality public services to the residents of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township is ready to proceed with the third phase of the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, to finance the cost of making the third phase of the Improvements the Township Board deems it necessary to issue its General Obligation Unlimited Tax Bonds, therefor pursuant to the provisions of the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. NECESSITY. It is necessary for the public health, safety, and welfare of the Township to make the third phase of the Improvements and issue bonds of the Township, pursuant to the Act to finance the design, acquisition, and construction of the third phase of the Improvements.

2. ESTIMATED COST - PERIOD OF USEFULNESS. The total cost of the third phase of the Improvements, including the payment of engineer's fees, legal, and financial expenses and other expenses incidental to the financing of the Improvements, which is currently estimated to be approximately \$10,239,000, is hereby approved and confirmed, and the estimated period of usefulness of the Improvements is determined to be in excess of ten (10) years.

3. ISSUANCE OF BONDS. To defray the cost of the third phase of the Improvements, including legal, engineering, financial, and other expenses, the Township shall issue its bonds known as General Obligation Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2024 (the "Bonds") in the aggregate principal sum of not to exceed \$10,239,000, as finally determined by the Authorized Officer (defined below) at the time of sale.

4. BOND TERMS. The Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form as to both principal and interest, in the denomination of \$5,000 each, or any whole multiple thereof. The Bonds shall be numbered consecutively in the order of their registration, shall be dated the date of their delivery or such other date determined by the Authorized Officer, and shall be payable serially or as term bonds on such dates and in such amounts as determined by the Authorized Officer at the time of sale. The Bonds shall bear interest as determined by the Authorized Officer, payable semiannually as determined by the Authorized Officer at the time of sale. The Authorized Officer may alter the Bond terms within the parameters of this resolution as hereafter provided.

5. PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST. Both principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America to the person appearing on the Bond registration books as the registered owner thereof. Payment of principal on the Bonds shall be made at the principal office of the Paying Agent (defined below). Payment of interest on the Bonds shall be paid to the registered owner at the address as it appears on the registration books as of the determination date. Initially, the determination date shall be the date as of the fifteenth (15th) day of the month prior to the payment date for each interest payment; however, the determination date may be changed by the Township to conform to market practice.

6. PLEDGE OF FULL FAITH AND CREDIT, GENERAL OBLIGATION. The Bonds shall be payable from ad valorem property taxes authorized and approved by the Ballot Proposal. The Township hereby pledges its unlimited tax, full faith and credit, general obligation for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as and when due. The Township shall levy upon the tax rolls of the Township each year for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Bonds a sum not less than the amount estimated to be sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the Bonds as such principal and interest fall due, prior to the next year's tax levy, the probable delinquency in collections being taken into consideration in arriving at the estimate. Taxes required to be levied to meet the principal and interest obligations may be without limitation as to rate or amount, as provided by Article IX, Section 6, of the Michigan Constitution of 1963.

7. PRIOR REDEMPTION.

(a) Mandatory Redemption. Principal designated as a term bond maturity shall be subject to mandatory redemption, in whole or in part, by lot, at par plus accrued interest,

on the redemption dates and in the amounts determined by the Authorized Officer at the time of sale. When term bonds are purchased by the Township and delivered to the Paying Agent for cancellation or are redeemed in a manner other than by mandatory redemption, the principal amount of the term bonds affected shall be reduced by the principal amount of the Bonds so redeemed in the order determined by the Township.

(b) Optional Redemption. The Bonds will not be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity.

8. PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRATION.

(a) Appointment of Paying Agent. From time to time the Authorized Officer shall designate and appoint a paying agent, which may also act as transfer agent and bond registrar (the “Paying Agent”). The Authorized Officer shall also have the authority to remove the Paying Agent and to appoint a successor Paying Agent. The initial Paying Agent shall be appointed by the Authorized Officer. In the event of a change in the Paying Agent, notice shall be given in writing, by certified mail, to each Registered Owner not less than sixty (60) days prior to the next interest payment date. The Paying Agent shall keep the official books for the recordation of the Registered Owners of the Bonds.

(b) Book-Entry-Only. The Bonds may be issued initially in book-entry-only form as one fully registered bond per maturity and will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as bondholder and nominee for DTC. DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds, purchase of the Bonds will be made in book-entry-only form, in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, and purchasers will not receive certificates representing their interest in Bonds purchased. Payment of principal and interest will be made by the Paying Agent to DTC. While the Bonds are held in book-entry-only form, then the Bonds shall be transferred in accordance with the procedures established by DTC. So long as the Bonds are registered to DTC or another bond depository, the Paying Agent or bond registrar shall have no responsibility with respect to such transfers. The Authorized Officer shall have the authority from time to time to appoint a successor depository trustee to serve in the place of DTC. While the Bonds are issued in book-entry-only form the Paying Agent shall serve as paying agent only.

(c) Registration of Bonds Outside of Book-Entry-Only. In the event the book-entry-only system is not chosen or is discontinued, the following provisions would apply to the Bonds. Bonds may be transferred only by submitting the same to the Paying Agent, together

with a satisfactory instrument of transfer signed by the Registered Owner or his or her legal representative duly authorized in writing, after which a new Bond or Bonds shall be issued by the Paying Agent to the transferee (new registered owner) in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, in the same aggregate principal amount as the Bond submitted for transfer. No transfer of Bonds shall be valid unless and until recorded on the bond registration books in accordance with the foregoing. The person in whose name any bond is registered may for all purposes, notwithstanding any notice to the contrary, be deemed and treated by the Township and the Paying Agent as the absolute owner thereof, and any payment of principal and interest on any Bond to the Registered Owner thereof shall constitute a valid discharge of the Township's liability upon such Bond to the extent of such payment. No Bond shall be transferred less than fifteen (15) days prior to an interest payment date nor after the Bond has been called for redemption. So long as the Bonds are registered to DTC or another bond depository, the Paying Agent, acting as bond registrar, shall have no responsibility with respect to such transfers.

9. BOND FORM. The Bonds shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, and incorporated herein, with such changes as are recommended by the Township's Bond Counsel and approved by the officers of the Township signing the Bonds.

10. EXECUTION OF BONDS. The Township Supervisor and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign the Bonds, either manually or by facsimile signature, on behalf of the Township. Upon execution, the Bonds shall be delivered to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of the purchase price in accordance with the accepted bid therefor, plus the accrued interest, if any, to the date of delivery.

11. BONDS MUTILATED, LOST, OR DESTROYED. If any Bond shall become mutilated, the Township, at the expense of the holder of the Bond, shall execute, and the Paying Agent shall authenticate and deliver, a new Bond of like tenor in exchange and substitution for the mutilated Bond, upon surrender to the Paying Agent of the mutilated Bond. If any Bond issued under this Resolution shall be lost, destroyed or stolen, evidence of the loss, destruction, or theft may be submitted to the Paying Agent and, if this evidence is satisfactory to both the Township and the Paying Agent and indemnity satisfactory to the Paying Agent shall be given, the Township, at the expense of the owner, shall execute, and the Paying Agent shall thereupon authenticate and deliver, a new Bond of like tenor, which shall bear the statement required by

Act 354, Public Acts of Michigan, 1972, as amended, or any applicable law hereafter enacted, in lieu of and in substitution for the Bond so lost, destroyed or stolen. If any such Bond shall have matured or shall be about to mature, instead of issuing a substitute Bond, the Paying Agent may pay the same without surrender thereof.

12. BOND PAYMENT FUND. For payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds, there shall be established and maintained a debt service fund for the Bonds (the “Bond Payment Fund”). The accrued interest, if any, and capitalized interest, if any, received at the time of delivery of the Bonds and such amount of any premium determined by the Authorized Officer shall be placed into the Bond Payment Fund. All proceeds from taxes levied for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds shall also be deposited into the Bond Payment Fund. Moneys in the Bond Payment Fund shall be expended solely for payment of principal and interest on the Bonds that first come due. The Township hereby pledges to budget and set aside each year, from the first collection of taxes not limited by law to other purposes, a sum sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds coming due prior to the next collection of taxes.

13. CONSTRUCTION FUND. Prior to delivery and sale of the Bonds, there shall be established a fund for the payment of the costs of the Improvements (the “Construction Fund”). After deducting the sums that are required to be deposited in the Bond Payment Fund, the balance of the proceeds of the Bonds shall be deposited into the Construction Fund. The moneys on deposit in the Construction Fund from time to time shall be used solely for the purpose for which the Bonds were issued. Any unexpended balance shall be used for such purposes as allowed by law. Any monies remaining in the Construction Fund after payment of all such costs shall be transferred to the Bond Payment Fund. After completion of the Improvements and disposition of any remaining Bond proceeds, pursuant to the provisions of this Section, the Construction Fund shall be closed.

14. INVESTMENT OF FUNDS. Moneys in the funds and accounts established herein may be invested by the Township as allowed by law, and subject to the limitations imposed by arbitrage regulations and Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the applicable regulations thereunder (collectively the “Code”).

15. DEPOSITORY AND FUNDS ON HAND. Monies in the several funds and accounts maintained pursuant to this Resolution may be kept in one or more accounts at financial

institutions designated by resolution of the Township, and if kept in one account, the monies shall be allocated on the books and records of the Township in the manner and at the times provided in this Resolution.

16. CONTRACT WITH BONDHOLDERS. The provisions of this Resolution shall constitute a contract between the Township and the holder or holders of the Bonds from time to time, and after the issuance of any of such Bonds, no change, variation or alteration of the provisions of this Resolution may be made that would lessen the security for the Bonds. The provisions of this Resolution shall be enforceable by appropriate proceedings taken by such holder or holders, either at law or in equity.

17. SALE OF BONDS. The Bonds shall be sold at a public sale. The Authorized Officer shall set the date and time for sale of the Bonds, which date shall be at least seven (7) days after the publication of the official notice of sale. The Authorized Officer of the Township shall cause notice of the sale of the Bonds to be published in *The Bond Buyer*, which notice shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, with such changes, additions and completions as are approved by the Authorized Officer.

18. AUTHORIZED OFFICER. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Resolution, the Township Supervisor, the Township Manager (including Interim Manager), and the Township Treasurer, or any one of them acting alone or number of them acting together (the "Authorized Officer") is authorized within the limitations set forth below to determine the title of the Bonds, maximum interest rate, interest rate or rates, amount of discount or premium, amount of maturities, principal amount, amount of good faith deposit, if any, denominations, dates of issuance, dates of maturities, interest payment dates, optional and mandatory redemption rights, and term bond options. The Authorized Officer shall have the authority to determine that up to two years of interest on the Bonds be capitalized. The authority granted to the Authorized Officer by this Section, is subject to the following limitations:

- (a) The par amount of the Bonds shall not exceed \$10,239,000.
- (b) The true interest cost of the Bonds shall not exceed six percent (6.00%).
- (c) The final maturity date of the Bonds shall not be later than six (6) years from the date of issuance.
- (d) The Bonds shall not be sold at a price that is less than 98% of the par value of the Bonds.

The Authorized Officer is hereby authorized for and on behalf of the Township, without further Township Board approval, to: (a) approve the circulation of a preliminary and a final Official Statement describing the Bonds; (b) to award the bid for the sale of the Bonds; (c) purchase municipal bond insurance, if considered necessary, as additional security for the bondholders; (d) apply to rating agencies for a rating on the Bonds; (e) make any designations or elections pursuant to the Code; and (f) do all other acts and take all other necessary procedures required to effectuate the sale, issuance and delivery of the Bonds.

Approval by the Township of the matters delegated in this section or any other sections may be evidenced by execution or approval of such documents by the Authorized Officer. The Authorized Officer, together with the Clerk, and the Finance Director, or any one or more of them, are authorized to execute any documents or certificates necessary to complete the transaction, including, but not limited to, any applications, an Application for State Treasurer's Approval to Issue Long-Term Securities or any other applications or supporting documents to the Michigan Department of Treasury, applications for waivers and the submission of any supporting or related documents, any certificates, receipts, orders, agreements, instruments, security reports, a blanket letter of representations, and any certificates relating to federal or state securities laws, rules or regulations.

19. DEFEASANCE. In the event cash or direct obligations of the United States or obligations the principal of and interest on which are guaranteed by the United States, or a combination thereof, the principal of and interest on which, without reinvestment, come due at times and in amounts sufficient to pay at maturity or irrevocable call for earlier optional or mandatory redemption, the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, shall be deposited in trust, this Resolution shall be defeased and the owners of the Bonds shall have no further rights under this Resolution except to receive payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds from the cash or securities deposited in trust and the interest and gains thereon and to transfer and exchange bonds as provided herein.

20. TAX COVENANT. The Township covenants to comply with all requirements of the Code necessary to assure that the interest on the Bonds will be and will remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The Authorized Officer and other appropriate officials of the Township are authorized to do all things necessary (including the making of such covenants of the Township as shall be appropriate) to assure that the interest on

the Bonds will be and will remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

21. MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE. The Authorized Officer is hereby authorized to acquire municipal bond insurance to enhance the marketability of the Bonds. If the Township acquires municipal bond insurance from a municipal bond insurer (the “Insurer”), the Authorized Officer, the Clerk, the Treasurer, or any one of them, are hereby authorized to take all actions, and to execute any documents, certificates, orders, applications, agreements, conditions, covenants or other instruments necessary to effectuate the issuance of the policy of bond insurance, including, but not limited to the execution of an order or agreement containing such provisions as the Insurer may require with respect to the insurance and the Insurer, which shall be binding on the Township in the same manner as if contained herein. The Authorized Officer is further authorized to sign such agreements or other documents and to pay such fees as are required for the Township to become a member of a mutual insurance company.

22. CONTINUING DISCLOSURE. The Township agrees to provide or cause to be provided, in accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 (the “Rule”) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (a) on or prior to the last day of the seventh month after the end of the fiscal year of the Township, commencing with the first fiscal year ending after the issuance of the Bonds, certain annual financial information and operating data, including audited financial statements for the preceding fiscal year (or if audited financial statements are not available, unaudited financial statements), generally consistent with certain information that was contained or cross-referenced in the Official Statement relating to the Bonds, (b) timely notice of the occurrence of certain material events with respect to the Bonds, and (c) timely notice of a failure by the Township to provide the required annual financial information on or before the date specified in (a) above.

23. OFFICIAL STATEMENT. The Township is hereby authorized to approve, execute, and deliver a Preliminary Official Statement relating to the Bonds in such form as the Authorized Officer shall approve. The Authorized Officer, the Clerk, the Treasurer or the Finance Director, or any of them, are hereby authorized and directed to approve, execute and deliver the Official Statement on behalf of the Township with such changes or modifications as they deem necessary in order to assure that the statements therein are true, and that it does not contain any untrue statement or material fact and does not omit a material fact necessary in order

to make the statements, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

24. BOND COUNSEL. The firm of Dickinson Wright PLLC is hereby approved as bond counsel to the Township for the issuance of the Bonds, with such fee as is provided in the financial report of the municipal advisor. The Township acknowledges that Dickinson Wright PLLC represents a number of financial institutions in public finance matters, including financial institutions that may potentially purchase the Bonds, and consents to Dickinson Wright PLLC's representation of the City as bond counsel and, and waives any conflict of interest arising from such representation of a financial institution or underwriter that may purchase the Bonds in other matters not involving the Township.

25. RESOLUTION SUBJECT TO MICHIGAN LAW. The provisions of this Resolution are subject to the laws of the State of Michigan.

26. SECTION HEADINGS. The section headings in this Resolution are furnished for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered to be a part of this Resolution.

27. SEVERABILITY. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Resolution.

28. CONFLICT. Except as provided above, all resolutions or parts thereof, insofar as the same may be in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed; provided, that the foregoing shall not operate to repeal any provision thereof, the repeal of which would impair the obligation on the Bonds.

29. EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION. This Resolution is determined by the Township Board to be immediately necessary for the preservation of the peace, health, and safety of the Township and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Deborah Guthrie, Clerk
Charter Township of Meridian

CERTIFICATION

I, Deborah Guthrie, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan (the “Township”) do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board at a meeting held on October 1, 2024, the original of which is on file in my office. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended.

Dated: October 1, 2024

Deborah Guthrie, Clerk
Charter Township of Meridian

No. ____

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF INGHAM
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS, SERIES 2024**

| <u>Interest Rate</u> | <u>Maturity Date</u> | <u>Date of Original Issue</u> | <u>CUSIP</u> |
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Registered Owner: Cede & Co.

Principal Amount: _____ Dollars (\$ _____)

The Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan (the “Township”), acknowledges itself indebted and, for value received, hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner specified above, or registered assigns, the Principal Amount specified above, in lawful money of the United States of America, on the Date of Maturity specified above, with interest thereon from the Date of Original Issue specified above or such later date to which interest has been paid, until paid, at the Interest Rate per annum specified above, payable on the first day of April and October of each year, beginning on April 1, 2025.

This Bond is one of a total authorized issue of bonds of even date and like tenor except as to date of maturity, amount and rate of interest, numbered in order of registration, aggregating the principal sum of \$ _____, issued in accordance with the provisions of Act 359, Public Acts of Michigan, 1947, as amended and a resolution adopted by the Township Board on October 1, 2024, for the purpose of paying the cost of designing, acquiring, constructing, improving, repairing, and maintaining streets and related improvements within the Township (the “Improvements”).

The Township has pledged its unlimited tax, full faith or credit, general obligation, for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as and when due. Unless the Township has sufficient funds on hand, the Township shall annually levy a tax on all taxable property in the Township for the prompt payment of principal and interest on the Bonds, which tax shall be unlimited as to rate and amount as approved by the electorate on August 6, 2019.

Principal of this Bond is payable at the principal office of The Huntington National Bank, Grand Rapids, Michigan, or such other Paying Agent as the Township may hereafter designate (the "Paying Agent") by notice mailed to the Registered Owner not less than sixty (60) days prior to the next interest payment date. Interest on this Bond is payable to the Registered Owner of record as of the fifteenth (15th) day of the month preceding the payment date as shown on the registration books of the Township maintained by the Paying Agent, by check or draft mailed to the Registered Owner at the registered address.

Bonds maturing on _____, ____ (the "Term Bonds"), are subject to mandatory redemption prior to maturity in part, by lot, on each _____ 1, commencing _____, _____, and will be redeemed at the par value thereof plus accrued interest to the redemption date on _____ 1 of each of the following years in the amounts as follows:

| <u>Redemption Date</u> | <u>Principal Amount</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
|------------------------|-------------------------|

Term Bonds purchased by the Township and delivered to the Paying Agent for cancellation or which are redeemed in a manner other than by mandatory redemption, shall reduce the principal amount of the Term Bonds subject to mandatory redemption by the amount of the Bonds so redeemed, in the order determined by the Township.

The Bonds shall not be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity.

This Bond shall be registered in the name of the Registered Owner on the registration books kept by the Paying Agent and such registration noted hereon and thereafter no transfer shall be valid unless made upon the registration books and likewise noted hereon. This Bond is exchangeable at the request of the Registered Owner hereof, in person or by his attorney duly authorized in writing, at the office of the Paying Agent, but only in the manner, subject to the limitations and at his sole expense, for other bonds of an equal aggregate amount, upon surrender of this Bond to the Paying Agent. Upon such transfer, a new registered bond or bonds of the same series and the same maturity of authorized denomination will be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by law, precedent to and in the issuance of this Bond, exist and have been done and performed in regular and due time and form as required by law and that the total indebtedness of the Township including this Bond, does not exceed any applicable constitutional or statutory limitation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, by its Township Board, has caused this Bond to be signed, by the manual or facsimile signatures of its Supervisor and Clerk, all as of the _____ day of _____, 2024.

Scott Hendrickson, Supervisor

Deborah Guthrie, Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AND AUTHENTICATION

This Bond is one of the Charter Township of Meridian \$_____ General Obligation Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2024 and has been registered in the name of the Registered Owner designated on the face thereof in the bond register maintained for the Township.

Authentication Date: _____, 20__

As Paying Agent/Bond Registrar/Transfer Agent

WRONGFUL USE OF CERTIFICATE

Unless this certificate is presented by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company, a New York corporation (“DTC”), to Issuer or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange, or payment, and any certificate issued is registered in the name of Cede & Co. or in such other name as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC (and any payment is made to Cede & Co. or to such other entity as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE, OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL inasmuch as the registered owner hereof, Cede & Co., has an interest herein.

ASSIGNMENT

For value received, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto _____

(please print or type social security number or taxpayer identification number and name and address of transferee)

the within bond and all rights thereunder, and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint _____ attorney to transfer the within bond on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____ Signed: _____

In the presence of: _____

Notice: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever. When assignment is made by a guardian, trustee, executor or administrator, an officer of a corporation, or anyone in a representative capacity, proof of his authority to act must accompany the bond.

Signature(s) must be guaranteed by an eligible guarantor institution participating in a Securities Transfer Association recognized signature guaranty program.

Signature Guaranteed: _____

EXHIBIT B

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE

\$ _____ *

*(subject to adjustment as described below)

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS, SERIES 2024**

SEALED BIDS for the purchase of the above bonds (the “Bonds”) will be received by an agent of the undersigned on the ____ day of _____, 2024, until _____.m., Eastern Time, at which time they will be read. Bids may be submitted by email at ____, but no bid will be received after the time for receiving bids specified above and the bidder bears all risks of transmission failure.

IN THE ALTERNATIVE: Bids may be submitted electronically via PARITY pursuant to this Notice on the same date and until the same time, but no bid will be received after the time for receiving bids specified above. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in PARITY conflict with this Notice, the terms of this Notice shall control. For further information about PARITY, potential bidders may contact the Municipal Advisor (identified below) or PARITY at (212) 849-5021.

BOND DETAILS: The Bonds will be fully registered bonds of the denomination of \$5,000 each or any integral multiple thereof not exceeding the aggregate principal amount for each maturity at the option of the purchaser thereof, dated the date of their delivery, and will bear interest from their date payable on April 1, 2025, and semiannually thereafter.

The Bonds will mature as follows (provided, however, that the amounts set forth may be adjusted as described under “Adjustment in Principal Amount” herein):

| DATE | AMOUNT |
|-------------|---------------|
| 04/01/2025 | |
| 10/01/2025 | |
| 04/01/2026 | |
| 10/01/2026 | |
| 04/01/2027 | |
| 10/01/2027 | |
| 04/01/2028 | |
| 10/01/2028 | |

TERM BOND OPTION: Bidders shall have the option of designating bonds as serial bonds or term bonds, or both. The bid must designate whether each of the principal amounts shown above represents a serial maturity or a mandatory redemption requirement for a term bond maturity. There may be more than one term bond designated. In the event that term bonds are utilized, the principal amount scheduled for maturity in the years shown above shall be represented by either serial bond maturities or mandatory redemption requirements, or a combination of both. Any such designation must be made at the time bids are submitted.

PRIOR REDEMPTION:

A. MANDATORY REDEMPTION. Bonds designated as term bonds shall be subject to mandatory redemption at par and accrued interest on the dates and in the amounts corresponding to the principal maturities hereinbefore set forth. The Bonds or portions of bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by lot.

B. OPTIONAL REDEMPTION. The Bonds are not subject to optional redemption prior to maturity.

INTEREST RATE AND BIDDING DETAILS: The Bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates not exceeding 6% per annum, to be fixed by the bids therefor, expressed in multiples of 1/8 or 1/100 of 1%, or both. Bonds shall bear interest at a minimum coupon rate of 5.00% and a maximum of 6.00%. The interest on any one bond shall be at one rate only and all bonds maturing in any one year must carry the same interest rate. No proposal for the purchase of less than all of the Bonds or at a price less than 100% of their par value will be considered.

BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY: At the option of the purchaser, the Bonds will be issued in book-entry-only form as one fully-registered bond per maturity and will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), New York, New York. DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Purchase of the Bonds will be made in book-entry-only form, in the denomination of \$5,000 or any multiple thereof. Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their interest in bonds purchased. The Bonds will not be issued in book-entry form if the purchaser is willing to accept physical delivery of the Bonds in denominations equal to the aggregate principal amount for each maturity and, if necessary, transfer the Bonds only in such denominations. If requested by the purchaser of the Bonds and determined by an authorized officer of the Township, the Bonds may be issued in the form of a single bond with an exhibit containing the principal maturity amounts and applicable interest rates and due dates. The book-entry-only system is described further in the preliminary official statement for the Bonds.

BOND REGISTRAR AND PAYING AGENT: The Bonds shall be payable as to principal in lawful money of the United States upon surrender thereof at the corporate trust office of The Huntington National Bank, Grand Rapids, Michigan, the bond registrar and paying agent. Interest shall be paid to the registered owner of each bond as shown on the registration books at the close of business on the 15th day of the calendar month preceding the month in which the interest payment is due. Interest shall be paid when due by check or draft drawn upon and mailed by the bond registrar and paying agent to the registered owner at the registered address. As long as DTC, or its nominee Cede & Co., is the registered owner of the Bonds, payments will

be made directly to such registered owner. Disbursement of such payments to DTC participants is the responsibility of DTC and disbursement of such payments to the beneficial owners of the Bonds is the responsibility of DTC participants and indirect participants as described in the preliminary official statement for the Bonds. The Township from time to time as required may designate a successor bond registrar and paying agent. Alternatively, a Township official may serve as bond registrar and paying agent for the Bonds.

PURPOSE AND SECURITY: The Bonds are to be issued pursuant to the provisions of Act 359, Public Acts of Michigan, 1947, as amended, to defray all or part of cost of designing, acquiring, constructing, improving, repairing, and maintaining streets and related improvements within the Township. The issuance of the Bonds was approved at an election on August 6, 2019. The full faith and credit of the Township have been pledged to the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as and when due, and the Township will levy ad valorem taxes, without limitation as to rate or amount, to the extent necessary for the payment of such principal and interest.

ADJUSTMENT IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: Following receipt of bids and prior to final award, the Township reserves the right to increase or decrease the principal amount of the Bonds. Such adjustment, if necessary, will be made in increments of \$5,000, and may be made in one or more maturities. The purchase price will be adjusted proportionately to the increase or decrease in the principal amount of the Bonds, but the interest rates specified by the successful bidder will not change. The successful bidder may not withdraw its bid as a result of any changes made as provided in this paragraph.

GOOD FAITH: A good faith deposit in the form of a certified or cashier's check drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company, or wire transfer, in the amount of \$_____ payable to the order of the Township will be required of the successful bidder. If a check is used, it must accompany the bid. If a wire transfer is used, the successful bidder is required to wire its good faith deposit to the Township not later than Noon, prevailing Eastern Time, on the next business day following the sale using the wire instructions provided by the Municipal Advisor. The good faith deposit will be applied to the purchase price of the Bonds. In the event the purchaser fails to honor its accepted bid, the good faith deposit will be retained by the Township. No interest shall be allowed on the good faith deposit, and checks of the unsuccessful bidders will be promptly returned to such bidder's representative or by registered mail. The good faith check of the successful bidder will be cashed and payment for the balance of the purchase price of the Bonds shall be made at the closing.

AWARD OF BONDS: The Bonds will be awarded to the bidder whose bid produces the lowest true interest cost to the Township. True interest cost shall be computed by determining the annual interest rate (compounded semiannually) necessary to discount the debt service payments on the Bonds from the payment dates thereof to _____, 2024, and to the price bid.

LEGAL OPINION: Bids shall be conditioned upon the approving opinion of Dickinson Wright PLLC, attorneys of Grand Rapids, Michigan, the original of which will be furnished without expense to the purchaser at the delivery of the Bonds. The fees of Dickinson Wright PLLC for services rendered in connection with such approving opinion are expected to be paid from bond proceeds. Except to the extent necessary to issue its approving opinion as to the validity of the

above bonds, Dickinson Wright PLLC has made no inquiry as to any financial information, statements or material contained in any financial documents, statements or materials that have been or may be furnished in connection with the authorization, issuance or marketing of the Bonds and, accordingly, will not express any opinion with respect to the accuracy or completeness of any such financial information, statements or materials. In submitting a bid, the bidder consents to the engagement of Dickinson Wright PLLC as bond counsel to the Township, notwithstanding any representation of the bidder by Dickinson Wright PLLC in connection with any matters unrelated to sale of the Bonds by the Township.

TAX MATTERS: The approving opinion of bond counsel will include an opinion to the effect that under existing law, as enacted and construed on the date of the initial delivery of the Bonds, the interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Interest on the Bonds is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, interest on the Bonds is included in the "adjusted financial statement income" of certain corporations that are subject to the federal corporate alternative minimum tax under Section 55 of the Code. The opinion set forth above will be subject to the condition that the Township comply with all requirements of the Code, that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that interest thereon be (or continue to be) excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Failure to comply with certain of such requirements could cause the interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds. The Township has covenanted to comply with all such requirements. The opinion will express no opinion regarding other federal tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds.

If the successful bidder will obtain a municipal bond insurance policy or other credit enhancement for the Bonds in connection with their original issuance at its expense, the successful bidder will be required, as a condition of delivery of the Bonds, to certify that the premium therefor will be less than the present value of the interest expected to be saved as a result of such insurance or other credit enhancement. The form of an acceptable certificate will be provided by bond counsel.

In addition, the approving opinion of bond counsel will include an opinion to the effect that under existing law, as enacted and construed on the date of the initial delivery of the Bonds, the Bonds and the interest thereon are exempt from all taxation by the State of Michigan or a political subdivision thereof, except estate taxes and taxes on gains realized from the sale, payment or other disposition thereof.

ISSUE PRICE: The winning bidder shall assist the Township in establishing the issue price of the Bonds and shall execute and deliver to the Township at Closing an "issue price" or similar certificate setting forth the reasonably expected initial offering price to the public or the sales price or prices of the Bonds, together with the supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications, substantially in the form provided by Bond Counsel, with such modifications as may be appropriate or necessary, in the reasonable judgment of the winning bidder, the Township and Bond Counsel. All actions to be taken by the Township under this Notice of Sale to establish the issue price of the Bonds may be taken on behalf of the Township by the

Township's Municipal Advisor identified herein and any notice or report to be provided to the Township may be provided to the Township's Municipal Advisor.

The Township intends that the provisions of Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-1(f)(3)(i) (defining "competitive sale" for purposes of establishing the issue price of the Bonds) will apply to the initial sale of the Bonds (the "competitive sale requirements") because:

- (1) the Township is disseminating this Notice of Sale to potential underwriters in a manner that is reasonably designed to reach potential underwriters;
- (2) all bidders shall have an equal opportunity to bid;
- (3) the Township anticipates receiving bids from at least three underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds; and
- (4) the Township anticipates awarding the sale of the Bonds to the bidder who submits a firm offer to purchase the Bonds at the lowest true interest cost, as set forth in this Notice of Sale.

Any bid submitted pursuant to this Notice of Sale shall be considered a firm offer for the purchase of the Bonds, as specified in the bid.

In the event that competitive sale requirements are satisfied, the winning bidder shall be expected to certify as to the reasonably expected initial offering price of the Bonds to the public.

In the event that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied, the Township shall so advise the winning bidder. The Township shall treat (i) the first price at which 10% of a maturity of the Bonds (the "10% test") is sold to the public as of the sale date as the issue price of that maturity and (ii) the initial offering price to the public as of the sale date of any maturity of the Bonds not satisfying the 10% test as of the sale date as the issue price of that maturity (the "hold-the-offering-price rule"), in each case applied on a maturity-by-maturity basis (and if different interest rates apply within a maturity, to each separate CUSIP number within that maturity). The winning bidder shall advise the Township if any maturity of the Bonds satisfies the 10% test as of the date and time of the award of the Bonds. Any maturity of the Bonds (and if different interest rates apply within a maturity, to each separate CUSIP number within that maturity) that does not satisfy the 10% test as of the date and time of the award of the Bonds shall be subject to the hold-the-offering-price rule. Bids will not be subject to cancellation in the event that any maturity of the Bonds is subject to the hold-the-offering-price rule. Bidders should prepare their bids on the assumption that some or all of the maturities of the Bonds will be subject to the hold-the-offering-price rule in order to establish the issue price of the Bonds.

By submitting a bid, each bidder confirms that, except as otherwise provided in its bid, it has an established industry reputation for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds, and, further, the winning bidder shall (i) confirm that the underwriters have offered or will offer the Bonds to the public on or before the date of award at the offering price or prices (the "initial offering price"), or at the corresponding yield or yields, set forth in the bid submitted by the

winning bidder and (ii) agree, on behalf of the underwriters participating in the purchase of the Bonds, that the underwriters will neither offer nor sell unsold bonds of any maturity to which the hold-the-offering-price rule shall apply to any person at a price that is higher than the initial offering price to the public during the period starting on the sale date and ending on the earlier of the following:

- (1) the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the sale date; or
- (2) the date on which the underwriters have sold at least 10% of that maturity of the Bonds to the public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the public.

The winning bidder shall promptly advise the Township when the underwriters have sold 10% of that maturity of the Bonds to the public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the public, if that occurs prior to the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the sale date.

The Township acknowledges that, in making the representation set forth above, the winning bidder will rely on (i) the agreement of each underwriter to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, as set forth in an agreement among underwriters and the related pricing wires, (ii) in the event a selling group has been created in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, as set forth in a selling group agreement and the related pricing wires, and (iii) in the event that an underwriter is a party to a retail distribution agreement that was employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, the agreement of each broker-dealer that is a party to such agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, as set forth in the retail distribution agreement and the related pricing wires. The Township further acknowledges that each underwriter shall be solely liable for its failure to comply with its agreement regarding the hold-the-offering-price rule and that no underwriter shall be liable for the failure of any other underwriter, or of any dealer who is a member of a selling group, or of any broker-dealer that is a party to a retail distribution agreement to comply with its corresponding agreement regarding the hold-the-offering-price rule as applicable to the Bonds.

By submitting a bid, each bidder confirms that: (i) any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each retail distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter, each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and each broker-dealer that is a party to such retail distribution agreement, as applicable, to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder and as set forth in the related pricing wires, and (ii) any agreement among underwriters relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter that is a party to a retail distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public to require each broker-dealer that is a party to such retail distribution agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder or such underwriter and as set forth in the related pricing wires.

Sales of any bonds to any person that is a related party to an underwriter shall not constitute sales to the public for purposes of this Notice of Sale. Further, for purposes of this Notice of Sale:

(i) “public” means any person other than an underwriter or a related party,

(ii) “underwriter” means (A) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Township (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public and (B) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (A) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public),

(iii) a purchaser of any of the Bonds is a “related party” to an underwriter if the underwriter and the purchaser are subject, directly or indirectly, to (A) at least 50% common ownership of the voting power or the total value of their stock, if both entities are corporations (including direct ownership by one corporation of another), (B) more than 50% common ownership of their capital interests or profit interests, if both entities are partnerships (including direct ownership by one partnership of another), or (C) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interests or profit interests of the partnership, as applicable, if one entity is a corporation and the other entity is a partnership (including direct ownership of the applicable stock or interests by one entity of the other), and

(iv) “sale date” means the date that the Bonds are awarded by the Township to the winning bidder.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT: An electronic copy of the Township’s preliminary official statement relating to the Bonds may be obtained by contacting the Municipal Advisor at the address referred to below. The preliminary official statement is in a form deemed final by the Township for purposes of paragraph (b)(1) of SEC Rule 15c2-12 (the “Rule”), but is subject to revision, amendment and completion in a final official statement.

After the award of the Bonds, the Township will provide on a timely basis up to 20 copies of a final official statement, as that term is defined in paragraph (e)(3) of the Rule, at the Township’s expense in sufficient quantity to enable the successful bidder or bidders to comply with paragraphs (b)(3) and (b)(4) of the Rule and the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. Requests for such additional copies of the final official statement shall be made to the Municipal Advisor at the address set forth below within 24 hours of the award of the Bonds.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE: In order to assist bidders in complying with paragraph (b)(5) of the Rule, the Township will undertake, pursuant to a resolution adopted by its governing body and a continuing disclosure certificate, to provide annual reports and notices of certain events. A description of these undertakings is set forth in the preliminary official statement and will also be set forth in the final official statement.

CUSIP: It is anticipated that CUSIP numbers will be printed on the Bonds at the option of the Purchaser, but neither the failure to print CUSIP numbers nor any improperly printed CUSIP numbers shall be cause for the purchaser to refuse to take delivery of and pay the purchase price for the Bonds. The CUSIP Service Bureau's charge for the assignment of CUSIP identification numbers shall be paid by the purchaser.

BIDDER CERTIFICATION: NOT "IRAN-LINKED BUSINESS": By submitting a bid, the bidder shall be deemed to have certified that it is not an "Iran-Linked Business" as defined in Act 517, Public Acts of Michigan, 2012; MCL 129.311 et seq.

DELIVERY OF BONDS: The Township will furnish bonds ready for execution at its expense. Bonds will be delivered without expense to the purchaser through DTC in New York, New York, or such other place or by such other means as may be agreeable to the purchaser and the Township. The usual closing documents, including a continuing disclosure certificate (to the extent that the purchaser is subject to the Rule) and a certificate that no litigation is pending affecting the issuance of the Bonds, will be delivered at the time of the delivery of the Bonds. If the Bonds are not tendered for delivery by twelve o'clock noon, prevailing Eastern Time, on the 45th day following the date of sale, or the first business day thereafter if said 45th day is not a business day, the successful bidder on that day, or any time thereafter until delivery of the Bonds, may withdraw its proposal by serving notice of cancellation, in writing, on the undersigned, in which event the Township shall return the good faith deposit. Payment for the Bonds shall be made in Federal Reserve Funds.

THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS.

MUNICIPAL ADVISOR: MFCI, LLC (the "Municipal Advisor") is a Registered Municipal Advisor in accordance with the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. The Municipal Advisor has been retained by the Township to provide certain financial advisory services relating to the planning, structuring and issuance of the bonds. The Municipal Advisor is not engaged in the business of underwriting, trading, marketing or the distribution of securities or any other negotiable instruments. The Municipal Advisor's duties, responsibilities and fees arise solely as a Registered Municipal Advisor to the Authority and it has no secondary obligation or other responsibility. Further information with respect to the Bonds may be obtained from the Municipal Advisor, 3150 Livernois Road, Suite 175, Troy, Michigan 48083, Telephone: (313) 782-3011.

Deborah Guthrie, Clerk
Charter Township of Meridian



To: Township Board Members

**From: Timothy R. Schmitt, AICP
Interim Township Manager &
Director of Community Planning and Development**

Date: September 26, 2024

Re: Transportation Commission Dissolution

Meridian Township established a Transportation Commission at the October 18, 2006 Township Board Meeting. It was born out of the previous work done on the Redi-Ride Review Committee that the Board had previously created. At the time, there was great interest in transportation related items in the Township, as the Capital Area Transit Authority was in the planning stage for a Bus Rapid Transit system on Grand River Avenue. The Commission was tasked with reviewing the state of all transportation within the Township.

The Commission has not met for one year, only has two currently appointed members plus one Board Member, and does not have any potential candidates to be appointed. Staff would recommend the Board be dissolved at this time. If necessary, the Board can easily be reconstituted, either on a permanent or temporary basis, to address future transportation needs. Staff would offer the following motion for the Board's use.

Move to formally dissolve the Transportation Commission and thank all current and former members for their service.



A Prime Community

To: Board Members
From: Rick Grillo, Chief of Police
Date: October 1, 2024
Re: Police Contract with Michigan State University

The Meridian Township Police Department has developed partnerships with area police agencies for many years, both extending and receiving mutual aid when needed. Michigan State home football games can attract over 100,000 people to campus. To maintain safety and order, the Michigan State University Department of Public Safety requests help in the form of personnel from area partners in law enforcement. For over 20 years, MTPD has provided officers for football games and other special events in which circumstances may overwhelm the resources of the MSUDPPS.

MTPD and MSUDPPS have developed a formalized contract to establish expectations for these events. MTPD will authorized personnel to be assigned to special events on the Michigan State University campus when staffing levels permit. In return, MSUDPPS agrees to compensate Meridian Township within 30 days of receipt of invoice at an hourly rate as determined by the contract.

The Township Board reviewed this matter at their September 17, 2024 meeting and raised no major concerns. Michigan State University legal has reviewed the Township Attorney's proposed changes and has agreed with them. At this time, Staff would **recommend approval** of the Master Service Agreement with Michigan State University and offers the following motion for the Board to utilize on this item.

Motion to approve the Master Service Agreement for Law Enforcement Services between Michigan State University and Meridian Township for a period of three years and authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract.



**Master Service Agreement
Law Enforcement Services**

This Master Service Agreement (this “**Agreement**”), entered into as of July 19, 2024 (“**Effective Date**”), is made by and between Michigan State University, with offices located at 426 Auditorium Rd, East Lansing, MI 48824 (“**MSU**” or “**University**”) and CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, with offices at 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 (“**Supplier**”). MSU and Supplier are sometimes referred to in this Agreement individually as a “party” and collectively as the “parties.”

1. SERVICES

- 1.1 Supplier shall provide to MSU the law enforcement services set forth in the Statement of Work (collectively, the “**Services**”), attached as Schedule A to this Agreement (the “**Statement of Work**”).
- 1.2 Any Supplier personnel providing Services under this Agreement must comply with all licensing standards published by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES).

2. TERM

The term of this Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and shall continue for a period of three (3) years, unless earlier terminated in accordance with paragraph 13 (the “**Term**”). This Agreement may be renewed for up to two (2) additional one (1) year periods. Renewal must be by written agreement of the parties, and will automatically extend the Term of this Agreement.

3. PAYMENT

- 3.1 MSU will pay the fees set forth in the Statement of Work (the “**Fees**”) in accordance with this Section 3 and any payment milestones set forth in the Statement of Work.
- 3.2 Supplier’s invoices must conform to the requirements set forth in the Statement of Work. Invoices are due and payable by the University, in accordance with the University’s standard payment procedures, which are net 30 days after receipt, provided that the invoice was properly rendered under this Agreement. Supplier may only charge for Services performed as specified in the Statement of Work. Invoices must include an itemized statement of all charges. MSU is exempt from state sales tax for direct purchases and may be exempt from federal excise tax, if Services purchased under this Agreement are for MSU’s exclusive use.
- 3.3 MSU has the right to withhold payment of any disputed amounts until the parties agree as to the validity of the disputed amount. MSU will notify Supplier of any



dispute within 30 days after receipt. Payment by MSU will not constitute a waiver of any rights as to Supplier's continuing obligations, including claims for deficiencies or substandard Services.

- 3.4 Without prejudice to any other right or remedy it may have, MSU reserves the right to set off at any time any amount then due and owing to it by Supplier against any amount payable by MSU to Supplier.
- 3.5 Unless otherwise set forth in the Statement of Work, Supplier is solely responsible for any travel or other costs or expenses incurred by Supplier in connection with the performance of the Services, and in no event shall MSU reimburse Supplier for any such costs or expenses. If the Statement of Work allows for reimbursement of travel costs, such reimbursement is subject to MSU's Travel Reimbursement Policy set forth at <https://ctrl.msu.edu/COTravelNew/ReimbursementChart.aspx>.

4. RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES

- 4.1 Supplier is an independent contractor of MSU, and this Agreement shall not be construed to create any association, partnership, joint venture, employee or agency relationship between Supplier and MSU for any purpose. Supplier has no authority (and shall not hold itself out as having authority) to bind MSU and Supplier shall not make any agreements or representations on MSU's behalf without MSU's prior written consent. MSU has no authority to bind Supplier and MSU shall not make any agreements or representations on Supplier's behalf without Supplier's prior written consent.
- 4.2 Without limiting paragraph 4.1, Supplier will not be eligible under this Agreement to participate in any vacation, group medical or life insurance, disability, profit sharing or retirement benefits or any other fringe benefits or benefit plans offered by MSU to its employees, and MSU will not be responsible for withholding or paying any income, payroll, Social Security or other federal, state or local taxes, making any insurance contributions, including unemployment or disability, or obtaining worker's compensation insurance on Supplier's behalf. Supplier shall be responsible for, and shall indemnify MSU against, all such taxes or contributions, including penalties and interest. Any persons employed by Supplier in connection with the performance of the Services shall be Supplier's employees and Supplier shall be fully responsible for them.

5. SUBCONTRACTORS

- 5.1 Supplier will not, without the prior written approval of MSU, which consent may be given or withheld in MSU's sole discretion, engage any third party to perform Services. MSU's approval of any such third party (each approved third party, a "Subcontractor")



does not relieve Supplier of its representations, warranties or obligations under this Agreement. Without limiting the foregoing, Supplier will:

- (a) be responsible and liable for the acts and omissions of each such Subcontractor (including such Subcontractor's employees who, to the extent providing Services, shall be deemed Supplier personnel) to the same extent as if such acts or omissions were by Supplier or its employees;
- (b) name MSU a third party beneficiary under Supplier's contract with each Subcontractor with respect to the Services; and
- (c) be responsible for all fees and expenses payable to, by or on behalf of each Subcontractor in connection with this Agreement, including, if applicable, withholding of income taxes, and the payment and withholding of social security and other payroll taxes, unemployment insurance, workers' compensation insurance payments and disability benefits.

6. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

- 6.1 MSU is and shall be, the sole and exclusive owner of all right, title and interest throughout the world in and to all designs, drawings, reports, or other materials created specifically for MSU under this Agreement, including but not limited to any deliverables set forth in the Statement of Work, including all patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets and other intellectual property rights therein.

7. CONFIDENTIALITY

- 7.1 Meaning of Confidential Information. The term "Confidential Information" means all information and documentation of a party that: (a) has been marked "confidential" or with words of similar meaning, at the time of disclosure by such party; (b) if disclosed orally or not marked "confidential" or with words of similar meaning, was subsequently summarized in writing by the disclosing party and marked "confidential" or with words of similar meaning; or, (c) should reasonably be recognized as confidential information of the disclosing party. The term "Confidential Information" does not include any information or documentation that was or is: (a) in the possession of the University and subject to disclosure under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); (b) already in the possession of the receiving party without an obligation of confidentiality; (c) developed independently by the receiving party, as demonstrated by the receiving party, without violating the disclosing party's proprietary rights; (d) obtained from a source other than the disclosing party without an obligation of confidentiality; or, (e) publicly available when received, or thereafter became publicly available (other than through any unauthorized disclosure by, through, or on behalf of, the receiving party).
- 7.2 Obligation of Confidentiality. The parties shall not transmit, transfer exchange, send, give, or otherwise disclose any Confidential Information to each other (MSU to Supplier and vice-versa) unless the Confidential Information is exempt from FOIA and



the providing party includes a legal opinion to that effect with the Confidential Information. See MCL 15.243. The parties agree to hold all Confidential Information in strict confidence and not to copy, reproduce, sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of, give or disclose such Confidential Information to third parties other than employees, agents, or subcontractors of a party who have a need to know in connection with this Agreement or to use such Confidential Information for any purposes whatsoever other than the performance of this Agreement. The parties agree to advise and require their respective employees, agents, and subcontractors of their obligations to keep all Confidential Information confidential. Disclosure to the Supplier's Subcontractor is permissible where (a) the disclosure is necessary or otherwise naturally occurs in connection with work that is within the Subcontractor's responsibilities; and (b) Supplier obligates the Subcontractor in a written contract to maintain the University's Confidential Information in confidence.

- 7.3 Cooperation to Prevent Disclosure of Confidential Information. Each party must use its best efforts to assist the other party in identifying and preventing any unauthorized use or disclosure of any Confidential Information. Without limiting the foregoing, each party must advise the other party immediately in the event either party learns or has reason to believe that any person who has had access to Confidential Information has violated or intends to violate the terms of this Agreement. Each party will cooperate with the other party in seeking injunctive or other equitable relief against any such person.
- 7.4 Remedies for Breach of Obligation of Confidentiality. Each party acknowledges that breach of its obligation of confidentiality may give rise to irreparable injury to the other party, which damage may be inadequately compensable in the form of monetary damages. Accordingly, a party may seek and obtain injunctive relief against the breach or threatened breach of the foregoing undertakings, in addition to any other legal remedies which may be available, to include at the sole election of the non-breaching party, the immediate termination without liability of this Agreement.
- 7.5 Surrender of Confidential Information upon Termination. Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, each party must, within 15 days from the date of termination, return to the other party any and all Confidential Information received from the other party, or created or received by a party on behalf of the other party, which are in such party's possession, custody, or control. If Supplier or the University determine that the return of any Confidential Information is not feasible, such party must destroy the Confidential Information and certify the same in writing within 15 days from the date of termination to the other party.
8. **FERPA COMPLIANCE.** University is a qualifying educational agency or institution under the U.S. Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"). To the extent Supplier or its personnel have access to data protected by FERPA, Supplier acknowledges that for the purposes of this Agreement it is designated as a "school official" with "legitimate educational interests" in such data and associated metadata, as defined



under FERPA and its implementing regulations, and agrees to abide by the limitations and requirements imposed on school officials under those regulations. Supplier agrees to use such data only for the purpose of fulfilling its duties under this Agreement, and will not monitor, share, or disclose any such data to any third party except as provided for in this Agreement, as required by law, or as authorized in writing by University. Supplier specifically agrees not to use any data for purposes of targeted advertising.

9. RECORDS MAINTENANCE, INSPECTION, EXAMINATION AND AUDIT

University and Supplier shall each have access to and the right to examine and copy any directly pertinent books, documents, papers, and records of Supplier or University involving transactions related to this Agreement until the expiration of three (3) years after final payment hereunder. Supplier and University each further agrees to promptly furnish, when requested, such books, documents, and records as are necessary to verify the accuracy of the amounts invoiced to University and any past or current goods and services provided by Supplier. If any audit discloses an overpayment or underpayment by University or a discrepancy in the amount invoiced by Supplier against the goods and services actually provided by Supplier, each party will promptly reimburse or remit payment within thirty (30) days of notification of any such overpayment, underpayment, rectify such discrepancy, or both.

10. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

10.1 Supplier represents and warrants to MSU that:

- (a) Supplier has the right to enter into this Agreement, to grant the rights granted herein and to perform fully all of its obligations in this Agreement;
- (b) Supplier's entering into this Agreement with MSU and its performance of the Services do not and will not conflict with or result in any breach or default under any other agreement to which it is subject;
- (c) Supplier has the required skill, experience and qualifications to perform the Services, Supplier shall perform the Services in a professional and workmanlike manner in accordance with industry standards for similar services and Supplier shall devote sufficient resources to ensure that the Services are performed in a timely and reliable manner;
- (d) Supplier shall perform the Services in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including but not limited to the Michigan Commission On Law Enforcement Standards Act; and
- (e) Supplier, and each of its personnel, have and shall maintain any and all licenses and permits required by the Michigan Commission On Law Enforcement Standards Act, and any applicable federal, state or local laws and regulations.



- 10.2 MSU hereby represents and warrants to Supplier that:
- (a) it has the full right, power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder; and
 - (b) the execution of this Agreement by its representative whose signature is set forth at the end hereof has been duly authorized by all necessary organizational action.

11. INDEMNIFICATION

11.1 Supplier shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless MSU and its affiliates and their trustees, officers, directors, employees, agents, successors and permitted assigns from and against all losses, damages, liabilities, deficiencies, actions, judgments, interest, awards, penalties, fines, costs or expenses of whatever kind (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of or resulting from:

- (a) bodily injury, death of any person or damage to real or tangible, personal property resulting from Supplier's negligent acts or omissions; and
- (b) Supplier's negligent breach of any representation, warranty or obligation under this Agreement.

11.2 MSU shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless Supplier and its affiliates and their trustees, officers, directors, employees, agents, successors and permitted assigns from and against all losses, damages, liabilities, deficiencies, actions, judgments, interest, awards, penalties, fines, costs or expenses of whatever kind (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of or resulting from:

- (a) bodily injury, death of any person or damage to real or tangible, personal property resulting from MSU's negligent acts or omissions; and
- (b) MSU's negligent breach of any representation, warranty or obligation under this Agreement.

12. INSURANCE

12.1 While performing services under this Agreement, Supplier shall purchase and maintain the following insurance:

- (a) Workers Compensation insurance, Coverage A, with limits statutorily required by any applicable Federal or state law and Employers Liability insurance, Coverage B, with minimum limit of \$500,000 per accident.
- (b) Automobile Liability insurance covering liability arising out of any owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles with minimum limit of \$1,000,000 each accident and Personal Injury Protection as required by statute.
- (c) Commercial General Liability insurance with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 each occurrence/\$2,000,000 general aggregate. Coverage shall include



bodily injury and property damage liability, personal and advertising injury liability, products/completed operations, and liability assumed under an insured contract.

- (d) Professional Liability insurance for claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions by anyone providing professional services including but not limited to doctors, lawyers, architects, engineers, designers, appraisers and consultants. Minimum limit is \$3,000,000 per claim and \$3,000,000 annual aggregate.

12.2 Insurance policies shall be issued by companies licensed or approved to do business within the State of Michigan. Insurers shall possess a minimum A.M. Best rating of A. The insurance policies, where allowable, shall be endorsed to name Michigan State University, its Board of Trustees, agents, officers, and employees as "Additional Insureds." In the event any insurance policies required by this Agreement are written on a "claims made" basis, coverage shall extend for three years past completion and acceptance of Supplier's Services and must be evidenced by annual certificates of insurance. All policies of insurance must be on a primary basis, non-contributory with any other insurance and/or self-insurance carried by MSU. Supplier shall provide a minimum 30 days written notice to MSU via certified mail of cancellation or non-renewal of policies required under this Agreement and a renewal certificate at least 15 days prior to expiration.

13. TERMINATION

13.1 Either party may terminate this Agreement without cause upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party. In the event of termination pursuant to this paragraph 13.1, the terminating party shall pay any Fees due and payable for any Services completed and provide any Services up to and including the date of such termination.

13.2 Either party may terminate this Agreement, effective upon written notice to the other party, in the event of a material breach of this Agreement, and such breach is incapable of cure, or with respect to a material breach capable of cure, the breaching party does not cure such breach within ten (10) days after receipt of written notice of such breach. MSU shall pay Supplier any Fees due and payable for any Services completed up to and including the date of such termination.

13.3 Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason, or at any other time upon MSU's written request, each party shall within fifteen (15) days after such request, expiration, or termination:

- (a) deliver to the other party all tangible documents and materials (and any copies) containing, reflecting, incorporating or based on the other party's Confidential Information;



- (b) take all reasonable and necessary measures to transition performance of the Services, reports and other documentation, to MSU or MSU's designee;
- (c) prepare an accurate accounting from which MSU and Supplier may reconcile all outstanding accounts;
- (d) permanently erase all of the other party's Confidential Information from its computer systems; and
- (e) certify in writing that it has complied with the requirements of this paragraph.

13.4 The terms and conditions of this paragraph 13.4 and paragraph 4 (Relationship of the Parties), paragraph 5 (Subcontractors), paragraph 7 (Confidentiality), paragraph 11 (Indemnification), and paragraph 13.3 shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

14. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

NEITHER PARTY WILL BE LIABLE, REGARDLESS OF THE FORM OF ACTION, WHETHER IN CONTRACT, TORT, NEGLIGENCE, STRICT LIABILITY OR BY STATUTE OR OTHERWISE, FOR ANY CLAIM RELATED TO OR ARISING UNDER THIS CONTRACT FOR CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, OR SPECIAL DAMAGES, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION LOST PROFITS AND LOST BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES.

15. MISCELLANEOUS

15.1 Criminal Background Checks. Supplier may be required to perform criminal background checks of its personnel pursuant to the MSU Contractor Criminal Background Check Requirements Policy ("CBC Policy"), available at <https://upl.msu.edu/common/documents/criminal-back-ground-check.pdf>. If Supplier is subject to the CBC Policy, Supplier must sign and deliver the Contractor Certification for Criminal Background Checks to University prior to the provision of any services or delivery of any goods. University reserves the right to audit compliance with the CBC Policy requirements and may require further documentation of compliance from Supplier. Non-compliance with the Policy is considered a material breach of this Agreement, which may result in a termination for cause.

15.2 Further Assurances. Each party will, upon the reasonable request of the other party, execute such documents and perform such acts as may be necessary to give full effect to the terms of this Agreement.

15.3 Relationship of the Parties. The relationship between the parties is that of independent contractors. Nothing contained in this Agreement is to be construed as creating any agency, partnership, joint venture or other form of joint enterprise, employment or fiduciary relationship between the parties, and neither party has authority to contract for or bind the other party in any manner whatsoever.



15.4 Use of the University Name, Logo and Marks. The University acknowledges that Supplier may make public statements regarding the existence of this Agreement, its terms and conditions and an accurate description of the products or services being supplied without the consent of the University. However, other than as permitted by the previous sentence, Supplier will not use the name, logo, or any other marks (including, but not limited to, colors and music) owned by or associated with the University, or the name of any representative of the University without the prior written permission of the University in each instance.

15.5 Notices. All notices, requests, consents, claims, demands, waivers and other communications hereunder, other than routine communications having no legal effect, must be in writing and addressed to the parties as follows (or as otherwise specified by a party in a notice given in accordance with this Section):

If to Supplier:

Meridian Township Police Dept., 5151 Marsh Rd, Okemos, MI 48864

E-mail: squires@meridian.mi.us

Attention: Lieutenant Curtis Squires

Title: Uniform Division Commander

If to the University:

166 Service Rd, East Lansing, MI, 48824

E-mail: yelselic@msu.edu

Attention: Cigdem Yelseli

Title: Core Procurement Buyer

Notices sent in accordance with this Section 23.4 will be deemed effectively given: (a) when received, if delivered by hand (with written confirmation of receipt); (b) when received, if sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier (receipt requested); (c) on the date sent by e-mail (with confirmation of transmission), if sent during normal business hours of the recipient, and on the next business day, if sent after normal business hours of the recipient; or (d) on the fifth (5th) day after the date mailed, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid.

15.6 Headings. The headings in this Agreement are for reference only and do not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

15.7 Assignment. Supplier may not assign this Agreement, nor any money due or to become due without the prior written consent of the University. Any assignment made without such consent shall be deemed void.

15.8 No Third-party Beneficiaries. This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the parties and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or will confer on any other person or entity any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.



- 15.9 Amendment and Modification; Waiver. This Agreement may only be amended, modified or supplemented by an agreement in writing signed by each party's authorized Representative. No waiver by any party of any of the provisions hereof is effective unless explicitly set forth in writing and signed by the party so waiving. Except as otherwise set forth in this Agreement, no failure to exercise, or delay in exercising, any right, remedy, power or privilege arising from this Agreement will operate or be construed as a waiver thereof; nor will any single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, remedy, power or privilege.
- 15.10 Severability. If any term or provision of this Agreement is invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability will not affect any other term or provision of this Agreement or invalidate or render unenforceable such term or provision in any other jurisdiction. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the parties hereto will negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the parties as closely as possible in a mutually acceptable manner in order that the transactions contemplated hereby be consummated as originally contemplated to the greatest extent possible.
- 15.11 Governing Law. This Agreement is governed, construed, and enforced in accordance with Michigan law, excluding choice-of-law principles, and all claims relating to or arising out of this Agreement are governed by Michigan law, excluding choice-of-law principles.
- 15.12 Compliance with Laws. Supplier shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and ordinances and the University's policies and rules, found at <https://upl.msu.edu/for-suppliers/policies-requirements/index.html>. Supplier has and shall maintain in effect all the licenses, permissions, authorizations, consents and permits that it needs to carry out its obligations under this Agreement.
- 15.13 Non-discrimination under Michigan Law. Pursuant to Section 209 of the Michigan Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act and Section 209 of the Michigan Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act, in providing services, the Supplier and its contractor(s) agree not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, or any matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of age, color, familial status, height, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, weight, or a disability that is unrelated to the individual's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position.



15.14 Exclusion And Debarment. Supplier certifies that it is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, voluntarily excluded or otherwise ineligible for state or Federal program participation applied for to provide the Services. In the event that Supplier becomes debarred, suspended or ineligible from state or Federal program participation in connection with the Services, Supplier shall notify MSU in writing within three (3) business days of such event. To the extent that Supplier will provide services to any MSU medical entity, Supplier hereby represents and warrants that Supplier is not currently, and at no time has been sanctioned, debarred, suspended, or excluded by any state or federally funded healthcare program, including without limitation, Medicare and Medicaid. Supplier agrees to immediately notify MSU of any threatened, proposed, or actual sanctions, debarment action, suspension, or exclusion by or from any state or federally funded health care program during the term of this Agreement.

15.15 Federal Contract Compliance.

(a) **University is an equal opportunity employer and a federal contractor or subcontractor. Consequently, the parties agree that, as applicable, they will abide by the requirements of 41 CFR 60-1.4(a), 41 CFR 60-300.5(a) and 41 CFR 60-741.5(a) and that these laws are incorporated herein by reference. These regulations prohibit discrimination against qualified individuals based on their status as protected veterans or individuals with disabilities, and prohibit discrimination against all individuals based on their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin. These regulations require that covered prime contractors and subcontractors take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, protected veteran status or disability. The parties also agree that, as applicable, they will abide by the requirements of Executive Order 13496 (29 CFR Part 471, Appendix A to Subpart A), relating to the notice of employee rights under federal labor laws.**

(b) In accordance with Public Law 115-91 and FAR 52.204-23, Prohibition on Contracting for Hardware, Software, and Services Developed or Provided by Kaspersky Lab and Other Covered Entities, and Public Law 115-232 and FAR 52.204-25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment, Supplier is prohibited from delivering covered telecommunications equipment as defined in FAR 52.204-25 or covered articles as defined in FAR 52.204-23. Supplier hereby represents and warrants that it will abide by the prohibitions contained in this Section.

15.16 Conflict of Interest. Supplier warrants that to the best of Supplier's knowledge, there exists no actual or potential conflict between Supplier and the University, and its Services under this Agreement, and in the event of change in either Supplier's private interests or Services under this Agreement, Supplier will inform the University



regarding possible conflict of interest which may arise as a result of the change. Supplier also affirms that, to the best of Supplier’s knowledge, there exists no actual or potential conflict between a University employee and Supplier.

15.17 Schedules. All Schedules and Exhibits that are referenced herein and attached hereto are hereby incorporated by reference.

15.18 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which together are deemed to be one and the same agreement and will become effective and binding upon the parties as of the Effective Date at such time as all the signatories hereto have signed a counterpart of this Agreement. A signed copy of this Agreement delivered by facsimile, e-mail or other means of electronic transmission (to which a signed copy is attached) is deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement.

15.19 Entire Agreement. This Agreement, including the Statement of Work and other Schedules and Exhibits attached hereto, constitute the sole and entire agreement of the parties to this Agreement with respect to the subject matter contained herein, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous understandings and agreements, both written and oral, with respect to such subject matter. In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Agreement and those of any Schedule, Exhibit or other document, the following order of precedence governs: (a) first, this Agreement, excluding its Exhibits and Schedules; and (b) second, the Exhibits and Schedules to this Agreement as of the Effective Date. NO TERMS ON SUPPLIER’S INVOICES, WEBSITE, BROWSE-WRAP, SHRINK-WRAP, CLICK-WRAP, CLICK-THROUGH OR OTHER NON-NEGOTIATED TERMS AND CONDITIONS PROVIDED WITH ANY OF THE SERVICES, OR DOCUMENTATION HEREUNDER WILL CONSTITUTE A PART OR AMENDMENT OF THIS CONTRACT OR IS BINDING ON THE UNIVERSITY FOR ANY PURPOSE. ALL SUCH OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS HAVE NO FORCE AND EFFECT AND ARE DEEMED REJECTED BY THE UNIVERSITY, EVEN IF ACCESS TO OR USE OF SUCH SERVICE OR DOCUMENTATION REQUIRES AFFIRMATIVE ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

MSU

BY: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

Supplier

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____





SCHEDULE A
Statement of Work

1. General Requirements

a. Performance of the work per this Agreement will be as coordinated with the University's Department of Police and Public Safety. MSU agrees that Supplier guarantees no minimum amount or hours of law enforcement services for any MSU event. Event start and end times and assignment information will be shared by DPPS before the event date. The hours or amount of law enforcement services provided shall be mutually agreed to by DPPS and the Township's Uniform Division Commander.

2. Outline of Services and Fees

- a. Pricing shall be fixed until Supplier has completed all Services under the Statement of Work.
- b. All invoices will be paid in accordance with agreement terms, Net 30 Days.
- c. Supplier will provide law enforcement services in connection with MSU events.
- d. Hourly rate for law enforcement services is \$-----/hour. (Rates will be inserted here)



To: Township Board
From: Scott Hendrickson, Township Supervisor
Date: October 1, 2024
Re: Township Manager National Search Process

At the August 20, 2024 Township Board meeting, the Board selected Amy Cell Talent to conduct a National Township Manager search. They have provided a draft timeline and draft job posting for your review.

Timeline:

- Tuesday, October 1 - Board approves planning documents
- Wednesday, October 2 - Wednesday, October 30 - Recruitment period
- Wednesday, October 2 - Tuesday, November 5 - Assessment period
- Tuesday, November 5 - Present candidates
- Tuesday, November 12 - Board determine finalists
- November 21, 22 or Week of December 2 - Onsite interviews with public reception
- TBD - Board determines next steps

The following motion has been prepared for the Board's consideration:

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MANAGER SEARCH PROCESS TIMELINE AND JOB POSTING AS PRESENTED.

Attachment:

1. Meridian Township Manager Job Posting Draft

Meridian Charter Township – Township Manager Posting Draft **Prepared by Amy Cell Talent**

About Meridian Township

Centrally located, Meridian Township has nestled within its borders two healthy and active communities; Haslett and Okemos. A smaller portion of East Lansing and Williamston are also within our border. Lying along the eastern border of East Lansing and MSU, we are in close proximity to the Michigan State Capitol.

Meridian Township welcomes visitors from surrounding areas to its vibrant business districts, over 906 acres of parks and natural areas and to the largest lake within 25 miles of the State Capitol, Lake Lansing. We are a welcoming community that celebrates quality education, recreation and lifestyles. Our mission is to provide a safe and welcoming, sustainable, prime community.

Our residents make up a caring and supportive community that celebrates quality education, recreation and lifestyle. Our mission is to provide a safe and welcoming, sustainable, prime community.

Nearly 45,000 residents in Meridian Township from Haslett, Okemos and a small part of East Lansing and Williamston collectively contribute to maintaining a sustainable and welcoming community.

Township Assets and Strengths

A destination for raising families, Meridian Township's vision is to achieve and maintain a sustainable and welcoming community with the highest quality of life for our engaged residents. With two of the best school districts in the state, 29 parks, and many other features, it is easy to see why Meridian Township is A Prime Community. Additionally, Meridian Township:

- Is a highly desirable community for residents and businesses with a great mall and farmers market
- Is an environmentally forward community with a good mix of rural and urban with lots of green space
- Is a financially strong community that is growing
- Has strong infrastructure
- Benefits from having a diverse industry base including State government and the auto industry

Meridian Charter Township – Township Manager Posting Draft

Prepared by Amy Cell Talent

- Has great police and fire departments

For additional information about Meridian Charter Township, visit:

<https://www.meridian.mi.us/home>

About the Role of Township Manager

Meridian Township is seeking a new Township Manager. This manager must be an excellent communicator and listener, and be able to facilitate a collaborative relationship with the Township Board and staff. Candidates should demonstrate an ability to foster community involvement, an interest in sustainable development, and empathy for a wide range of perspectives and needs. This individual must foster a culture of inclusion and teamwork.

The manager must display sound financial judgment, and ensure the township has the proper resources to continue to grow and support future projects.

Key Responsibilities

This position serves at the pleasure of the Township Board. Key tasks and activities include:

- Oversees the daily operations of the Township by interpreting policies, answering inquiries and complaints, and reviewing annual staff evaluations. Responds to citizen inquiries or complaints regarding Township policies, services, and practices.
- Compiles and prepares the annual budget request. Assists the Township Board in its deliberations at budget hearings and oversees the administration of the budget as approved by the Board.
- Supervises all non-elected Township employees, either directly or through department heads. Serves as a functional supervisor for the departmental activities of the elected full-time Clerk and Treasurer. Directs employee selection procedures, evaluation, recognition, discipline, and discharge actions.
- Serves as the Township's legislative coordinator. Stays current of proposed changes in legislation that may impact the Township.
- Prepares and recommends policies and programs to the Township Board. Provides information to the Board to aid in its deliberations. Implements policies set forth by the Board.

Key challenges/issues

- Developing downtown Okemos and Haslett

Meridian Charter Township – Township Manager Posting Draft

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- Ensuring there are sufficient funds available for long term projects
- Plan and manage current and future projects for the township, such as the senior center and community center
- Paying down legacy debt and liabilities
- Road and building maintenance/infrastructure
- Transitioning to renewable energy sources
- Navigating a split community regarding recreational marijuana
- Managing concerns about the tax burden and economic uncertainty within the community

About You

You are a seasoned municipal leader and an exceptional communicator. You delight in building relationships with our residents, board, and staff. You would thrive in an environment with engaged and empowering elected officials. A bachelor's degree in public administration, business administration or related field is required with a master's degree or graduate studies in public administration, public policy, public health or related field preferred.

To Apply

- Applications are requested by October 30th.
- Candidates seeking confidentiality under Michigan law should clearly state their intentions.



To: Board Members

**From: Dan Opsommer, Deputy Township Manager
Director of Public Works & Engineering**

Date: October 1, 2024

Re: USBGN Proposal to Change the Name of Lake Lansing to Pine Lake

Based on the Board's direction during the August 20 Township Board meeting, the Department of Public Works & Engineering solicited input from the following stakeholders:

1. Lake Lansing Advisory Committee (LLAC)
2. Lake Lansing Property Owners Association (LLPOA)

The LLAC voted unanimously against the proposal. The LLPOA Board voted unanimously to not support the proposal. The Ingham County Board of Commissioners also voted to oppose this petition due to the costs they would incur. Township staff do not believe the Township would incur any substantive costs. We have provided you with a draft motion to reject the proposal below based on the feedback we received from the stakeholders.

Background Information: On July 30, the Township and Ingham County received an email from the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) seeking input from on a proposal submitted by a local resident to change the name of Lake Lansing back to Pine Lake.

The name change from Pine Lake to Lake Lansing was officially recognized for federal use in 1930. Pine Lake was labeled on a USGS topographic map in 1928. However, in 1929, the BGN received and approved a proposal from the Michigan Historical Commission to change the name to Lake Lansing on May 7, 1930. The request was initiated by the Ingham County Board of Supervisors "to avoid duplication . . . with several Pine Lakes in this vicinity." A petition filed at the time was signed by "a great many property owners in the immediate vicinity of Pine Lake, and truly expressing the sentiment of the people of said locality, asking that this [County] Board recommend to the Department of Conservation of the State of Michigan that the name of Pine Lake be changed to Lake Lansing, which would be a specific name and at the same time indicate [the] location of the lake." The City of Lansing Common Council and the Civic Bureau of the City Chamber of Commerce also supported the change to Lake Lansing.

The BGN is responsible by law for standardizing geographic names for use by the departments and agencies of the Federal Government. The Department of Interior's USGS provides staff support to the BGN. The staff actively pursues input from [state geographic names authorities](#), land management agencies, local governments, and [tribal governments](#) for all submitted naming proposals and local preference is heavily considered in BGN decisions. The BGN's policies and processes are detailed in this [this document](#), and frequently asked questions about the BGN can be found on [this webpage](#).

Memo to Township Board
October 1, 2024
USBGN Proposal to Change the Name of Lake Lansing to Pine Lake

The following motion has been prepared for the Board's consideration:

MOVE TO REJECT THE U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES' PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE NAME OF LAKE LANSING TO PINE LAKE.

Attachments:

1. USBGN Packet re: the Proposal to Change the Name of Lake Lansing to Pine Lake
2. USBGN Recommendation Form

Change Lake Lansing to Pine Lake

Proposal Information

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Proposed name | Pine Lake |
| Proposal type | name change to restore historic name |
| Current official name | Lake Lansing |
| GNIS ID | 630143 |
| Proponent | Logan Hazard; Haslett, MI |
| Date proposed | 5/23/2024 |
| BGN case number | 6291 |
| Quarterly Review List | 456 |

Feature Details

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| Primary coordinates | 42.7592406, -84.4007027 |
| Feature class | lake |
| Feature size | 456 acres |
| Feature description | 1 mi. N of Wildlife Lake; 2.5 mi. SE of Park Lake |
| Name history | descriptive name |
| USGS primary topo map | Bath 1:24,000 |
| State(s) | Michigan |
| County(s) | Ingham County |
| Local jurisdiction(s) | Meridian Township |
| PLSS | Sec. 2, T4N, R1W, Michigan Meridian |
| Land ownership | Ingham County Parks |

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names:
 - Pine Lake (USGS 1928; USACE 1944)
 - Lake Lansing (USGS 1958, 1972; USACE 1961)
 - Lansing Lake (USGS 1950)

Case Summary

This proposal is to change the name of Lake Lansing, located in Meridian Township in Ingham County, to Pine Lake. The lake lies between Lake Lansing Park South and Lake Lansing Park North.

Pine Lake was labeled on a USGS topographic map in 1928. However, in 1929, the BGN received and approved (May 7, 1930) a proposal from the Michigan Historical Commission to change the name to Lake Lansing. The request was initiated by the Ingham County Board of Supervisors “to avoid duplication . . . with several Pine Lakes in this vicinity.” A petition filed at

the time was signed by “a great many property owners in the immediate vicinity of Pine Lake, and truly expressing the sentiment of the people of said locality, asking that this [County] Board recommend to the Department of Conservation of the State of Michigan that the name of Pine Lake be changed to Lake Lansing, which would be a specific name and at the same time indicate [the] location of the lake.” The City of Lansing Common Council and the Civic Bureau of the City Chamber of Commerce also supported the change to Lake Lansing.

The proponent of the current proposal, in their [change.org petition](#), states “. . . [the name change] was dubious at best, lacking both popular and local legislative votes to enact the change. The name change was driven solely by Frank ‘Pine Lake’ Johnson. The proposal and petition state:

It was Johnson, a rich printer from out of town who bought up the land, destroyed the local environment, and decided to change the name of the lake on a whim because ‘there are dozens of Pine Lakes.’ This is utterly ridiculous. The new name [Lake Lansing] does not even make sense, considering that the lake is not actually located in Lansing. Changing it back to Pine Lake would help Haslett and Meridian Township in general stand out as more than just another suburb of Lansing but as genuine communities in their own right, culturally and legally independent from the capital. It will bring renewed interest to the lake, helping the local economy from people wanting to check out the lake that recently got a new name. [I]t will bring the garbage pollution surrounding the lake to more people's attention, attracting more people to clean up the lake. . . .

The proponent noted that the [Ingham County Parks website](#) states that Lake Lansing served as a hunting and fishing ground for Indian Tribes for centuries, with burial mounds pre-dating the Chippewa Indians. In the late 19th century, the area became a popular recreational site accessible by various means of transport. Prominent families from Lansing built summer homes around the lake, and the Pine Lake House resort, built in the 1870s, was a notable landmark until it burned down in 1929. The Izzer Club was established on the lake in the 1890s by a group of Lansing businessmen, and extensive logging took place on the east side. In the 1920s, Frank Johnson developed the east side. The website also states that he successfully pushed to rename the lake to Lake Lansing in 1927. There is no mention in the USGS records of Frank “Pine Lake” Johnson.

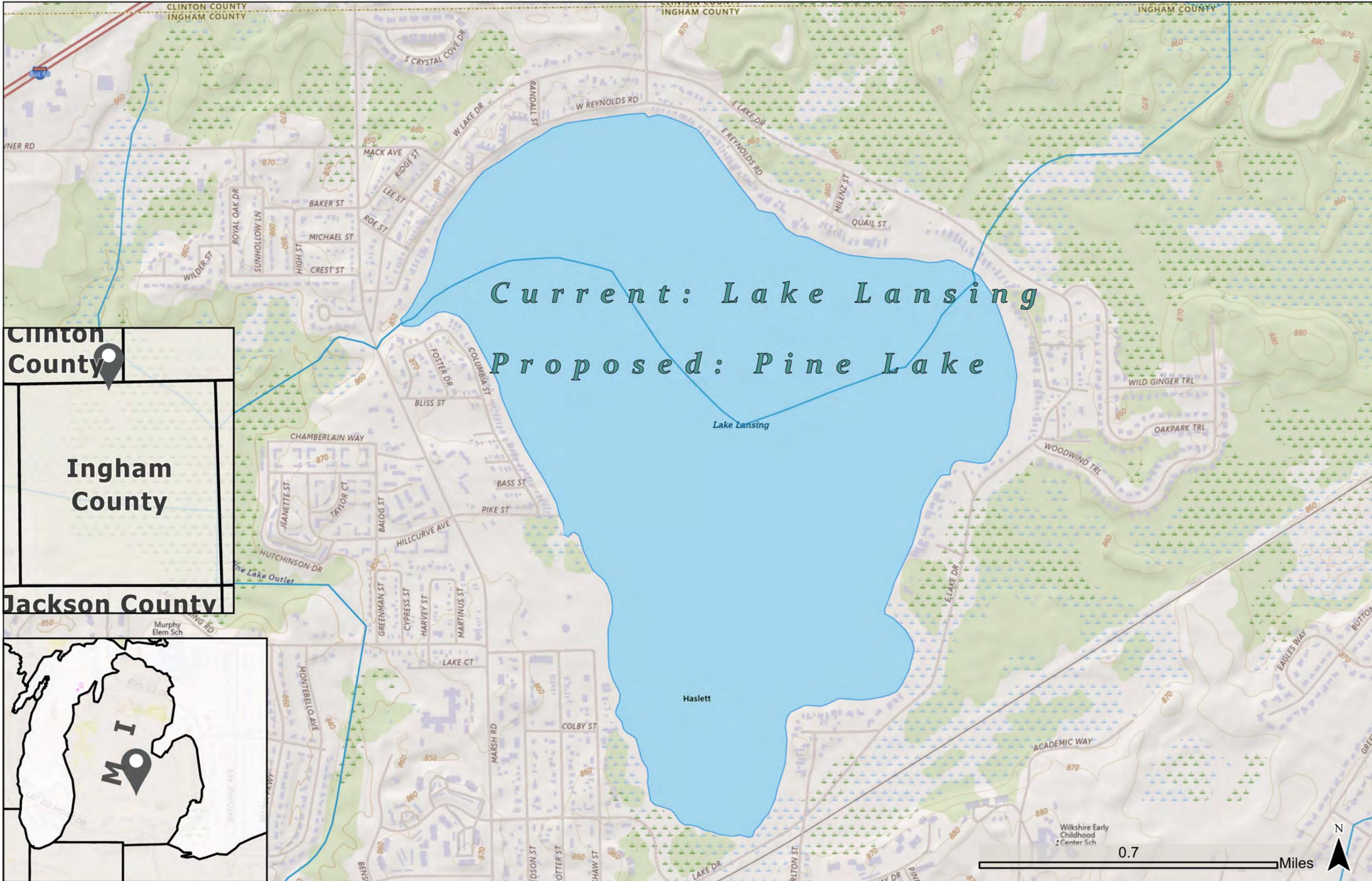
The book [Historic Structures In The Haslett Lake Lansing Area \(1974\)](#) states:

Evelyn H. Raphael in her history maintained that the developer known as Pine Lake Johnson effected the name change in 1927 ‘because there are dozens of Pine Lakes.’ However, Theodore C. Foster in the article ‘Place Names of Ingham County’ (Michigan History Magazine (1942) stated that the lake was renamed at the suggestion of J.R. Ferguson ‘because of the fact that the name Pine Lake carried no idea of location and because there are so many other Pine Lakes in Michigan.’

GNIS lists 26 lakes in Michigan named Pine Lake and another dozen or so with “Pine” in their names. None are in Ingham County. The stream that flows from the west side of the lake to join the Cedar River continues to be named Pine Lake Outlet.

Stakeholder Input

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|----------|
| Local government | Meridian Township Trustees Ingham County Commissioners | |
| State Names Authority | Michigan Geographic Names Authority | |
| Federally Recognized Tribes | All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X | |
| Other *provided by the proponent | Change.org petition | *Support |

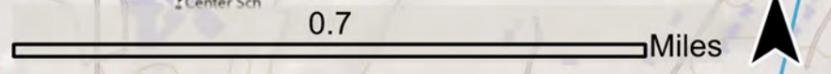


Current: Lake Lansing
Proposed: Pine Lake

Clinton County

Ingham County

Jackson County





THE BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE PROPOSAL FORM

This document is for those interested in proposing:

1. **A new name for a currently unnamed geographic feature, or**
2. **A change to an existing name, spelling, or where a name is applied.**

By submitting this form, the proponent acknowledges the [BGN Policies](#) and agrees to work with BGN staff regarding their proposal.



Domestic Geographic Name Proposal Form

The U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) is responsible for standardizing the names of geographic features within the 50 States and in other areas under the sovereignty of the United States. The BGN retains the legal authority to promulgate all official names and locations of natural features (e.g. mountains, rivers, valleys), as well as canals, channels, reservoirs, and other select feature types.

This form is to propose a new name or name, spelling, or application change for a geographic feature for Federal use. A proponent should carefully review the proposal prior to submission to ensure that it is consistent with the [BGN policies](#). Please note all fields with a red outline are required prior to submitting this form.

The proponent should also be aware that the entire proposal—including personal identifying information and any associated correspondence—is in the public domain and may be made publicly available at any time.

Submit Proposal:

1. Download and email this form and supporting documentation to:
BGNESEC@usgs.gov

OR 2. Send by mail to:
U.S. BGN Executive Secretary, Domestic Names
12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS-523
Reston, VA 20192

Contact Us:

BGNESEC@usgs.gov

- i. Save PDF using this format:
'State_GeographicNameProposed'
- ii. Email Subject: *ST_GeographicName*

Please note that anything submitted by mail will be delayed.

Naming Basics

Proposed Name:

Is this to change an existing name? Y N

If yes, please provide the official name and Feature ID as it appears in [the Geographic Names Information System \(GNIS\)](#).

Is this name in current local use? Y N

What is the Feature Type?

GNIS Name:

GNIS ID:

Location Basics



Where is the feature?

Latitude: (38.94741)

Longitude: (-77.36839)



General Location:

State:

County:

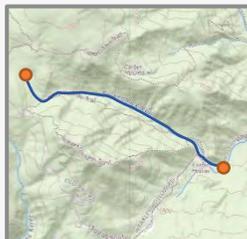
City/Town/
Township/
Borough:

For Linear Features (e.g. stream or valley):

Mouth/Confluence

Latitude: (38.94741)

Longitude: (-77.36839)



Public Land Survey System:

Section(s), Township, Range, Meridian

Source/Headwater

Latitude: (38.94741)

Longitude: (-77.36839)

Feature Description

Physical shape, length, width, etc. (Maps can be submitted separately by email)

Name Details

Name information:

Please provide relevant information about the proposed name, such as origin, meaning, how long it has been in current use, as well as current or historical significance. Also include why you believe the feature requires a name or name change and why the proposed name is appropriate. Describe any documents that you will be submitting (separately by email) to support your proposal.

Please provide a list of supporting documentation, including any web links:

Examples: Published sources showing the proposed name or letters of support (local government, historical society, etc.).

Is the name [commemorative](#)? Does the name honor or refer to a person or persons? Y N

Please note that the BGN will only accept proposals for names that are intended to honor a person or persons deceased at least five years. The BGN will disapprove names that could be construed to honor living persons. The person being honored should have had either (1) some direct or long-term association with the feature, or (2) have made a significant contribution to the area, community, or State in which it is located; or (3) have outstanding national or international recognition. The BGN discourages the use of an individual's full name except to avoid ambiguity.

If yes, please provide the following:

Honoree's Date of Birth:

Honoree's Date of Death:

Short biography and significance or association with the geographic feature: *(list any additional honorees here)*

Is the feature in a Wilderness Area or Wilderness Study Area? Y N Unknown

If yes, please provide your justification for making an exception to [the Wilderness Policy](#):

Please note that the BGN will not approve new names for unnamed features within wilderness areas or wilderness study areas, unless an overriding need can be demonstrated by the proponent.

Is the name you are proposing intended to honor Native Americans, their language, or culture? Y N

If yes, to ensure that the proposed name is appropriate, the BGN strongly advises proponents to work with Tribal Leaders, Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, and/or Native American linguists or other expert(s) associated with the Tribe to determine the acceptability of the proposed name and application. Please review [the BGN's Cultural Sensitivity for Native American Names guidance](#).

Proponents should also seek letters of endorsement from the governments (e.g., Tribal Councils) of any affected Tribes. Please indicate below, or in documentation submitted separately (with this proposal or any time after the proposal is submitted), any efforts to solicit Tribal input.

Additional Information +

Is there any local opposition or conflict with the proposed name? Y N

If yes, please explain and describe any opposition:

Additional notes, including any Tribal input details

Proponent Information

Please provide one form of contact (email preferred):

 Proponent's Name:

Agency or Organization, if applicable:

 Email:

 Mailing Address:

 Phone:

 Are you completing this form for someone else? Y N

If yes, please fill out the following:

Completed by:
Full Name:
Email:
Mailing Address:
Phone:



U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES (BGN)
GEOGRAPHIC NAME PROPOSAL RECOMMENDATION

Proposed name:

* Current official name:

This is to notify the U.S. Board on Geographic Names that the:

(Name of government entity, organization, or individual)
recommends that the U. S. Board on Geographic Names:

Approve the proposal

Reject the proposal

Other

Comments (attach supporting documentation if appropriate):

Name and Title:

Address

Phone and Email

Signature and date (typed name is accepted as signature)

* The official name of the geographic feature is the name listed in the [Geographic Names Information System](#)

Return to: U.S. Board on Geographic Names

BGNEXEC@usgs.gov

Telephone: (703) 648-4550

12201 Sunrise Valley Drive

Mail Stop 523

Reston, VA 20192-0523



To: Board Members
From: Amber Clark, Neighborhoods and Economic Development Director
Date: October 1, 2024
Re: 2024 Community Survey Results Discussion

The 2024 Community Survey officially launched on July 29, 2024, with wave 1 letters reaching property owners within the week. A second wave of letters was submitted four weeks after that with responses coming in daily. The survey ended on August 31, 2024. The survey included 32 questions with 392 responses via the printed survey and an additional 70 responses online. Though the data for the printed surveys are quantified separately, the data is compared and reflects the same temperament of the responses from the printed surveys. At this time Board members may desire to request specifics of Cobalt Community Research related to specific questions from this survey. The 2021 Community Survey results are also listed to compare the foundational questions or programs that staff members manage to inform us in general how those elements are operating. The results from 2021 are relatively similar with some slight variations based on current priority focuses for the community.

Attachments:

1. 2024 Community Survey
2. 2024 Community Survey Cross tabulation Results
3. 2024 Community Survey Comments

Department of Public Works/Engineering

6. Please think about the **transportation infrastructure** in Meridian Township and rate it on the following attributes using a scale from 1 to 6, where 1 means "**Poor**" and 6 means "**Excellent**." If you are not sure or have no opinion, please mark "**Don't know**."

| | Poor= 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Excellent= 6 | Don't know |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Street surface maintenance/repair | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| CATA/Redi-Ride | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pathway system for biking and walking | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Street tree maintenance and care | <input type="checkbox"/> |

7. Next, rate the **Public Works services** that you use on the following attributes:

| | Poor= 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Excellent= 6 | Don't know |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Drinking water quality | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Response time to water/sewer emergencies | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Stormwater/drain maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ease of paying Township utility bills | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Snow management on trails and pathways | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Streetlight maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Respectful treatment of residents/customer service | <input type="checkbox"/> |

8. Please rate the maintenance of Meridian Township's **facilities and grounds**:

| | Poor= 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Excellent= 6 | Don't know |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Meridian Township Hall (government offices) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Okemos Library CADL Branch | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Haslett Library CADL Branch | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Glendale Cemetery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Recycling/transfer station | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Community and Engagement

9. Consider your experiences in the last year with Meridian Township. How satisfied are you? Use a 6-point scale, where 1 means "**Very Dissatisfied**" and 6 means "**Very Satisfied**."

| Very dissatisfied=1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Very satisfied= 6 |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> |

10. On a scale where 1 means "**Not likely**" and 6 means "**Very likely**" how likely are you to take the following actions:

| | Not likely= 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Very likely= 6 |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Be a community volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Encourage someone to start a business here | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Participate in community events/festivals | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Remain living here five (5) years from now | <input type="checkbox"/> |

11. Which specific barriers keep you from participating more in the areas above or remaining here five years from now?

12. What cultural events would you like the Township to provide in our community?

13. On a scale where 1 is “**Strongly disagree**” and 6 is “**Strongly agree**” to what extent do you agree that Meridian Township is:

| | Strongly disagree= 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Strongly agree= 6 | Don't know |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| A safe place to live | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| An enjoyable place for children | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| An enjoyable place for young adults (age 18- 35) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| An enjoyable place for older adults (age 62+) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| An enjoyable place for people to visit | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Physically attractive/great curb appeal | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A great place to own a business | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A community that is growing responsibly | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A safe place to bike and walk | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A safe place to bike and walk at night | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A perfect community for me | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A place that is inclusive and celebrates diversity | <input type="checkbox"/> |

14. Rate the **economic health** of Meridian Township and rate it on the following attributes using a scale from 1 to 6, where 1 means “**Poor**” and 6 means “**Excellent**.” If you are not sure or have no opinion, please mark “**Don't know**.”

| | Poor= 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Excellent= 6 | Don't know |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Cost of living | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Affordability of housing | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Availability of quality jobs | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Stability of property values | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Strength of local economy | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Access to general health care services | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Access to mental health care services | <input type="checkbox"/> |

15. What do you like most about living in Meridian Township?

16. What are the top improvements the Township should prioritize?

17. How do you prefer to receive information from the Township? (Events, programs, updates, etc.) (Mark all that apply.)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Email | <input type="checkbox"/> Township social media (Facebook, Instagram) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Township website | <input type="checkbox"/> Nextdoor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meridian Happenings/digital newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Meridian Township YouTube channel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prime Meridian Magazine | <input type="checkbox"/> Text message |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utility bill insert | <input type="checkbox"/> HOMTV cable channel |

18. What types of information, updates, or specific topics would you like to receive from the Township? (Mark all that apply.)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Township news | <input type="checkbox"/> Community events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Township commissioned projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Budget information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Township Board meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (note below) |

19. Which languages are spoken in your home?

Planning and Budget

20. Rate the **Township Planning and Code Enforcement services** on the following using a scale from 1 to 6, where 1 means "**Poor**" and 6 means "**Excellent**." If you are not sure or have no opinion, please mark "**Don't know**."

| | Poor= 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Excellent= 6 | Don't know |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Building, plumbing, and electrical inspections | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Professionalism of Code Enforcement Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Code enforcement/property maintenance in your neighborhood | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Rental inspections | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ease of permitting services | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Plan review | <input type="checkbox"/> |

21. Which Township services would you like to see made available online?

22. Which six (6) Township services, programs, or amenities below are the most important to people living in your household? (Mark up to 6.)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building inspection <input type="checkbox"/> Code enforcement/property maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> Economic development <input type="checkbox"/> Election and voting process <input type="checkbox"/> Fire and ambulance services <input type="checkbox"/> Permit services <input type="checkbox"/> Police services <input type="checkbox"/> Public water and sewer <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Recycling services <input type="checkbox"/> Rental inspection <input type="checkbox"/> Road maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> Stormwater management/flooding prevention <input type="checkbox"/> Township Ice Center <input type="checkbox"/> Township parks <input type="checkbox"/> Trails and pathways <input type="checkbox"/> Trash/recycling containers in parks |
|---|---|

23. Which of the following community amenities below would you like to see added or enhanced in the future? (Mark up to 6.)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community engagement opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> Dog parks <input type="checkbox"/> Green space <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor recreational space <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor athletic fields/courts <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor performance space <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor seating spaces (fire pit, fountain, game space) <input type="checkbox"/> Pickleball courts <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds, indoor | <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds, outdoor <input type="checkbox"/> Pop-up pedestrian friendly spaces ("streeteries," "parklets," plazas) <input type="checkbox"/> Safe pedestrian/nonmotorized railroad crossings <input type="checkbox"/> Sidewalks <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboard/bike park <input type="checkbox"/> Sport shooting areas <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Walking/biking trails |
|--|---|

24. Which of the following zoning uses would you prefer to see in the Meridian Mall? (Mark all that apply.)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brewery | <input type="checkbox"/> Public facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial C-3 zoning | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational/sporting uses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate office complex/commercial office suites | <input type="checkbox"/> Research & development facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education/institution | <input type="checkbox"/> Residential housing (condos, duplexes, triplexes, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory | <input type="checkbox"/> Residential single-family housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family housing | |

25. Do you own or operate a business in Meridian Township?

- Yes No

26. What would make Meridian Township a better place for small businesses?

27. Residents have shared many ideas for potential improvements throughout the Township. Which of the following potential future community improvements should the Township pursue? (Mark all that apply.)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support installation of 5G cellular services in the Township | <input type="checkbox"/> Invest in upgrading and modernizing our water and sewer facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expand solar and other green initiatives | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expand/enhance trails and pathways | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expand/enhance pedestrian/non-motorized safety features at railroad crossings | |

28. What other community amenities would you like to see considered for the future?

Community and Senior Center

29. Do you feel Meridian Township would benefit from the addition of a multi-generational community & senior center, re-purposing the Younkers building in the Meridian Mall?

- Yes No

30. Would you (and your family, if applicable) use a community & senior center if the programs and services met your needs?

- Yes No

31. What features would you like to see in a community & senior center? (Mark all that apply.)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational facilities (regulation size basketball/volleyball/pickleball courts) | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated senior citizen area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low-impact workout area/low-impact exercise equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated youth area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large auditorium/meeting/performing space with stage | <input type="checkbox"/> Warming kitchen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community meeting rooms/conference rooms | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-purpose space |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (note below) |

32. The Township will seek all eligible financial grants, philanthropic efforts, and repurpose millages to finance the Community & Senior Center project. If these resources do not fully fund this project, would you be in support of a local millage to fill the gap in financing?

- Yes No

Meridian Township is a welcoming community. The information below helps us improve services for all of our residents. These questions are for analysis only and will not be used in any way to identify you. You may skip any questions that you are not comfortable answering.

How long have you been living in Meridian Township?

- One year or less
 1-5 years
 6-10 years
 More than 10 years

Do you own or rent/lease your residence?

- Own
 Rent/lease

Is your place of employment located in Meridian Township?

- Yes
 No, a different community
 I am not currently employed
 I am retired

What is your age group?

- 18 to 24
 25 to 34
 35 to 44
 45 to 54
 55 to 64
 65 or over

Which of the following categories best describes your level of education?

- Some high school or less
 High school graduate/GED
 Some college
 College graduate
 Graduate degree(s)

Which of the following categories includes your total household income last year?

- \$25,000 or less
 \$25,001 to \$50,000
 \$50,001 to \$72,900
 \$72,901 to \$92,800
 More than \$92,801

How many people are included in your household?

- 1
 2
 3
 4
 5
 6
 7 or more

Mark the boxes that describe the people living in your house (other than yourself). Check all that apply.

- Child(ren) age 12 or under
 Adult child(ren) age 18+
 Roommate
 None of these
 Child(ren) age 13-17
 Spouse/partner
 Parent age 65 or older

How do you identify (check all that apply)?

- Male
 Non-binary
 Prefer to self describe (note below)
 Female
 Prefer not to say

To which group do you consider yourself to belong? Check all that apply.

- Asian
 Black/African American
 Indigenous American
 Other
 White/Caucasian
 Hispanic/Latinx
 Prefer not to say
 Prefer to self describe (note below)

What is your ZIP Code?

- 48864
 48823
 48840
 48895
 Other (note below)

Thank you for your time. Please return this assessment in the postage-paid envelope provided.

| Rating Questions Count of Sample: 392 (+/- 4.9%) | | Fire and EMS | | | | | | Police | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | Fire and Medical Overall | Fire protection for the community | Engagement and educational opportunities | Response time to fires | Response time to medical emergencies | Respectful interaction with residents | Law Enforcement Overall | Respectful treatment of residents | Transparency in sharing information | Safety education (DARE, Citizens' Academy, etc.) | Response time to emergencies | Engagement with the community | Transparency in sharing information |
| 2021 Overall | | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 4.8 |
| 2024 Overall | | 5.5 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 4.9 |
| Residency | One year or less* | 5.9 | 6.0 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.7 | 5.3 |
| | 1-5 years | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 4.3 |
| | 6-10 years | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 4.7 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 4.7 |
| | More than 10 years | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 5.0 |
| Own/Rent | Own | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.0 |
| | Rent/lease | 5.4 | 5.7 | 4.8 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 3.8 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 3.8 |
| Employed in Township | Yes | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 4.9 |
| | No, a different community | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 4.9 |
| | I am not currently employed* | 5.3 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 3.6 |
| | I am retired | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.9 |
| Age | 18 to 24* | 5.1 | 5.8 | 4.0 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 4.0 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 4.0 |
| | 25 to 34* | 5.2 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 4.0 |
| | 35 to 44 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.2 |
| | 45 to 54 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 4.7 |
| | 55 to 64 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 4.2 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 4.2 |
| | 65 or over | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.1 |
| Education | Some high school or less* | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 4.5 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| | High school graduate/GED* | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.0 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.0 |
| | Some college | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.1 |
| | College graduate | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 4.8 |
| | Graduate degree(s) | 5.5 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 4.7 |
| Household Income | \$25,000 or less* | 5.2 | 5.7 | 4.6 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 3.0 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 3.0 |
| | \$25,001 to \$50,000* | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 4.9 |
| | \$50,001 to \$72,900 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 4.6 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 4.1 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 4.1 |
| | \$72,901 to \$92,800 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 4.7 |
| | More than \$92,801 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.1 |
| Count of Household | 1 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 4.9 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 4.3 |
| | 2 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.9 |
| | 3 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.2 |
| | 4 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 4.7 |
| | 5* | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.0 |
| | 6* | 5.5 | 6.0 | 4.5 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 3.0 | 4.4 | 1.0 | 4.7 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 1.0 |
| | 7 or more* | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5.0 | 5.0 | - | - | - | - | - |
| People in Household | Child(ren) age 12 or under | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 4.9 |
| | Child(ren) age 13-17 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 4.3 |
| | Adult child(ren) age 18+ | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 4.7 |
| | Spouse/partner | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.0 |
| | Roommate* | 5.7 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 3.7 |
| | Parent age 65 or older* | 5.4 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 4.2 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 4.2 |
| | None of these | 5.5 | 5.8 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 4.6 |
| Gender | Male | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 4.9 |
| | Female | 5.5 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.8 |
| | Non-binary* | 5.5 | 6.0 | - | 6.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 4.0 | - | - | 5.0 | - | - |
| | Prefer not to say* | 5.4 | 5.8 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.3 |
| | Prefer to self describe* | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 5.0 |
| Ethnicity | Asian* | 5.5 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 4.9 |
| | White/Caucasian | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.0 |
| | Black/African American* | 5.4 | 6.0 | 4.5 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 3.1 | 4.3 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 4.3 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| | Hispanic/Latinx* | 5.5 | 5.7 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 3.3 | 5.3 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 3.3 |
| | Indigenous American* | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 5.7 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| | Prefer not to say* | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.7 |
| | Other* | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 4.3 | 4.0 |
| | Prefer to self describe* | 5.2 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 3.7 |
| ZIP Code | 48864 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.0 |
| | 48823 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 4.4 |
| | 48840 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 4.8 |
| | 48895* | 6.0 | - | - | - | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | - | 6.0 | 6.0 | - | - |
| In Random Sample | Yes | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 4.8 |
| | No | 5.5 | 5.8 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 4.8 |
| Weighting | Unweighted | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 4.8 |
| | Age | 5.3 | 5.7 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.2 |

*Note: Lower number of responses may result in increased variability

| Rating Questions Count of Sample: 392 (+/- 4.9%) | | Parks and Recreation | | | | | | | | | | Transportation Infrastructure | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | | Parks and Recreation Overall | Parks/facilities meet your needs | Parks/facilities maintenance and cleanliness | Quality of recreational programs | Variety of recreational programs | Variety of park amenities | Quality of park amenities (trails, playgrounds, etc.) | Marketplace on the Green Farmers' Market | Historical Village | Harris Nature Center | Transportation Overall | Street surface maintenance/repair | CATA/Redi-Ride | Pathway system for biking and walking | Street tree maintenance and care |
| 2021 Overall | | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 4.2 | 3.2 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.2 |
| 2024 Overall | | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.3 |
| Residency | One year or less* | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 4.6 |
| | 1-5 years | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 5.1 | 4.4 | 4.3 |
| | 6-10 years | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 4.1 |
| | More than 10 years | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.2 |
| Own/Rent | Own | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.2 |
| | Rent/lease | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.2 |
| Employed in Township | Yes | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 4.4 |
| | No, a different community | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.2 |
| | I am not currently employed* | 5.3 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 4.2 | 3.6 |
| | I am retired | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 4.6 | 3.9 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 4.3 |
| Age | 18 to 24* | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 3.3 |
| | 25 to 34* | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.6 |
| | 35 to 44 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.3 |
| | 45 to 54 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 4.2 | 3.4 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.0 |
| | 55 to 64 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 4.2 |
| | 65 or over | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 4.6 | 3.9 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 4.3 |
| Education | Some high school or less* | 5.3 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | - | 1.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | - | 4.5 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 1.0 | 6.0 |
| | High school graduate/GED* | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.0 | 5.2 | 4.8 |
| | Some college | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 4.2 |
| | College graduate | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 4.4 | 3.8 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.3 |
| | Graduate degree(s) | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.1 |
| Household Income | \$25,000 or less* | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 4.6 | 4.0 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.5 |
| | \$25,001 to \$50,000* | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 4.7 |
| | \$50,001 to \$72,900 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 4.2 |
| | \$72,901 to \$92,800 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.1 |
| | More than \$92,801 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.2 |
| Count of Household | 1 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 4.7 | 4.0 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 4.7 |
| | 2 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.1 |
| | 3 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.1 |
| | 4 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.2 |
| | 5* | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.2 |
| | 6* | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 3.5 | 3.3 | - | 3.4 | 3.7 |
| | 7 or more* | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | - | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| People in Household | Child(ren) age 12 or under | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 4.5 | 3.9 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 4.3 |
| | Child(ren) age 13-17 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 4.0 | 3.3 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 3.9 |
| | Adult child(ren) age 18+ | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 3.9 |
| | Spouse/partner | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.2 |
| | Roommate* | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 6.0 | - | 5.5 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 3.3 |
| | Parent age 65 or older* | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 3.8 |
| | None of these | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 4.7 | 3.8 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 4.7 |
| Gender | Male | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 4.2 |
| | Female | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.5 | 3.8 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.3 |
| | Non-binary* | 5.8 | 6.0 | 6.0 | - | - | 5.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | - | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | - |
| | Prefer not to say* | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 5.6 | 3.6 | 4.2 |
| | Prefer to self describe* | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 4.9 | 4.3 | - | 5.5 | 5.0 |
| Ethnicity | Asian* | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.1 |
| | White/Caucasian | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 4.4 | 3.8 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.3 |
| | Black/African American* | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 4.0 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 4.6 |
| | Hispanic/Latinx* | 5.5 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 5.1 | 4.3 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 4.6 |
| | Indigenous American* | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 2.0 | 4.8 | 4.3 |
| | Prefer not to say* | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.8 | 3.8 | 2.9 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 3.8 |
| | Other* | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 4.3 | 2.0 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 4.0 |
| | Prefer to self describe* | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 5.7 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 2.0 | 4.5 | 4.0 |
| ZIP Code | 48864 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 4.4 | 3.6 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.2 |
| | 48823 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.1 |
| | 48840 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.5 |
| | 48895* | 5.9 | 6.0 | 5.5 | - | - | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | - | 6.0 | 4.8 | 4.5 | - | 5.0 | - |
| | | | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.2 |
| In Random Sample | Yes | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.2 |
| | No | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 4.2 | 3.6 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 4.0 |
| Weightng | Unweighted | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.2 |
| | Age | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 3.8 |

*Note: Lower number of responses may result in i

| Rating Questions Count of Sample: 392 (+/- 4.9%) | | Public Works | | | | | | | Facilities and Grounds | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Public Works Overall | Drinking water quality | Response time to water/sewer emergencies | Stormwater/drain maintenance | Ease of paying Township utility bills | Snow management on trails and pathways | Streetlight maintenance | Respectful treatment of residents/customer service | Facilities and Grounds Overall | Meridian Township Hall (government offices) | Okemos Library CADL Branch | Haslett Library CADL Branch | Glendale Cemetery | Recycling/transfer station |
| 2021 Overall | | 4.9 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 4.8 |
| 2024 Overall | | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.8 |
| Residency | One year or less* | 5.2 | 5.2 | 6.0 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.0 |
| | 1-5 years | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 5.1 |
| | 6-10 years | 4.8 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 4.6 |
| | More than 10 years | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 4.8 |
| Own/Rent | Own | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 4.8 |
| | Rent/lease | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.3 |
| Employed in Township | Yes | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 4.8 |
| | No, a different community | 4.9 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 4.7 |
| | I am not currently employed* | 4.8 | 5.0 | 3.5 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.3 | - | 4.2 |
| | I am retired | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 4.9 |
| Age | 18 to 24* | 4.7 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 3.3 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 4.0 |
| | 25 to 34* | 5.1 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.6 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 5.5 |
| | 35 to 44 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 4.9 |
| | 45 to 54 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.6 |
| | 55 to 64 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 4.6 |
| | 65 or over | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 4.9 |
| Education | Some high school or less* | 5.7 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 5.5 | - | - |
| | High school graduate/GED* | 5.5 | 5.3 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.2 |
| | Some college | 5.0 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 4.5 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.3 |
| | College graduate | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 4.9 |
| | Graduate degree(s) | 4.9 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 4.7 |
| Household Income | \$25,000 or less* | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 4.8 |
| | \$25,001 to \$50,000* | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 5.7 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.2 |
| | \$50,001 to \$72,900 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.0 |
| | \$72,901 to \$92,800 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 4.3 | 5.4 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 5.0 |
| | More than \$92,801 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 4.7 |
| Count of Household | 1 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 5.3 |
| | 2 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 4.8 |
| | 3 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 4.7 |
| | 4 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 4.7 |
| | 5* | 4.7 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 4.8 |
| | 6* | 3.5 | 5.3 | 3.0 | 1.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.0 |
| | 7 or more* | 4.5 | 5.0 | - | - | 3.0 | 5.0 | - | 5.0 | 5.0 | - | 5.0 | 5.0 | - | - |
| | People in Household | Child(ren) age 12 or under | 5.0 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.5 |
| Child(ren) age 13-17 | | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 4.2 |
| Adult child(ren) age 18+ | | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 4.7 |
| Spouse/partner | | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 4.7 |
| Roommate* | | 4.9 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 6.0 | - | - |
| Parent age 65 or older* | | 4.8 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 5.3 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| None of these | | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.2 |
| Gender | Male | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 4.7 |
| | Female | 5.0 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.9 |
| | Non-binary* | 6.0 | 6.0 | - | 6.0 | - | - | 6.0 | - | 6.0 | - | 6.0 | - | - | - |
| | Prefer not to say* | 5.1 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 5.3 |
| | Prefer to self describe* | 4.7 | 6.0 | - | 3.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 6.0 | 4.7 | 4.7 | - | 5.3 |
| Ethnicity | Asian* | 4.8 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 4.8 |
| | White/Caucasian | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.9 |
| | Black/African American* | 4.6 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 6.0 | 2.0 |
| | Hispanic/Latinx* | 5.5 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.3 |
| | Indigenous American* | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 4.0 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 5.7 |
| | Prefer not to say* | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 4.8 |
| | Other* | 4.9 | 4.7 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 4.5 |
| | Prefer to self describe* | 4.7 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 5.4 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 6.0 | 4.0 |
| ZIP Code | 48864 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 4.8 |
| | 48823 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 5.1 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 4.6 |
| | 48840 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 5.0 |
| | 48895* | 6.0 | - | - | - | 6.0 | - | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.8 | - | - | 6.0 | - | 5.5 |
| | In Random Sample | Yes | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.4 |
| No | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.0 | |
| Weightng | Unweighted | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 4.8 |
| | Age | 4.9 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 3.8 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 4.6 |

*Note: Lower number of responses may result in 1

| Rating Questions Count of Sample: 392 (+/- 4.9%) | | Economic Health | | | | | | | Planning and Code Enforcement | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| | | Economy Overall | Cost of living | Affordability of housing | Availability of quality jobs | Stability of property values | Strength of local economy | Access to general health care services | Access to mental health care services | Services Overall | Building, plumbing, and electrical inspections | Professionalism of Code Enforcement Staff | Code enforcement/property maintenance | Rental inspections | Ease of permitting services | Plan review |
| 2021 Overall | | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.7 |
| 2024 Overall | | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.6 |
| Residency | One year or less* | 4.8 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 6.0 | - | 3.7 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| | 1-5 years | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.6 |
| | 6-10 years | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 3.5 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 4.1 | 4.4 |
| | More than 10 years | 4.2 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.3 |
| Own/Rent | Own | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.3 |
| | Rent/lease | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.0 |
| Employed in Township | Yes | 4.1 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.9 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 3.4 | 3.7 |
| | No, a different community | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 4.6 | 4.3 |
| | I am not currently employed* | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 4.5 | 4.0 |
| | I am retired | 4.3 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.8 |
| Age | 18 to 24* | 3.9 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| | 25 to 34* | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 3.7 | 4.3 | - |
| | 35 to 44 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 3.3 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 4.8 |
| | 45 to 54 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 4.6 | 4.0 | 4.6 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 3.4 |
| | 55 to 64 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.2 |
| | 65 or over | 4.5 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.7 |
| Education | Some high school or less* | 5.5 | 5.0 | 6.0 | - | - | - | 5.0 | 6.0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | High school graduate/GED* | 4.9 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 5.0 |
| | Some college | 4.1 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 3.8 |
| | College graduate | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.5 |
| | Graduate degree(s) | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.3 |
| Household Income | \$25,000 or less* | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 4.0 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 3.3 | 2.5 |
| | \$25,001 to \$50,000* | 4.3 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 5.7 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.5 |
| | \$50,001 to \$72,900 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 4.6 | 3.9 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.2 |
| | \$72,901 to \$92,800 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 3.0 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| | More than \$92,801 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.4 |
| Count of Household | 1 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 5.1 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.4 |
| | 2 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.6 |
| | 3 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 3.6 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 4.4 |
| | 4 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 3.1 | 4.0 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 3.0 | 3.9 | 3.5 |
| | 5* | 3.8 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.9 | 3.8 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 6.0 | 4.0 | 4.2 |
| | 6* | 3.7 | 3.8 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 3.0 | 4.0 | - | 6.0 | 5.0 |
| | 7 or more* | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.0 | - | 5.0 | - | 4.0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| People in Household | Child(ren) age 12 or under | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 3.5 | 4.2 | 4.6 |
| | Child(ren) age 13-17 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 3.7 |
| | Adult child(ren) age 18+ | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 3.9 |
| | Spouse/partner | 4.2 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 |
| | Roommate* | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 3.3 | 6.0 | 4.3 | 4.0 |
| | Parent age 65 or older* | 4.2 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.8 |
| | None of these | 4.4 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 3.9 | 4.7 | 4.5 |
| Gender | Male | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.5 |
| | Female | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.3 |
| | Non-binary* | 3.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | - | - | 6.0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Prefer not to say* | 4.0 | 4.2 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 3.6 | 4.0 |
| | Prefer to self describe* | 3.5 | 3.0 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 5.0 | - | 1.3 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 2.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Ethnicity | Asian* | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 3.9 |
| | White/Caucasian | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| | Black/African American* | 4.5 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.7 | 5.3 |
| | Hispanic/Latinx* | 4.0 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 3.0 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 3.5 | 5.7 | 5.0 |
| | Indigenous American* | 4.1 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 1.0 | 6.0 | 4.0 |
| | Prefer not to say* | 3.5 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.0 |
| | Other* | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.7 | 4.0 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 4.3 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| | Prefer to self describe* | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 2.3 | 4.6 | 3.8 | 4.4 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 4.0 | - | - | - |
| ZIP Code | 48864 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| | 48823 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 3.8 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 4.1 |
| | 48840 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 4.6 | 4.0 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.3 |
| | 48895* | 5.4 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | - | - | 6.0 | - |
| | | 48895* | 5.4 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | - | - | 6.0 | - |
| In Random Sample | Yes | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.4 |
| | No | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 4.9 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 4.6 | 3.8 |
| Weightng | Unweighted | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.4 |
| | Age | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.0 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 3.0 |

*Note: Lower number of responses may result in i

| Rating Questions Count of Sample: 392 (+/- 4.9%) | | Image | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|
| | | Image Overall | A safe place to live | An enjoyable place for children | An enjoyable place for young adults (age 18-35) | An enjoyable place for older adults (age 62+) | An enjoyable place for people to visit | Physically attractive/great curb appeal | A great place to own a business | A community that is growing responsibly | A safe place to bike and walk | A safe place to bike and walk at night | A perfect community for me | A place that is inclusive and celebrates diversity |
| 2021 Overall | | 4.8 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.7 |
| 2024 Overall | | 5.0 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.9 |
| Residency | One year or less* | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 5.3 |
| | 1-5 years | 4.9 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 4.7 |
| | 6-10 years | 4.7 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.8 |
| | More than 10 years | 4.9 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 5.0 |
| Own/Rent | Own | 4.9 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 5.0 |
| | Rent/lease | 4.9 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 4.7 |
| Employed in Township | Yes | 4.8 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.6 |
| | No, a different community | 4.8 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.7 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.8 |
| | I am not currently employed* | 4.7 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.0 | 5.1 |
| | I am retired | 5.1 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 5.2 |
| Age | 18 to 24* | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 5.8 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 5.7 |
| | 25 to 34* | 4.9 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.6 |
| | 35 to 44 | 4.9 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.5 |
| | 45 to 54 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 4.2 | 5.1 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 3.5 | 4.1 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 5.0 |
| | 55 to 64 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.5 |
| | 65 or over | 5.1 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 5.2 |
| Education | Some high school or less* | 5.6 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 6.0 |
| | High school graduate/GED* | 5.3 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.9 | 5.0 | 5.7 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.7 |
| | Some college | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.4 |
| | College graduate | 4.9 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.9 |
| | Graduate degree(s) | 4.9 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.8 |
| Household Income | \$25,000 or less* | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.1 |
| | \$25,001 to \$50,000* | 5.3 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 5.1 |
| | \$50,001 to \$72,900 | 4.7 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.9 |
| | \$72,901 to \$92,800 | 4.8 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 4.9 |
| | More than \$92,801 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.9 |
| Count of Household | 1 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 5.0 |
| | 2 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 4.9 |
| | 3 | 4.9 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.9 |
| | 4 | 4.8 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.9 |
| | 5* | 4.6 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 5.2 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 5.1 |
| | 6* | 4.5 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 4.3 |
| | 7 or more* | 4.6 | 6.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.0 | - | - | 6.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | - |
| People in Household | Child(ren) age 12 or under | 4.8 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.7 |
| | Child(ren) age 13-17 | 4.6 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 4.2 | 5.0 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 5.0 |
| | Adult child(ren) age 18+ | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.8 |
| | Spouse/partner | 4.9 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.9 |
| | Roommate* | 4.6 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 3.3 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 5.7 |
| | Parent age 65 or older* | 4.9 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 4.4 | 5.2 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 5.3 |
| Gender | None of these | 5.2 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 5.1 |
| | Male | 4.9 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 5.0 |
| | Female | 5.0 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 5.0 |
| | Non-binary* | 5.1 | 6.0 | - | 6.0 | - | 6.0 | 6.0 | - | - | 5.0 | 5.0 | - | 2.0 |
| | Prefer not to say* | 4.3 | 5.2 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 4.4 |
| Ethnicity | Prefer to self describe* | 4.7 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 2.0 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 3.0 |
| | Asian* | 5.1 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.2 |
| | White/Caucasian | 5.0 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.0 |
| | Black/African American* | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 4.4 |
| | Hispanic/Latinx* | 5.3 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 4.0 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 5.9 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.0 |
| | Indigenous American* | 5.3 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.5 |
| | Prefer not to say* | 4.1 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 4.4 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 4.3 |
| ZIP Code | Other* | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 6.0 |
| | Prefer to self describe* | 4.4 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 3.3 | 5.5 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 2.8 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.0 |
| | 48864 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 5.0 |
| | 48823 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 4.8 |
| | 48840 | 4.9 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 4.9 |
| In Random Sample | 48895* | 5.7 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 5.5 | - | 6.0 | 5.5 |
| | Yes | 4.9 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 4.9 |
| Weightng | No | 4.9 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 4.9 |
| | Unweighted | 4.9 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 4.9 |
| | Age | 4.9 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 5.2 |

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| Rating Questions Count of Sample: 392 (+/- 4.9%) | | Outcomes | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--|---|--|
| | | Overall Satisfaction | Be a community volunteer | Encourage someone to start a business here | Participate in community events/festivals | Remain living here five (5) years from now |
| 2021 Overall | | 4.9 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 4.0 | 4.8 |
| 2024 Overall | | 4.8 | 3.0 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 5.1 |
| Residency | One year or less* | 4.7 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 5.3 |
| | 1-5 years | 4.9 | 2.7 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.8 |
| | 6-10 years | 4.6 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 4.2 | 4.7 |
| | More than 10 years | 4.9 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 5.1 |
| Own/Rent | Own | 4.8 | 2.9 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 5.1 |
| | Rent/lease | 4.8 | 2.3 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 4.4 |
| Employed in Township | Yes | 4.7 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.9 |
| | No, a different community | 4.7 | 3.1 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 5.0 |
| | I am not currently employed* | 4.5 | 2.3 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 4.2 |
| | I am retired | 5.1 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 5.1 |
| Age | 18 to 24* | 4.8 | 2.3 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 4.6 |
| | 25 to 34* | 4.8 | 2.7 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| | 35 to 44 | 4.9 | 3.1 | 4.1 | 4.7 | 5.3 |
| | 45 to 54 | 4.5 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 4.5 |
| | 55 to 64 | 4.3 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 5.0 |
| | 65 or over | 5.1 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 5.2 |
| Education | Some high school or less* | 5.5 | 3.5 | 1.0 | 3.5 | 5.5 |
| | High school graduate/GED* | 4.7 | 2.5 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 5.7 |
| | Some college | 4.9 | 2.2 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 5.1 |
| | College graduate | 4.8 | 2.9 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 5.0 |
| | Graduate degree(s) | 4.9 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 4.9 |
| Household Income | \$25,000 or less* | 5.1 | 2.1 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 4.9 |
| | \$25,001 to \$50,000* | 5.1 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 4.9 |
| | \$50,001 to \$72,900 | 4.7 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 3.9 | 4.9 |
| | \$72,901 to \$92,800 | 4.9 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 5.1 |
| | More than \$92,801 | 4.8 | 3.1 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 5.1 |
| Count of Household | 1 | 5.0 | 2.3 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 5.0 |
| | 2 | 4.9 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 5.1 |
| | 3 | 4.9 | 3.0 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.9 |
| | 4 | 4.8 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 4.7 | 5.2 |
| | 5* | 4.2 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 4.5 |
| | 6* | 4.8 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 4.8 |
| | 7 or more* | 5.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 4.0 |
| People in Household | Child(ren) age 12 or under | 4.9 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 5.2 |
| | Child(ren) age 13-17 | 4.5 | 3.1 | 3.7 | 4.3 | 4.8 |
| | Adult child(ren) age 18+ | 4.5 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 4.6 |
| | Spouse/partner | 4.9 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 5.0 |
| | Roommate* | 5.0 | 1.3 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 3.5 |
| | Parent age 65 or older* | 5.1 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 5.4 |
| | None of these | 4.9 | 2.3 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 5.0 |
| Gender | Male | 4.8 | 2.8 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 5.0 |
| | Female | 4.9 | 2.9 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 5.1 |
| | Non-binary* | - | 1.0 | - | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| | Prefer not to say* | 5.2 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 |
| | Prefer to self describe* | 4.3 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 3.3 | 5.0 |
| Ethnicity | Asian* | 4.8 | 2.7 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 4.5 |
| | White/Caucasian | 4.9 | 2.9 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 5.0 |
| | Black/African American* | 4.8 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 4.2 | 4.8 |
| | Hispanic/Latinx* | 5.1 | 3.1 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 4.0 |
| | Indigenous American* | 4.0 | 2.2 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 4.7 |
| | Prefer not to say* | 4.1 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 4.0 | 4.6 |
| | Other* | 4.7 | 3.8 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 5.8 |
| | Prefer to self describe* | 4.3 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 5.0 |
| ZIP Code | 48864 | 4.8 | 2.9 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 5.0 |
| | 48823 | 4.9 | 2.6 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 4.9 |
| | 48840 | 4.8 | 3.1 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 5.1 |
| | 48895* | 5.0 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 6.0 |
| In Random Sample | Yes | 4.8 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 5.0 |
| | No | 4.4 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 4.2 | 4.9 |
| Weightng | Unweighted | 4.8 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 5.0 |
| | Age | 4.8 | 2.5 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 4.7 |

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| Distribution Questions Count of Sample: 392 (+/- 4.9%) | | Contact with Police Department/Township officers | | | | | Use of parks and pathways | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|--|--------------------|-----------|------------|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | | None | Fewer than 3 times | 3-5 times | 6-10 times | More than 10 times | Never | 1-5 times a year | 6-10 times a year | 11-20 times a year | 20+ times a year |
| 2021 Overall | | 59% | 33% | 5% | 1% | 1% | 14% | 25% | 13% | 13% | 33% |
| 2024 Overall | | 52% | 36% | 8% | 0% | 1% | 15% | 30% | 13% | 14% | 24% |
| Residency | One year or less* | 82% | 18% | - | - | - | 9% | 45% | - | - | 36% |
| | 1-5 years | 56% | 34% | 3% | 2% | - | 8% | 27% | 17% | 13% | 28% |
| | 6-10 years | 46% | 37% | 12% | - | - | 12% | 24% | 10% | 22% | 29% |
| | More than 10 years | 52% | 36% | 9% | - | 1% | 16% | 30% | 14% | 13% | 23% |
| Own/Rent | Own | 53% | 38% | 6% | 0% | 0% | 12% | 29% | 15% | 14% | 26% |
| | Rent/lease | 63% | 16% | 18% | - | - | 26% | 26% | 13% | 11% | 21% |
| Employed in Township | Yes | 45% | 45% | 9% | - | - | 9% | 20% | 20% | 16% | 32% |
| | No, a different community | 55% | 34% | 8% | 1% | - | 5% | 28% | 11% | 18% | 31% |
| | I am not currently employed* | 60% | 13% | 7% | - | 13% | 47% | 13% | 7% | 7% | 13% |
| | I am retired | 53% | 36% | 8% | - | - | 21% | 36% | 14% | 10% | 18% |
| Age | 18 to 24* | 50% | 25% | 13% | - | 13% | 13% | 38% | 13% | 25% | 13% |
| | 25 to 34* | 0.45 | 45% | 5% | - | - | - | 27% | 14% | 18% | 32% |
| | 35 to 44 | 64% | 23% | 0.1 | 3% | - | 8% | 13% | - | 28% | 38% |
| | 45 to 54 | 45% | 33% | 16% | - | 2% | 10% | 24% | 12% | 16% | 35% |
| | 55 to 64 | 53% | 38% | 3% | - | - | 11% | 29% | 18% | 11% | 26% |
| | 65 or over | 55% | 35% | 8% | - | - | 20% | 35% | 14% | 10% | 19% |
| Education | Some high school or less* | 100% | - | - | - | - | 50% | - | - | 50% | - |
| | High school graduate/GED* | 73% | 9% | 0.09 | - | 9% | 45% | 36% | - | 9% | 9% |
| | Some college | 57% | 30% | 11% | 2% | - | 26% | 37% | 13% | 9% | 11% |
| | College graduate | 49% | 39% | 7% | - | - | 15% | 28% | 13% | 15% | 24% |
| | Graduate degree(s) | 54% | 36% | 8% | - | 1% | 8% | 27% | 15% | 14% | 31% |
| Household Income | \$25,000 or less* | 57% | 29% | 10% | - | 5% | 38% | 38% | 5% | 10% | 5% |
| | \$25,001 to \$50,000* | 64% | 27% | 9% | - | - | 32% | 45% | 5% | 9% | 5% |
| | \$50,001 to \$72,900 | 57% | 27% | 11% | - | - | 22% | 24% | 22% | 16% | 16% |
| | \$72,901 to \$92,800 | 47% | 40% | 9% | - | - | 13% | 38% | 9% | 17% | 21% |
| | More than \$92,801 | 51% | 40% | 7% | 1% | - | 6% | 26% | 13% | 14% | 35% |
| Count of Household | 1 | 66% | 20% | 7% | - | 1% | 34% | 39% | 9% | 7% | 9% |
| | 2 | 54% | 38% | 7% | - | - | 13% | 32% | 15% | 11% | 23% |
| | 3 | 48% | 42% | 6% | - | - | 6% | 21% | 13% | 23% | 33% |
| | 4 | 45% | 33% | 20% | - | 2% | 4% | 20% | 12% | 18% | 47% |
| | 5* | 42% | 47% | 5% | - | - | 11% | 16% | 16% | 21% | 26% |
| | 6* | 0.17 | 67% | - | 0.17 | - | - | 33% | 17% | - | 33% |
| | 7 or more* | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 100% | - |
| People in Household | Child(ren) age 12 or under | 42% | 44% | 12% | 2% | - | 3% | 20% | 8% | 22% | 42% |
| | Child(ren) age 13-17 | 43% | 36% | 15% | 2% | 2% | 4% | 21% | 9% | 23% | 36% |
| | Adult child(ren) age 18+ | 44% | 39% | 13% | - | - | 7% | 27% | 17% | 17% | 27% |
| | Spouse/partner | 51% | 39% | 7% | 0% | - | 9% | 28% | 13% | 15% | 29% |
| | Roommate* | 0.5 | 50% | - | - | - | - | 25% | 25% | 25% | - |
| | Parent age 65 or older* | 36% | 50% | 7% | - | 7% | 29% | 21% | 21% | 14% | 14% |
| | None of these | 66% | 21% | 9% | - | 1% | 36% | 36% | 10% | 4% | 10% |
| Gender | Male | 50% | 36% | 10% | - | 1% | 11% | 29% | 9% | 13% | 34% |
| | Female | 58% | 32% | 7% | 0% | 0% | 16% | 30% | 15% | 14% | 20% |
| | Non-binary* | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 100% |
| | Prefer not to say* | 36% | 57% | 7% | - | - | 14% | 21% | 21% | 14% | 29% |
| Prefer to self describe* | 0.75 | 25% | - | - | - | - | 25% | - | 50% | - | |
| Ethnicity | Asian* | 57% | 36% | 4% | - | - | 14% | 25% | 14% | 14% | 18% |
| | White/Caucasian | 54% | 35% | 8% | 0% | 0% | 14% | 30% | 13% | 14% | 25% |
| | Black/African American* | 50% | 33% | 17% | - | - | 17% | 17% | 33% | 17% | 17% |
| | Hispanic/Latinx* | 43% | 0.29 | 14% | - | - | 14% | - | 29% | - | 43% |
| | Indigenous American* | 67% | 33% | - | - | - | 33% | 17% | 17% | - | 33% |
| | Prefer not to say* | 39% | 44% | 17% | - | - | 17% | 28% | 17% | 6% | 33% |
| | Other* | 50% | 50% | - | - | - | 25% | 25% | 25% | - | 25% |
| Prefer to self describe* | 89% | - | - | - | 11% | 22% | 22% | - | 11% | 44% | |
| ZIP Code | 48864 | 51% | 37% | 9% | - | 1% | 13% | 24% | 16% | 14% | 28% |
| | 48823 | 55% | 37% | 5% | - | 1% | 19% | 34% | 13% | 13% | 17% |
| | 48840 | 56% | 30% | 9% | 1% | - | 14% | 32% | 10% | 14% | 28% |
| | 48895* | - | 100% | - | - | - | - | 100% | - | - | - |
| In Random Sample | Yes | 53% | 36% | 8% | 0% | 1% | 14% | 29% | 14% | 13% | 26% |
| | No | 62% | 36% | 2% | - | - | 11% | 30% | 21% | 11% | 23% |
| Weighting | Unweighted | 53% | 36% | 8% | 0% | 1% | 14% | 29% | 14% | 13% | 26% |
| | Age | 50% | 31% | 10% | 0% | 7% | 15% | 30% | 13% | 14% | 24% |

*Note: Lower number of responses may result in increased variability

| Distribution Questions Count of Sample: 392 (+/- 4.9%) | | How do you prefer to receive information from the Township? | | | | | | | | | What types of information, updates, or specific topics would you like to receive | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|---|------------------|--|-------------------------|---------------------|---|----------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------|
| | | Email | Township website | Meridian Happenings/digital newsletter | Prime Meridian Magazine | Utility bill insert | Township social media (Facebook, Instagram) | Nextdoor | Meridian Township YouTube channel | Text message | HOMTV cable channel | Township news | Township commissioned projects | Township Board meetings | Community events | Budget information | Other |
| 2021 Overall | | 56% | 35% | 24% | 37% | 24% | 18% | 19% | 4% | 8% | 7% | 66% | 71% | 30% | 72% | 25% | 6% |
| 2024 Overall | | 60% | 37% | 25% | 31% | 25% | 16% | 16% | 4% | 17% | 5% | 69% | 52% | 34% | 71% | 29% | 1% |
| Residency | One year or less* | 100% | 55% | 18% | 18% | 9% | 18% | - | - | 36% | - | 91% | 64% | 27% | 91% | 36% | - |
| | 1-5 years | 59% | 38% | 25% | 31% | 20% | 20% | 9% | - | 13% | - | 66% | 39% | 30% | 72% | 33% | 2% |
| | 6-10 years | 56% | 32% | 17% | 37% | 20% | 17% | 5% | 5% | 15% | 10% | 63% | 41% | 20% | 56% | 22% | - |
| | More than 10 years | 58% | 37% | 27% | 30% | 27% | 16% | 19% | 5% | 18% | 6% | 69% | 54% | 35% | 70% | 28% | 3% |
| Own/Rent | Own | 60% | 38% | 27% | 30% | 27% | 17% | 17% | 4% | 18% | 5% | 70% | 54% | 35% | 73% | 31% | 3% |
| | Rent/lease | 53% | 24% | 21% | 34% | 11% | 16% | 3% | 3% | 8% | 5% | 63% | 26% | 18% | 61% | 16% | - |
| Employed in Township | Yes | 64% | 36% | 29% | 21% | 27% | 18% | 14% | 9% | 20% | 5% | 63% | 34% | 29% | 68% | 20% | - |
| | No, a different community | 66% | 41% | 30% | 30% | 26% | 25% | 16% | 5% | 16% | 5% | 73% | 61% | 37% | 72% | 38% | 2% |
| | I am not currently employed* | 40% | 20% | 20% | 33% | 13% | 7% | - | - | 20% | - | 60% | 27% | 27% | 67% | 13% | - |
| | I am retired | 54% | 36% | 21% | 36% | 23% | 11% | 16% | 1% | 16% | 6% | 68% | 50% | 30% | 69% | 24% | 3% |
| Age | 18 to 24* | 13% | 13% | - | 13% | - | - | 25% | 13% | 25% | - | 38% | 25% | 13% | 38% | 13% | - |
| | 25 to 34* | 64% | 50% | 32% | 32% | 9% | 32% | 14% | - | 14% | - | 73% | 50% | 23% | 68% | 27% | - |
| | 35 to 44 | 74% | 28% | 21% | 26% | 26% | 28% | 15% | 5% | 13% | - | 59% | 44% | 28% | 74% | 31% | - |
| | 45 to 54 | 71% | 29% | 25% | 20% | 20% | 16% | 6% | 4% | 24% | - | 71% | 51% | 37% | 69% | 24% | 4% |
| | 55 to 64 | 59% | 44% | 33% | 33% | 38% | 22% | 18% | 5% | 15% | 8% | 74% | 52% | 33% | 73% | 32% | 1% |
| 65 or over | 54% | 38% | 25% | 35% | 23% | 11% | 17% | 4% | 19% | 7% | 70% | 54% | 35% | 69% | 29% | 2% | |
| Education | Some high school or less* | 50% | - | - | - | - | - | 50% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | High school graduate/GED* | 27% | 36% | 9% | 18% | 9% | 18% | - | 9% | 27% | 18% | 45% | 36% | 27% | 55% | 9% | - |
| | Some college | 46% | 24% | 17% | 30% | 17% | 13% | 7% | 4% | 17% | 2% | 65% | 41% | 30% | 67% | 24% | - |
| | College graduate | 55% | 37% | 28% | 32% | 29% | 23% | 17% | 2% | 13% | 5% | 75% | 53% | 27% | 73% | 25% | 1% |
| | Graduate degree(s) | 68% | 41% | 27% | 31% | 24% | 14% | 16% | 5% | 20% | 5% | 67% | 53% | 38% | 69% | 34% | 3% |
| Household Income | \$25,000 or less* | 33% | 19% | 10% | 29% | 19% | 10% | 14% | 10% | 10% | 10% | 48% | 24% | 14% | 43% | 19% | - |
| | \$25,001 to \$50,000* | 36% | 23% | 9% | 41% | 27% | 9% | - | 5% | 5% | - | 64% | 32% | 9% | 73% | 18% | - |
| | \$50,001 to \$72,900 | 51% | 27% | 38% | 41% | 16% | 19% | 14% | 3% | 11% | - | 65% | 46% | 38% | 68% | 30% | - |
| | \$72,901 to \$92,800 | 49% | 36% | 25% | 32% | 21% | 11% | 19% | 4% | 26% | 8% | 68% | 49% | 32% | 68% | 25% | 2% |
| | More than \$92,801 | 72% | 41% | 29% | 26% | 29% | 22% | 17% | 4% | 20% | 4% | 73% | 58% | 38% | 75% | 30% | 2% |
| Count of Household | 1 | 50% | 21% | 19% | 33% | 20% | 13% | 11% | 3% | 19% | 3% | 54% | 37% | 24% | 59% | 21% | 1% |
| | 2 | 62% | 44% | 30% | 37% | 25% | 15% | 17% | 4% | 19% | 8% | 76% | 56% | 37% | 73% | 30% | 2% |
| | 3 | 60% | 42% | 25% | 19% | 35% | 25% | 13% | 8% | 10% | 4% | 67% | 50% | 33% | 71% | 33% | 4% |
| | 4 | 67% | 31% | 22% | 22% | 22% | 20% | 10% | 2% | 18% | - | 67% | 59% | 31% | 69% | 29% | - |
| | 5* | 74% | 37% | 32% | 21% | 11% | 16% | 26% | 11% | 16% | - | 74% | 47% | 32% | 79% | 26% | - |
| | 6* | 33% | 33% | 17% | 33% | 33% | 50% | - | - | 33% | - | 83% | 50% | 33% | 83% | 50% | - |
| | 7 or more* | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 100% | - |
| People in Household | Child(ren) age 12 or under | 68% | 34% | 22% | 27% | 24% | 27% | 15% | 2% | 14% | 2% | 61% | 54% | 31% | 73% | 34% | 2% |
| | Child(ren) age 13-17 | 55% | 34% | 26% | 21% | 21% | 28% | 15% | 6% | 17% | - | 72% | 43% | 32% | 79% | 21% | 2% |
| | Adult child(ren) age 18+ | 57% | 34% | 21% | 20% | 30% | 19% | 10% | 6% | 11% | 7% | 73% | 53% | 34% | 74% | 27% | 3% |
| | Spouse/partner | 64% | 43% | 28% | 29% | 25% | 20% | 18% | 5% | 18% | 6% | 74% | 54% | 34% | 73% | 30% | 2% |
| | Roommate* | 50% | 25% | - | - | 25% | - | - | - | - | - | 25% | - | - | 25% | 25% | - |
| | Parent age 65 or older* | 50% | 29% | 7% | 29% | 21% | 7% | 7% | - | 21% | - | 71% | 57% | 36% | 50% | 29% | - |
| None of these | 46% | 28% | 24% | 40% | 24% | 15% | 12% | 4% | 21% | 3% | 57% | 39% | 27% | 57% | 24% | 1% | |
| Gender | Male | 65% | 36% | 23% | 21% | 26% | 17% | 16% | 4% | 15% | 4% | 74% | 56% | 31% | 68% | 26% | 2% |
| | Female | 57% | 36% | 28% | 35% | 22% | 17% | 15% | 3% | 18% | 5% | 65% | 46% | 33% | 69% | 29% | 2% |
| | Non-binary* | - | 100% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 100% | - | - | 100% | - | - |
| | Prefer not to say* | 64% | 64% | 21% | 43% | 43% | 21% | 7% | 7% | - | 7% | 79% | 57% | 43% | 71% | 36% | - |
| Prefer to self describe* | 100% | 75% | 50% | 50% | 25% | 75% | 50% | 25% | 50% | 25% | 75% | 75% | 50% | 75% | 75% | - | |
| Ethnicity | Asian* | 64% | 32% | 11% | 25% | 36% | 14% | 14% | 11% | 18% | 4% | 61% | 46% | 32% | 71% | 25% | 4% |
| | White/Caucasian | 60% | 36% | 27% | 30% | 24% | 18% | 17% | 4% | 16% | 5% | 68% | 49% | 30% | 70% | 26% | 3% |
| | Black/African American* | 50% | 50% | 17% | 33% | 33% | 17% | 17% | - | - | - | 50% | 50% | 17% | 67% | 17% | - |
| | Hispanic/Latinx* | 71% | 43% | 43% | 43% | 14% | 43% | - | 14% | - | - | 86% | 29% | 57% | 71% | 29% | - |
| | Indigenous American* | 33% | 50% | 33% | 33% | 50% | - | - | - | 33% | - | 50% | 50% | 50% | 33% | 50% | 33% |
| | Prefer not to say* | 61% | 44% | 11% | 28% | 22% | 17% | - | - | 17% | 6% | 72% | 67% | 56% | 67% | 50% | - |
| | Other* | 50% | 50% | - | - | - | 25% | 25% | - | 25% | - | 100% | 75% | 50% | 75% | 75% | - |
| Prefer to self describe* | 22% | 33% | 11% | 22% | 22% | 11% | - | 11% | 22% | - | 56% | 33% | 22% | 44% | 33% | - | |
| ZIP Code | 48864 | 67% | 42% | 29% | 30% | 28% | 18% | 20% | 6% | 18% | 5% | 71% | 55% | 36% | 71% | 30% | 2% |
| | 48823 | 52% | 31% | 19% | 31% | 22% | 20% | 9% | 1% | 15% | 6% | 60% | 43% | 23% | 60% | 29% | 3% |
| | 48840 | 52% | 32% | 26% | 30% | 18% | 13% | 11% | 3% | 15% | 4% | 70% | 50% | 34% | 72% | 24% | 2% |
| | 48895* | - | 50% | - | 100% | - | 50% | - | - | - | - | 50% | - | 50% | 50% | - | - |
| In Random Sample | Yes | 59% | 37% | 25% | 30% | 24% | 17% | 15% | 4% | 17% | 5% | 68% | 50% | 32% | 69% | 28% | 2% |
| | No | 72% | 30% | 36% | 36% | 9% | 17% | 30% | 4% | 30% | 2% | 83% | 60% | 53% | 89% | 40% | 4% |
| Weighting | Unweighted | 59% | 37% | 25% | 30% | 24% | 17% | 15% | 4% | 17% | 5% | 68% | 50% | 32% | 69% | 28% | 2% |
| | Age | 60% | 37% | 25% | 31% | 25% | 16% | 16% | 4% | 17% | 5% | 69% | 52% | 34% | 71% | 29% | 1% |

*Note: Lower number of responses may result in incre

| Distribution Questions Count of Sample: 392 (+/- 4.9%) | | Most important Township services, programs or amenities | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|---|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | Building inspection | Code enforcement/property maintenance | Economic development | Election and voting process | Fire and ambulance services | Permit services | Police services | Public water and sewer | Recreation | Recycling services | Rental inspection | Road maintenance | Stormwater management/flooding prevention | Township Ice Center | Township parks | Trails and pathways | Trash/recycling containers in parks |
| 2021 Overall | | 3% | 10% | 26% | 37% | 81% | 2% | 75% | 51% | 20% | 43% | 4% | 75% | 37% | 4% | 49% | 48% | 13% |
| 2024 Overall | | 6% | 13% | 20% | 38% | 70% | 3% | 67% | 49% | 36% | 37% | 3% | 71% | 35% | 1% | 39% | 38% | 12% |
| Residency | One year or less* | - | 9% | 27% | 36% | 64% | - | 64% | 45% | 55% | 9% | 9% | 64% | 18% | - | 64% | 64% | 9% |
| | 1-5 years | 6% | 8% | 20% | 31% | 55% | 2% | 44% | 53% | 48% | 30% | 2% | 61% | 42% | 2% | 48% | 41% | 9% |
| | 6-10 years | 2% | 12% | 27% | 39% | 56% | 5% | 54% | 41% | 46% | 49% | - | 63% | 24% | - | 51% | 44% | 12% |
| | More than 10 years | 5% | 13% | 19% | 41% | 73% | 2% | 72% | 50% | 31% | 37% | 3% | 75% | 36% | 1% | 35% | 37% | 11% |
| Own/Rent | Own | 4% | 12% | 19% | 40% | 70% | 3% | 66% | 52% | 36% | 36% | 2% | 73% | 36% | 1% | 39% | 38% | 11% |
| | Rent/lease | 16% | 11% | 16% | 32% | 63% | - | 55% | 34% | 29% | 26% | 13% | 55% | 24% | - | 50% | 42% | 13% |
| Employed in Township | Yes | 4% | 7% | 13% | 34% | 59% | 7% | 55% | 45% | 41% | 32% | 4% | 66% | 32% | 2% | 45% | 55% | 16% |
| | No, a different community | 5% | 10% | 28% | 34% | 61% | 1% | 57% | 49% | 47% | 38% | 3% | 72% | 38% | 1% | 49% | 47% | 9% |
| | I am not currently employed* | 13% | 13% | 13% | 27% | 53% | - | 40% | 33% | 33% | 40% | - | 67% | 33% | 7% | 53% | 33% | 20% |
| | I am retired | 5% | 16% | 15% | 47% | 82% | 1% | 80% | 55% | 25% | 36% | 2% | 72% | 36% | - | 29% | 26% | 9% |
| Age | 18 to 24* | 13% | 13% | 13% | 38% | 25% | - | 50% | 13% | 50% | 88% | - | 100% | 38% | 13% | 50% | 50% | 50% |
| | 25 to 34* | 5% | - | 27% | 27% | 45% | 5% | 27% | 36% | 68% | 32% | 9% | 64% | 27% | - | 64% | 55% | 9% |
| | 35 to 44 | - | 5% | 26% | 23% | 54% | 3% | 54% | 54% | 54% | 33% | - | 64% | 44% | - | 54% | 46% | 18% |
| | 45 to 54 | 10% | 10% | 24% | 35% | 49% | 2% | 57% | 37% | 49% | 41% | - | 65% | 35% | 2% | 47% | 65% | 12% |
| | 55 to 64 | 3% | 12% | 18% | 38% | 75% | 3% | 59% | 56% | 38% | 33% | 1% | 75% | 40% | 1% | 37% | 47% | 10% |
| | 65 or over | 4% | 15% | 17% | 46% | 80% | 1% | 80% | 53% | 22% | 35% | 3% | 73% | 34% | - | 32% | 24% | 6% |
| Education | Some high school or less* | 50% | - | - | - | - | - | 100% | 50% | 50% | 50% | 50% | - | - | - | 50% | 50% | - |
| | High school graduate/GED* | 9% | 9% | 9% | 27% | 45% | - | 55% | 45% | 18% | 64% | 9% | 45% | 18% | 9% | 36% | 36% | 18% |
| | Some college | 7% | 11% | 20% | 30% | 67% | - | 61% | 43% | 24% | 30% | 4% | 70% | 30% | - | 30% | 22% | 17% |
| | College graduate | 4% | 13% | 17% | 37% | 72% | 1% | 65% | 50% | 38% | 34% | 2% | 72% | 42% | 1% | 38% | 39% | 12% |
| | Graduate degree(s) | 5% | 11% | 23% | 44% | 68% | 4% | 67% | 51% | 40% | 38% | 1% | 72% | 33% | 1% | 44% | 44% | 8% |
| Household Income | \$25,000 or less* | 19% | 10% | 19% | 38% | 67% | - | 67% | 38% | 24% | 48% | 19% | 48% | 14% | - | 24% | 24% | 19% |
| | \$25,001 to \$50,000* | 5% | 23% | 18% | 45% | 68% | - | 64% | 41% | 32% | 23% | 5% | 64% | 41% | - | 45% | 18% | 18% |
| | \$50,001 to \$72,900 | 5% | 5% | 11% | 46% | 84% | - | 65% | 62% | 32% | 24% | 3% | 73% | 46% | - | 43% | 46% | 5% |
| | \$72,901 to \$92,800 | 6% | 13% | 13% | 40% | 72% | - | 74% | 55% | 28% | 40% | - | 74% | 40% | - | 38% | 28% | 17% |
| | More than \$92,801 | 4% | 13% | 25% | 36% | 64% | 3% | 64% | 48% | 43% | 39% | 2% | 73% | 35% | 1% | 41% | 48% | 9% |
| Count of Household | 1 | 9% | 11% | 19% | 41% | 77% | - | 81% | 50% | 27% | 31% | 9% | 64% | 36% | - | 36% | 23% | 7% |
| | 2 | 3% | 14% | 16% | 45% | 75% | 2% | 66% | 53% | 31% | 38% | 2% | 74% | 38% | - | 33% | 36% | 9% |
| | 3 | 8% | 12% | 15% | 35% | 65% | 2% | 58% | 50% | 44% | 38% | 2% | 63% | 40% | - | 52% | 46% | 10% |
| | 4 | 2% | 10% | 29% | 27% | 41% | 2% | 53% | 43% | 57% | 35% | - | 73% | 27% | 4% | 55% | 61% | 16% |
| | 5* | 5% | 11% | 37% | 16% | 58% | 11% | 42% | 47% | 42% | 32% | - | 74% | 37% | 5% | 37% | 42% | 26% |
| | 6* | 17% | - | 50% | 50% | 50% | - | 67% | 33% | 50% | 50% | - | 83% | 17% | - | 50% | 50% | 17% |
| | 7 or more* | - | - | - | - | 100% | - | 100% | - | 100% | - | - | 100% | - | - | 100% | 100% | - |
| | | Child(ren) age 12 or under | 3% | 5% | 31% | 31% | 46% | 3% | 49% | 44% | 58% | 31% | - | 66% | 36% | - | 53% | 47% |
| People in Household | Child(ren) age 13-17 | 4% | 9% | 32% | 30% | 43% | 4% | 36% | 36% | 55% | 40% | - | 70% | 28% | 6% | 55% | 74% | 19% |
| | Adult child(ren) age 18+ | 9% | 10% | 23% | 31% | 63% | 3% | 63% | 46% | 40% | 36% | - | 74% | 33% | 3% | 40% | 50% | 14% |
| | Spouse/partner | 3% | 12% | 20% | 41% | 68% | 3% | 63% | 50% | 39% | 39% | 1% | 72% | 38% | 0% | 41% | 41% | 12% |
| | Roommate* | - | 25% | 25% | 75% | 75% | - | 75% | 75% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 50% | 50% | - | 25% | 25% | - |
| | Parent age 65 or older* | - | 14% | 21% | 29% | 71% | 7% | 57% | 64% | 21% | 57% | - | 64% | 29% | 14% | 36% | 29% | 21% |
| | None of these | 9% | 12% | 16% | 39% | 75% | - | 81% | 54% | 25% | 30% | 6% | 66% | 37% | - | 34% | 18% | 6% |
| | | Male | 6% | 12% | 20% | 40% | 69% | 3% | 66% | 45% | 36% | 36% | 1% | 76% | 37% | 2% | 45% | 43% |
| Gender | Female | 4% | 12% | 19% | 39% | 68% | 2% | 66% | 52% | 37% | 37% | 4% | 67% | 35% | - | 38% | 35% | 14% |
| | Non-binary* | - | - | - | 100% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 100% | - | - |
| | Prefer not to say* | 7% | - | 14% | 43% | 71% | - | 57% | 79% | 50% | 14% | - | 57% | 43% | - | 36% | 57% | 7% |
| | Prefer to self describe* | - | - | 50% | - | 50% | - | 50% | - | 75% | 75% | - | 100% | 25% | - | 75% | 75% | 25% |
| Ethnicity | Asian* | 4% | 7% | 18% | 29% | 64% | 4% | 57% | 54% | 39% | 50% | 7% | 61% | 46% | - | 36% | 43% | 25% |
| | White/Caucasian | 5% | 12% | 19% | 39% | 68% | 2% | 64% | 48% | 37% | 35% | 3% | 69% | 35% | 1% | 41% | 40% | 10% |
| | Black/African American* | 17% | - | 33% | 50% | 50% | - | 33% | 33% | 50% | 67% | - | 67% | 17% | - | 17% | 33% | - |
| | Hispanic/Latinx* | - | - | 14% | 29% | 57% | - | 57% | 29% | 57% | 29% | 14% | 71% | - | - | 71% | 71% | 14% |
| | Indigenous American* | - | - | 33% | 33% | 33% | - | 17% | 33% | 33% | 17% | - | 33% | 50% | - | 50% | 17% | - |
| | Prefer not to say* | 6% | 6% | 17% | 44% | 72% | - | 67% | 61% | 44% | 39% | - | 83% | 44% | - | 39% | 44% | 6% |
| | Other* | - | 25% | 50% | 50% | 75% | 25% | 50% | 25% | 25% | 25% | - | 100% | 50% | 25% | 50% | - | - |
| | Prefer to self describe* | 11% | 22% | - | 44% | 89% | - | 78% | 44% | 44% | 56% | - | 78% | 56% | - | 22% | 33% | 11% |
| ZIP Code | 48864 | 4% | 12% | 24% | 39% | 68% | 2% | 68% | 46% | 37% | 35% | 2% | 75% | 31% | 1% | 41% | 42% | 15% |
| | 48823 | 6% | 9% | 12% | 44% | 69% | 3% | 62% | 57% | 42% | 38% | 3% | 70% | 47% | 1% | 41% | 35% | 6% |
| | 48840 | 6% | 12% | 18% | 32% | 67% | 1% | 63% | 48% | 33% | 35% | 4% | 61% | 36% | - | 38% | 39% | 8% |
| | 48895* | - | 50% | - | 100% | 100% | - | 50% | - | - | 100% | - | 100% | - | - | 50% | - | 50% |
| In Random Sample | Yes | 5% | 12% | 20% | 38% | 67% | 2% | 64% | 49% | 36% | 36% | 3% | 69% | 35% | 1% | 39% | 38% | 11% |
| | No | 2% | 15% | 17% | 49% | 57% | 2% | 51% | 49% | 36% | 34% | 2% | 74% | 36% | - | 32% | 36% | 11% |
| Weighting | Unweighted | 5% | 12% | 20% | 38% | 67% | 2% | 64% | 49% | 36% | 36% | 3% | 69% | 35% | 1% | 39% | 38% | 11% |
| | Age | 6% | 13% | 20% | 38% | 70% | 3% | 67% | 49% | 36% | 37% | 3% | 71% | 35% | 1% | 39% | 38% | 12% |

*Note: Lower number of responses may result in in cre

| Distribution Questions Count of Sample: 392 (+/- 4.9%) | | Which amenities to add or enhance in the future | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | Community engagement opportunities | Dog parks | Green space | Indoor recreational space | Outdoor athletic fields/courts | Outdoor performance space | Outdoor seating spaces (fire pit, fountain, game space) | Pickleball courts | Playgrounds, indoor | Playgrounds, outdoor | Pop-up pedestrian friendly spaces ("streeteries," "parklets," plazas) | Safe pedestrian/nonmotorized railroad crossings | Sidewalks | Skateboard/bike park | Sport shooting areas | Traffic enforcement | Walking/biking trails |
| 2021 Overall | | 18% | 12% | 27% | 20% | 13% | 23% | 26% | 12% | 12% | 16% | 30% | 12% | 33% | 9% | 7% | 18% | 55% |
| 2024 Overall | | 22% | 10% | 25% | 32% | 16% | 15% | 25% | 20% | 15% | 14% | 26% | 18% | 32% | 4% | 6% | 22% | 48% |
| Residency | One year or less* | 45% | 18% | 9% | 27% | - | 18% | 45% | 27% | 18% | 18% | 36% | 9% | 36% | 18% | 9% | 9% | 73% |
| | 1-5 years | 27% | 14% | 27% | 34% | 14% | 17% | 28% | 11% | 25% | 30% | 27% | 20% | 39% | 3% | 5% | 14% | 50% |
| | 6-10 years | 15% | 15% | 27% | 41% | 15% | 10% | 37% | 15% | 29% | 22% | 37% | 12% | 24% | 7% | 7% | 20% | 51% |
| | More than 10 years | 19% | 10% | 28% | 27% | 17% | 17% | 25% | 22% | 9% | 10% | 24% | 16% | 29% | 4% | 7% | 24% | 47% |
| Own/Rent | Own | 21% | 11% | 27% | 31% | 17% | 18% | 29% | 19% | 15% | 14% | 28% | 17% | 32% | 4% | 7% | 21% | 48% |
| | Rent/lease | 26% | 16% | 26% | 16% | 5% | 5% | 26% | 18% | 8% | 16% | 18% | 16% | 32% | 5% | 3% | 29% | 50% |
| Employed in Township | Yes | 20% | 9% | 29% | 34% | 16% | 9% | 39% | 18% | 16% | 13% | 30% | 13% | 25% | 5% | 13% | 23% | 50% |
| | No, a different community | 23% | 13% | 31% | 39% | 20% | 18% | 29% | 24% | 20% | 14% | 34% | 20% | 36% | 4% | 5% | 17% | 53% |
| | I am not currently employed* | 27% | 20% | 33% | 33% | 13% | 20% | 27% | 13% | 13% | 27% | 27% | 20% | 40% | 7% | 7% | 13% | 27% |
| | I am retired | 19% | 11% | 22% | 20% | 11% | 16% | 22% | 16% | 9% | 14% | 17% | 13% | 27% | 5% | 7% | 28% | 45% |
| Age | 18 to 24* | 50% | 13% | 13% | 50% | - | - | 38% | 50% | - | - | 50% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 38% | - | 38% |
| | 25 to 34* | 32% | 14% | 50% | 41% | 5% | 23% | 45% | 18% | 41% | 9% | 41% | 23% | 32% | - | - | 9% | 59% |
| | 35 to 44 | 13% | 13% | 23% | 44% | 13% | 10% | 36% | 8% | 46% | 36% | 44% | 18% | 33% | 13% | 3% | 18% | 56% |
| | 45 to 54 | 27% | 16% | 31% | 43% | 31% | 18% | 31% | 27% | 12% | 10% | 37% | 12% | 35% | 6% | 14% | 16% | 51% |
| | 55 to 64 | 23% | 11% | 29% | 36% | 16% | 19% | 29% | 21% | 10% | 10% | 26% | 19% | 32% | - | 4% | 21% | 52% |
| | 65 or over | 16% | 9% | 24% | 18% | 12% | 16% | 21% | 18% | 6% | 14% | 16% | 15% | 28% | 4% | 7% | 26% | 43% |
| Education | Some high school or less* | - | - | - | - | 50% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 50% | - | - | 50% |
| | High school graduate/GED* | 36% | 18% | - | 18% | 18% | - | 27% | 18% | - | 9% | 36% | 9% | 9% | 9% | 9% | 27% | 36% |
| | Some college | 20% | 7% | 13% | 28% | 7% | 13% | 24% | 15% | 9% | 11% | 13% | 7% | 30% | 4% | 11% | 24% | 22% |
| | College graduate | 17% | 11% | 27% | 28% | 15% | 15% | 34% | 19% | 19% | 16% | 31% | 20% | 26% | 5% | 9% | 23% | 51% |
| | Graduate degree(s) | 24% | 13% | 33% | 33% | 17% | 18% | 24% | 21% | 13% | 15% | 25% | 16% | 36% | 3% | 4% | 21% | 53% |
| Household Income | \$25,000 or less* | 24% | 24% | 24% | 19% | 10% | 19% | 19% | 5% | - | 14% | 5% | 10% | 19% | - | 5% | 19% | 29% |
| | \$25,001 to \$50,000* | 18% | 23% | 23% | 14% | - | 27% | 55% | 27% | 18% | 9% | 9% | 9% | 45% | - | 5% | 32% | 36% |
| | \$50,001 to \$72,900 | 16% | 5% | 24% | 27% | 11% | 11% | 30% | 22% | 16% | 8% | 22% | 5% | 27% | - | 5% | 30% | 43% |
| | \$72,901 to \$92,800 | 19% | 13% | 30% | 30% | 9% | 19% | 30% | 21% | 13% | 19% | 25% | 11% | 23% | 9% | 9% | 19% | 42% |
| | More than \$92,801 | 22% | 10% | 28% | 35% | 20% | 18% | 28% | 22% | 16% | 17% | 35% | 19% | 35% | 4% | 6% | 21% | 57% |
| Count of Household | 1 | 17% | 14% | 27% | 23% | 7% | 17% | 31% | 13% | 9% | 10% | 20% | 14% | 30% | 3% | 3% | 27% | 30% |
| | 2 | 21% | 9% | 30% | 22% | 12% | 19% | 21% | 20% | 7% | 14% | 22% | 18% | 33% | 4% | 5% | 24% | 58% |
| | 3 | 23% | 12% | 21% | 42% | 17% | 8% | 29% | 25% | 25% | 19% | 27% | 13% | 35% | 4% | 12% | 21% | 44% |
| | 4 | 20% | 14% | 27% | 47% | 25% | 16% | 39% | 24% | 25% | 12% | 41% | 14% | 31% | 8% | 8% | 18% | 49% |
| | 5* | 37% | 21% | 26% | 37% | 37% | 16% | 42% | 16% | 26% | 26% | 42% | 11% | 11% | 5% | 11% | 11% | 42% |
| | 6* | 33% | - | - | 67% | 17% | 17% | 33% | 17% | 50% | 33% | 17% | 33% | 33% | - | 17% | - | 17% |
| | 7 or more* | - | - | - | 100% | - | - | - | - | 100% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 100% |
| | | Child(ren) age 12 or under | 24% | 8% | 20% | 51% | 17% | 15% | 31% | 12% | 47% | 29% | 39% | 15% | 27% | 8% | 7% | 15% |
| People in Household | Child(ren) age 13-17 | 34% | 15% | 23% | 43% | 30% | 15% | 38% | 21% | 15% | 11% | 40% | 19% | 26% | 6% | 13% | 13% | 49% |
| | Adult child(ren) age 18+ | 20% | 20% | 23% | 37% | 26% | 11% | 37% | 29% | 11% | 11% | 24% | 10% | 31% | 3% | 10% | 23% | 44% |
| | Spouse/partner | 19% | 11% | 27% | 30% | 18% | 16% | 26% | 21% | 17% | 16% | 29% | 18% | 30% | 5% | 8% | 22% | 52% |
| | Roommate* | - | 25% | 25% | 50% | - | 25% | 75% | - | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 50% | - | - | - | 25% |
| | Parent age 65 or older* | 29% | 7% | 21% | 50% | 7% | - | 21% | - | 14% | 43% | 29% | 29% | 21% | 14% | 7% | 21% | 36% |
| | None of these | 16% | 15% | 30% | 19% | 7% | 15% | 27% | 10% | 4% | 9% | 19% | 12% | 28% | 1% | - | 31% | 34% |
| Gender | Male | 13% | 9% | 23% | 28% | 19% | 12% | 28% | 21% | 12% | 12% | 23% | 12% | 31% | 6% | 9% | 26% | 52% |
| | Female | 26% | 14% | 29% | 29% | 12% | 18% | 28% | 19% | 15% | 16% | 27% | 17% | 30% | 4% | 5% | 21% | 46% |
| | Non-binary* | - | - | - | 100% | - | - | 100% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 100% |
| | Prefer not to say* | 29% | 14% | 36% | 43% | 21% | 21% | 14% | 7% | 36% | - | 43% | 43% | 29% | 7% | 7% | 7% | 43% |
| | Prefer to self describe* | 50% | 25% | 50% | 50% | - | - | 50% | - | 25% | 50% | - | - | 25% | - | 25% | - | 25% |
| Ethnicity | Asian* | 25% | 4% | 14% | 46% | 18% | 14% | 36% | 32% | 11% | 7% | 25% | 25% | 39% | 7% | 4% | 25% | 54% |
| | White/Caucasian | 21% | 12% | 28% | 27% | 13% | 16% | 28% | 18% | 13% | 13% | 27% | 13% | 28% | 5% | 6% | 23% | 49% |
| | Black/African American* | 17% | - | - | 50% | 17% | - | 33% | 17% | - | 17% | 17% | 33% | 17% | - | - | 17% | 50% |
| | Hispanic/Latinx* | 43% | 14% | 29% | 57% | 29% | 14% | 43% | 29% | 29% | 29% | 43% | 14% | 29% | - | 14% | 29% | 57% |
| | Indigenous American* | 33% | 17% | 17% | 33% | 17% | 33% | 50% | - | 17% | 17% | 50% | 17% | 17% | - | 17% | 17% | 33% |
| | Prefer not to say* | 11% | 6% | 33% | 44% | 28% | 28% | 22% | 28% | 22% | 28% | 28% | 28% | 39% | 6% | 22% | 11% | 50% |
| | Other* | - | 25% | - | 75% | 50% | - | 25% | 25% | 50% | 50% | 25% | 50% | 25% | - | 25% | - | - |
| | Prefer to self describe* | 33% | 33% | 11% | 22% | 11% | 33% | 22% | 22% | 22% | 33% | 11% | - | 67% | - | 11% | 22% | 11% |
| ZIP Code | 48864 | 22% | 9% | 29% | 33% | 17% | 14% | 29% | 21% | 14% | 11% | 32% | 16% | 29% | 4% | 8% | 24% | 52% |
| | 48823 | 22% | 19% | 30% | 31% | 14% | 15% | 29% | 14% | 20% | 22% | 23% | 16% | 34% | 2% | 2% | 19% | 44% |
| | 48840 | 19% | 11% | 20% | 23% | 12% | 20% | 22% | 20% | 11% | 14% | 17% | 16% | 32% | 7% | 7% | 19% | 45% |
| | 48895* | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 50% | - |
| | | In Random Sample | 20% | 11% | 26% | 30% | 15% | 16% | 27% | 19% | 14% | 14% | 26% | 16% | 30% | 4% | 7% | 22% |
| Weighting | No | 19% | 4% | 38% | 32% | 9% | 13% | 23% | 13% | 9% | 9% | 28% | 30% | 36% | 2% | - | 36% | 53% |
| | Unweighted | 20% | 11% | 26% | 30% | 15% | 16% | 27% | 19% | 14% | 14% | 26% | 16% | 30% | 4% | 7% | 22% | 48% |
| | Age | 22% | 10% | 25% | 32% | 16% | 15% | 25% | 20% | 15% | 14% | 26% | 18% | 32% | 4% | 6% | 22% | 48% |

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| Distribution Questions Count of Sample: 392 (+/- 4.9%) | | Potential future community improvements | | | | | Zoning uses at the Meridian Mall | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | Support installation of 5G cellular services in the Township | Expand solar and other green initiatives | Expand/enhance trails and pathways | Expand/enhance pedestrian/non-motorized safety features at railroad crossings | Invest in upgrading and modernizing our water and sewer facilities | None of these | Brewery | Commercial C-3 zoning | Corporate office complex/commercial office suites | Education/institution | Laboratory | Multi-family housing | Public facilities | Recreational/sporting uses | Research & development facilities | Residential housing (condos, duplexes, triplexes, etc.) | Residential single-family housing |
| 2021 Overall | | 31% | 49% | 52% | 18% | 49% | 6% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2024 Overall | | 41% | 12% | 16% | 34% | 13% | 16% | 34% | 44% | 14% | 25% | 18% | 8% | 88% | 44% | 48% | 48% | 24% |
| Residency | One year or less* | 64% | 45% | 73% | 18% | 36% | 18% | 27% | 9% | 18% | 36% | - | - | 18% | 36% | 55% | 27% | 9% |
| | 1-5 years | 42% | 47% | 55% | 27% | 59% | 2% | 52% | 11% | 14% | 36% | 11% | 19% | 34% | 52% | 11% | 23% | 14% |
| | 6-10 years | 44% | 41% | 41% | 12% | 46% | 15% | 56% | 24% | 17% | 37% | 15% | 12% | 37% | 44% | 17% | 17% | 12% |
| | More than 10 years | 42% | 47% | 47% | 21% | 53% | 8% | 41% | 11% | 16% | 31% | 13% | 16% | 34% | 47% | 16% | 24% | 18% |
| Own/Rent | Own | 46% | 47% | 48% | 21% | 56% | 7% | 47% | 14% | 16% | 33% | 12% | 16% | 36% | 50% | 16% | 24% | 16% |
| | Rent/lease | 34% | 47% | 50% | 26% | 42% | 16% | 24% | 5% | 11% | 29% | 13% | 24% | 32% | 29% | 8% | 26% | 16% |
| Employed in Township | Yes | 38% | 52% | 41% | 23% | 43% | 9% | 57% | 16% | 25% | 39% | 13% | 21% | 34% | 57% | 20% | 29% | 23% |
| | No, a different community | 47% | 48% | 61% | 26% | 59% | 6% | 55% | 16% | 18% | 32% | 10% | 20% | 41% | 54% | 15% | 28% | 16% |
| | I am not currently employed* | 33% | 67% | 67% | 27% | 33% | - | 27% | 7% | 7% | 40% | 20% | 20% | 40% | 33% | 13% | 20% | 20% |
| | I am retired | 43% | 42% | 38% | 16% | 53% | 9% | 30% | 8% | 11% | 30% | 14% | 11% | 28% | 41% | 14% | 17% | 14% |
| Age | 18 to 24* | 38% | 50% | 50% | 25% | 38% | 13% | 63% | 25% | 13% | 13% | 13% | - | 50% | 63% | 13% | - | 13% |
| | 25 to 34* | 55% | 59% | 77% | 32% | 59% | - | 59% | - | - | 18% | 5% | 41% | 41% | 32% | 5% | 55% | 18% |
| | 35 to 44 | 51% | 54% | 56% | 15% | 46% | 5% | 77% | 31% | 31% | 44% | 18% | 23% | 51% | 67% | 21% | 23% | 10% |
| | 45 to 54 | 35% | 45% | 55% | 18% | 57% | 4% | 61% | 8% | 16% | 31% | 16% | 25% | 35% | 65% | 18% | 27% | 14% |
| | 55 to 64 | 40% | 51% | 47% | 27% | 62% | 5% | 40% | 14% | 21% | 36% | 7% | 18% | 32% | 48% | 19% | 23% | 19% |
| | 65 or over | 46% | 41% | 42% | 19% | 51% | 11% | 31% | 9% | 12% | 32% | 13% | 10% | 31% | 41% | 12% | 20% | 18% |
| Education | Some high school or less* | - | - | - | - | - | 50% | - | - | - | 50% | 50% | - | - | - | - | 50% | - |
| | High school graduate/GED* | 27% | 18% | 36% | 27% | 45% | 36% | 18% | 18% | 9% | 9% | 9% | 9% | 18% | 18% | 9% | 18% | 27% |
| | Some college | 35% | 28% | 33% | 15% | 46% | 20% | 24% | 4% | 4% | 22% | 7% | 11% | 33% | 35% | 11% | 22% | 20% |
| | College graduate | 40% | 43% | 46% | 20% | 55% | 4% | 48% | 13% | 20% | 33% | 14% | 15% | 33% | 49% | 15% | 22% | 18% |
| | Graduate degree(s) | 49% | 57% | 55% | 24% | 55% | 5% | 47% | 14% | 15% | 37% | 12% | 19% | 38% | 53% | 17% | 24% | 14% |
| Household Income | \$25,000 or less* | 19% | 43% | 29% | 10% | 38% | 19% | 14% | 5% | 5% | 29% | 14% | 19% | 14% | 24% | - | 24% | 29% |
| | \$25,001 to \$50,000* | 45% | 36% | 50% | 27% | 41% | 23% | 27% | 9% | 14% | 36% | 18% | 14% | 32% | 36% | 14% | 23% | 23% |
| | \$50,001 to \$72,900 | 38% | 43% | 38% | 16% | 54% | 5% | 38% | 8% | 14% | 19% | 11% | 19% | 24% | 35% | 16% | 22% | 19% |
| | \$72,901 to \$92,800 | 28% | 51% | 49% | 26% | 49% | 6% | 42% | 13% | 13% | 36% | 8% | 19% | 38% | 60% | 13% | 21% | 19% |
| | More than \$92,801 | 52% | 50% | 58% | 22% | 55% | 6% | 55% | 13% | 18% | 34% | 15% | 17% | 41% | 55% | 18% | 27% | 16% |
| Count of Household | 1 | 36% | 46% | 33% | 16% | 50% | 13% | 33% | 7% | 11% | 24% | 16% | 10% | 20% | 36% | 7% | 16% | 19% |
| | 2 | 49% | 45% | 51% | 24% | 57% | 5% | 37% | 10% | 14% | 33% | 8% | 14% | 36% | 42% | 14% | 25% | 17% |
| | 3 | 46% | 54% | 48% | 25% | 54% | 10% | 56% | 19% | 19% | 38% | 21% | 19% | 40% | 58% | 19% | 25% | 17% |
| | 4 | 35% | 53% | 59% | 14% | 55% | 8% | 63% | 14% | 20% | 33% | 12% | 35% | 45% | 63% | 24% | 29% | 12% |
| | 5* | 37% | 42% | 47% | 32% | 42% | 11% | 74% | 26% | 26% | 37% | 26% | 5% | 37% | 68% | 26% | 16% | 21% |
| | 6* | 50% | 17% | 50% | 17% | - | 17% | 33% | 17% | - | 33% | - | 17% | 50% | 67% | 17% | 17% | - |
| | 7 or more* | - | - | 100% | - | - | - | - | - | - | 100% | - | - | - | 100% | - | - | - |
| | People in Household | Child(ren) age 12 or under | 49% | 51% | 59% | 17% | 46% | 8% | 66% | 25% | 17% | 37% | 12% | 20% | 47% | 66% | 19% | 27% |
| Child(ren) age 13-17 | | 23% | 43% | 53% | 30% | 47% | 4% | 51% | 17% | 19% | 34% | 15% | 21% | 43% | 72% | 21% | 17% | 15% |
| Adult child(ren) age 18+ | | 39% | 53% | 46% | 27% | 51% | 10% | 51% | 14% | 20% | 36% | 19% | 23% | 34% | 54% | 17% | 26% | 17% |
| Spouse/partner | | 48% | 46% | 54% | 21% | 55% | 6% | 49% | 14% | 17% | 32% | 12% | 17% | 38% | 50% | 18% | 27% | 17% |
| Roommate* | | 50% | 25% | 75% | 25% | 50% | - | 25% | - | - | 25% | 25% | 25% | 50% | 50% | - | 25% | 25% |
| Parent age 65 or older* | | 43% | 57% | 43% | 43% | 71% | - | 57% | 7% | 21% | 43% | 21% | 14% | 43% | 64% | 7% | 14% | 14% |
| Gender | None of these | 34% | 43% | 30% | 16% | 46% | 18% | 24% | 9% | 13% | 31% | 16% | 10% | 24% | 31% | 6% | 13% | 19% |
| | Male | 45% | 47% | 54% | 18% | 53% | 4% | 49% | 16% | 21% | 34% | 15% | 16% | 41% | 50% | 20% | 23% | 18% |
| | Female | 44% | 47% | 45% | 23% | 52% | 8% | 40% | 10% | 12% | 33% | 10% | 15% | 30% | 45% | 12% | 20% | 15% |
| | Non-binary* | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 100% | - | - | - | - |
| | Prefer not to say* | 36% | 36% | 57% | 36% | 64% | 14% | 57% | 29% | 29% | 43% | 14% | 36% | 50% | 64% | 14% | 36% | 14% |
| | Prefer to self describe* | 25% | 50% | 75% | 50% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 50% | 75% | - | 25% | 50% | 100% | 25% | 75% | 50% |
| Ethnicity | Asian* | 43% | 57% | 64% | 36% | 50% | 7% | 25% | - | 14% | 36% | 21% | 21% | 36% | 43% | 11% | 32% | 25% |
| | White/Caucasian | 43% | 48% | 51% | 19% | 52% | 8% | 44% | 13% | 15% | 32% | 13% | 16% | 36% | 48% | 17% | 23% | 16% |
| | Black/African American* | 17% | 50% | 17% | 50% | 33% | 17% | 33% | - | 17% | 17% | - | - | - | 17% | - | 17% | 17% |
| | Hispanic/Latinx* | 43% | 14% | 57% | 29% | 71% | - | 43% | - | - | 14% | 14% | 43% | 14% | 57% | - | 14% | 29% |
| | Indigenous American* | 50% | 50% | 17% | 17% | 50% | 17% | 50% | - | - | - | - | 17% | 50% | 50% | - | 17% | - |
| | Prefer not to say* | 50% | 33% | 44% | 17% | 61% | 11% | 44% | 11% | 17% | 22% | 6% | 22% | 28% | 61% | 11% | 17% | 6% |
| ZIP Code | Other* | 25% | - | - | 25% | 50% | 25% | 50% | 25% | 25% | - | 50% | - | 50% | 50% | - | 50% | 25% |
| | Prefer to self describe* | 22% | 44% | 22% | 22% | 56% | 22% | 78% | 22% | 22% | 44% | - | 22% | 33% | 44% | - | 11% | 33% |
| | 48864 | 43% | 48% | 47% | 23% | 55% | 9% | 45% | 14% | 15% | 32% | 12% | 15% | 35% | 55% | 17% | 21% | 15% |
| | 48823 | 45% | 49% | 51% | 22% | 53% | 6% | 45% | 14% | 19% | 37% | 15% | 17% | 33% | 40% | 20% | 28% | 20% |
| | 48840 | 41% | 41% | 50% | 17% | 48% | 9% | 40% | 8% | 14% | 31% | 11% | 15% | 36% | 42% | 7% | 20% | 14% |
| In Random Sample | 48895* | 50% | 100% | - | - | 50% | - | 50% | - | - | - | - | 100% | - | - | - | 100% | 50% |
| | Yes | 42% | 46% | 47% | 21% | 52% | 8% | 43% | 12% | 15% | 32% | 12% | 16% | 34% | 47% | 15% | 23% | 16% |
| Weighting | No | 45% | 51% | 49% | 32% | 53% | - | 34% | 15% | 13% | 38% | 6% | 21% | 23% | 32% | 17% | 34% | 19% |
| | Unweighted | 42% | 46% | 47% | 21% | 52% | 8% | 43% | 12% | 15% | 32% | 12% | 16% | 34% | 47% | 15% | 23% | 16% |
| | Age | 44% | 48% | 48% | 24% | 51% | 8% | 41% | 12% | 16% | 34% | 13% | 16% | 34% | 44% | 14% | 25% | 18% |

*Note: Lower number of responses may result in incr

| Distribution Questions Count of Sample: 392 (+/- 4.9%) | | Own or operate a business in the Township? | | Township to benefit from community and senior center | | Use a community and senior center | | What features would you like to see in a community & senior center | | | | | | | | | | Support millage to fill possible financing gap | |
|---|------------------------------|--|------|--|-----|-----------------------------------|------|---|---|---|--|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------|------|--|-----|
| | | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | Recreational facilities (regulation size basketball/volleyball/pickleball courts) | Low-impact workout area/low-impact exercise equipment | Large auditorium/meeting/performance space with stage | Community meeting rooms/conference rooms | Dedicated senior citizen area | Dedicated youth area | Warming kitchen | Multi-purpose space | Other | Yes | No | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Yes |
| 2021 Overall | | 5% | 94% | - | - | 70% | 26% | 46% | 56% | 35% | 29% | 44% | 31% | - | - | - | - | 50% | 43% |
| 2024 Overall | | 51% | 8% | 71% | 25% | 70% | 26% | 46% | 56% | 35% | 29% | 44% | 31% | 20% | 33% | 7% | 50% | 43% | |
| Residency | One year or less* | 9% | 82% | 55% | 45% | 27% | 64% | 55% | 45% | 27% | 27% | 27% | 36% | 18% | 18% | 9% | 18% | 73% | |
| | 1-5 years | 3% | 91% | 72% | 23% | 73% | 22% | 56% | 55% | 44% | 33% | 41% | 44% | 31% | 25% | 11% | 55% | 34% | |
| | 6-10 years | 10% | 88% | 59% | 37% | 68% | 29% | 46% | 44% | 37% | 20% | 39% | 41% | 17% | 24% | 5% | 41% | 49% | |
| | More than 10 years | 9% | 87% | 75% | 21% | 72% | 24% | 43% | 56% | 35% | 33% | 49% | 29% | 21% | 39% | 7% | 54% | 39% | |
| Own/Rent | Own | 8% | 87% | 72% | 25% | 71% | 26% | 47% | 54% | 39% | 33% | 46% | 36% | 22% | 35% | 8% | 51% | 42% | |
| | Rent/lease | 8% | 87% | 76% | 16% | 68% | 26% | 42% | 68% | 32% | 24% | 55% | 29% | 39% | 37% | - | 53% | 34% | |
| Employed in Township | Yes | 36% | 59% | 80% | 18% | 68% | 27% | 52% | 52% | 43% | 29% | 39% | 36% | 25% | 39% | 4% | 54% | 41% | |
| | No, a different community | 4% | 93% | 68% | 28% | 66% | 30% | 55% | 49% | 42% | 34% | 41% | 40% | 22% | 34% | 9% | 50% | 44% | |
| | I am not currently employed* | 7% | 87% | 80% | 13% | 67% | 27% | 60% | 47% | 33% | 53% | 47% | 47% | 33% | 33% | 7% | 53% | 33% | |
| | I am retired | 2% | 93% | 75% | 20% | 78% | 20% | 36% | 63% | 31% | 29% | 55% | 26% | 20% | 33% | 7% | 53% | 37% | |
| Age | 18 to 24* | - | 100% | 63% | 38% | 50% | 50% | 63% | 63% | 50% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 38% | 50% | 13% | 63% | 38% | |
| | 25 to 34* | 5% | 86% | 73% | 23% | 64% | 29% | 64% | 59% | 36% | 27% | 36% | 59% | 36% | 36% | 5% | 64% | 27% | |
| | 35 to 44 | 8% | 92% | 64% | 33% | 64% | 31% | 62% | 41% | 31% | 23% | 21% | 46% | 13% | 31% | 8% | 49% | 46% | |
| | 45 to 54 | 8% | 88% | 67% | 33% | 61% | 39% | 61% | 41% | 37% | 27% | 39% | 41% | 16% | 31% | 10% | 37% | 55% | |
| | 55 to 64 | 18% | 75% | 75% | 21% | 74% | 21% | 52% | 56% | 44% | 36% | 58% | 33% | 30% | 40% | 10% | 56% | 36% | |
| | 65 or over | 5% | 91% | 76% | 18% | 74% | 22% | 35% | 60% | 34% | 33% | 51% | 24% | 22% | 33% | 6% | 54% | 38% | |
| Education | Some high school or less* | - | 100% | 50% | - | 100% | - | - | - | - | - | 50% | - | - | - | - | 50% | 50% | |
| | High school graduate/GED* | - | 82% | 82% | 18% | 73% | 18% | 36% | 73% | 27% | 45% | 55% | 27% | 27% | 36% | - | 55% | 36% | |
| | Some college | 4% | 91% | 65% | 30% | 63% | 30% | 43% | 52% | 22% | 17% | 37% | 24% | 28% | 35% | 2% | 30% | 61% | |
| | College graduate | 4% | 91% | 68% | 26% | 69% | 27% | 47% | 54% | 42% | 29% | 46% | 36% | 22% | 34% | 7% | 52% | 41% | |
| | Graduate degree(s) | 12% | 84% | 78% | 20% | 74% | 23% | 48% | 55% | 38% | 36% | 49% | 35% | 21% | 35% | 10% | 58% | 34% | |
| Household Income | \$25,000 or less* | - | 95% | 76% | 14% | 76% | 14% | 33% | 48% | 19% | 14% | 52% | 19% | 14% | 24% | 10% | 52% | 43% | |
| | \$25,001 to \$50,000* | 5% | 91% | 64% | 32% | 73% | 27% | 32% | 59% | 27% | 36% | 45% | 27% | 32% | 27% | 5% | 41% | 55% | |
| | \$50,001 to \$72,900 | 5% | 95% | 68% | 22% | 73% | 22% | 49% | 51% | 38% | 30% | 51% | 30% | 24% | 32% | 5% | 46% | 41% | |
| | \$72,901 to \$92,800 | 6% | 87% | 81% | 19% | 74% | 23% | 49% | 62% | 42% | 28% | 47% | 32% | 28% | 42% | 2% | 60% | 32% | |
| | More than \$92,801 | 11% | 85% | 74% | 23% | 70% | 27% | 52% | 52% | 39% | 35% | 44% | 38% | 18% | 33% | 9% | 58% | 36% | |
| Count of Household | 1 | 1% | 93% | 73% | 20% | 74% | 24% | 30% | 50% | 31% | 29% | 51% | 24% | 24% | 27% | 7% | 44% | 49% | |
| | 2 | 8% | 88% | 79% | 17% | 76% | 18% | 44% | 63% | 39% | 37% | 52% | 26% | 28% | 41% | 8% | 64% | 28% | |
| | 3 | 13% | 83% | 75% | 25% | 65% | 33% | 52% | 48% | 37% | 33% | 46% | 44% | 21% | 23% | 10% | 44% | 50% | |
| | 4 | 8% | 88% | 59% | 41% | 55% | 43% | 67% | 39% | 37% | 22% | 27% | 49% | 12% | 29% | 4% | 47% | 43% | |
| | 5* | 11% | 84% | 68% | 32% | 68% | 26% | 58% | 47% | 47% | 21% | 42% | 53% | 5% | 37% | 11% | 32% | 63% | |
| | 6* | - | 100% | 50% | 33% | 50% | 33% | 50% | 67% | - | - | - | 50% | - | 17% | - | 17% | 67% | |
| | 7 or more* | - | 100% | - | - | 100% | - | 100% | - | - | - | 100% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | 8 or more* | - | 100% | - | - | 100% | - | 100% | - | - | - | 100% | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| People in Household | Child(ren) age 12 or under | 8% | 86% | 64% | 31% | 63% | 31% | 64% | 47% | 34% | 22% | 24% | 58% | 14% | 31% | 7% | 42% | 41% | |
| | Child(ren) age 13-17 | 6% | 89% | 68% | 28% | 64% | 34% | 64% | 45% | 47% | 21% | 34% | 47% | 11% | 28% | 9% | 40% | 51% | |
| | Adult child(ren) age 18+ | 16% | 80% | 67% | 31% | 61% | 34% | 47% | 46% | 33% | 23% | 46% | 34% | 10% | 29% | 4% | 49% | 49% | |
| | Spouse/partner | 9% | 87% | 73% | 23% | 71% | 25% | 50% | 55% | 37% | 32% | 44% | 34% | 23% | 36% | 8% | 53% | 39% | |
| | Roommate* | - | 100% | 100% | - | 100% | - | 75% | 75% | 25% | 50% | 75% | 75% | 50% | - | - | 50% | 50% | |
| | Parent age 65 or older* | 7% | 86% | 86% | 7% | 86% | 7% | 43% | 71% | 43% | 7% | 64% | 50% | 21% | 36% | 14% | 64% | 21% | |
| | None of these | 3% | 91% | 69% | 24% | 69% | 28% | 27% | 51% | 31% | 25% | 48% | 21% | 22% | 27% | 7% | 46% | 46% | |
| Gender | Male | 9% | 90% | 69% | 28% | 68% | 31% | 49% | 50% | 37% | 28% | 42% | 28% | 18% | 31% | 6% | 53% | 40% | |
| | Female | 7% | 87% | 76% | 20% | 75% | 21% | 47% | 56% | 38% | 35% | 49% | 38% | 24% | 35% | 8% | 52% | 39% | |
| | Non-binary* | - | 100% | 100% | - | 100% | - | - | 100% | - | - | - | - | 100% | - | - | 100% | - | |
| | Prefer not to say* | 21% | 79% | 71% | 21% | 71% | 21% | 57% | 64% | 36% | 14% | 43% | 29% | 43% | 50% | 14% | 57% | 36% | |
| | Prefer to self describe* | - | 100% | 75% | 25% | 25% | 75% | 50% | 75% | 50% | 25% | 50% | 75% | 25% | 50% | 25% | - | 100% | |
| Ethnicity | Asian* | 7% | 89% | 89% | 7% | 71% | 18% | 50% | 68% | 32% | 29% | 43% | 32% | 18% | 32% | 7% | 57% | 36% | |
| | White/Caucasian | 7% | 89% | 72% | 24% | 71% | 26% | 46% | 52% | 37% | 32% | 46% | 34% | 22% | 32% | 6% | 54% | 39% | |
| | Black/African American* | - | 100% | 33% | 50% | 33% | 50% | 17% | 33% | 17% | - | 17% | - | - | 33% | 17% | 17% | 83% | |
| | Hispanic/Latinx* | 14% | 86% | 71% | 29% | 57% | 43% | 71% | 14% | 43% | 29% | 43% | 43% | 43% | 29% | - | 43% | 29% | |
| | Indigenous American* | 17% | 83% | 83% | 17% | 83% | 17% | 67% | 17% | 50% | 33% | 33% | 50% | 33% | 50% | - | 50% | 33% | |
| | Prefer not to say* | 17% | 83% | 61% | 33% | 67% | 33% | 61% | 61% | 28% | 17% | 44% | 33% | 33% | 33% | 11% | 44% | 50% | |
| | Other* | 25% | 75% | 100% | - | 100% | - | 50% | 50% | 50% | 25% | 50% | 25% | 25% | 75% | - | 50% | 50% | |
| | Prefer to self describe* | - | 89% | 78% | 22% | 78% | 22% | 56% | 67% | 44% | 56% | 67% | 56% | 56% | 44% | 56% | 33% | 33% | |
| ZIP Code | 48864 | 9% | 88% | 71% | 24% | 69% | 28% | 48% | 53% | 37% | 34% | 44% | 34% | 21% | 35% | 6% | 50% | 42% | |
| | 48823 | 10% | 86% | 79% | 15% | 77% | 19% | 51% | 60% | 37% | 36% | 42% | 38% | 24% | 33% | 10% | 56% | 35% | |
| | 48840 | 4% | 88% | 67% | 30% | 69% | 27% | 40% | 52% | 38% | 21% | 51% | 28% | 22% | 32% | 7% | 52% | 41% | |
| | 48895* | - | 100% | 50% | 50% | 50% | 50% | - | - | - | 50% | 50% | 50% | 50% | 50% | 50% | - | 100% | |
| In Random Sample | Yes | 8% | 86% | 71% | 23% | 69% | 25% | 45% | 53% | 36% | 31% | 45% | 33% | 22% | 33% | 7% | 51% | 40% | |
| | No | - | 85% | 47% | 47% | 68% | 23% | 30% | 51% | 28% | 28% | 74% | 21% | 34% | 40% | 11% | 43% | 51% | |
| Weighting | Unweighted | 8% | 86% | 71% | 23% | 69% | 25% | 45% | 53% | 36% | 31% | 45% | 33% | 22% | 33% | 7% | 51% | 40% | |
| | Age | 8% | 88% | 71% | 25% | 70% | 26% | 46% | 56% | 35% | 29% | 44% | 31% | 20% | 33% | 7% | 50% | 43% | |

*Note: Lower number of responses may result in in cre

| Who Responded Count of Sample: 392 (+/- 4.9%) | | 2024 Count | 2024 Percentage | 2021 Counts | 2021 Percentage |
|--|------------------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 2024 Overall Response | | 392 | 100% | 386 | 100% |
| Residency | One year or less* | 11 | 3% | 9 | 2% |
| | 1-5 years | 64 | 16% | 58 | 15% |
| | 6-10 years | 41 | 10% | 47 | 12% |
| | More than 10 years | 258 | 66% | 264 | 68% |
| Own/Rent | Own | 307 | 78% | 298 | 77% |
| | Rent/lease | 38 | 10% | 33 | 9% |
| Employed in Township | Yes | 56 | 14% | 63 | 16% |
| | No, a different community | 148 | 38% | 142 | 37% |
| | I am not currently employed* | 15 | 4% | 14 | 4% |
| | I am retired | 152 | 39% | 154 | 40% |
| Age | 18 to 24* | 8 | 2% | 10 | 3% |
| | 25 to 34* | 22 | 6% | 19 | 5% |
| | 35 to 44 | 39 | 10% | 53 | 14% |
| | 45 to 54 | 51 | 13% | 55 | 14% |
| | 55 to 64 | 73 | 19% | 69 | 18% |
| | 65 or over | 164 | 42% | 164 | 42% |
| Education | Some high school or less* | 2 | 1% | - | - |
| | High school graduate/GED* | 11 | 3% | 15 | 4% |
| | Some college | 46 | 12% | 48 | 12% |
| | College graduate | 137 | 35% | 146 | 38% |
| | Graduate degree(s) | 177 | 45% | 165 | 43% |
| Household Income | \$25,000 or less* | 21 | 5% | - | - |
| | \$25,001 to \$50,000* | 22 | 6% | - | - |
| | \$50,001 to \$72,900 | 37 | 9% | - | - |
| | \$72,901 to \$92,800 | 53 | 14% | - | - |
| | More than \$92,801 | 192 | 49% | - | - |
| Count of Household | 1 | 70 | 18% | - | - |
| | 2 | 169 | 43% | - | - |
| | 3 | 52 | 13% | - | - |
| | 4 | 51 | 13% | - | - |
| | 5* | 19 | 5% | - | - |
| | 6* | 6 | 2% | - | - |
| | 7 or more* | 1 | 0% | - | - |
| People in Household | Child(ren) age 12 or under | 59 | 15% | 63 | 16% |
| | Child(ren) age 13-17 | 47 | 12% | 37 | 10% |
| | Adult child(ren) age 18+ | 70 | 18% | 64 | 17% |
| | Spouse/partner | 244 | 62% | 210 | 54% |
| | Roommate* | 4 | 1% | 7 | 2% |
| | Parent age 65 or older* | 14 | 4% | 13 | 3% |
| | None of these | 67 | 17% | 74 | 19% |
| Gender | Male | 137 | 35% | 142 | 37% |
| | Female | 210 | 54% | 213 | 55% |
| | Non-binary* | 1 | 0% | 1 | 0% |
| | Prefer not to say* | 14 | 4% | 9 | 2% |
| | Prefer to self describe* | 4 | 1% | 1 | 0% |
| Ethnicity | Asian* | 28 | 7% | 20 | 5% |
| | White/Caucasian | 310 | 79% | 310 | 80% |
| | Black/African American* | 6 | 2% | 10 | 3% |
| | Hispanic/Latinx* | 7 | 2% | 5 | 1% |
| | Indigenous American* | 6 | 2% | 3 | 1% |
| | Prefer not to say* | 18 | 5% | 17 | 4% |
| | Other* | 4 | 1% | 10 | 3% |
| | Prefer to self describe* | 9 | 2% | - | - |
| ZIP Code | 48864 | 186 | 47% | 208 | 54% |
| | 48823 | 86 | 22% | 76 | 20% |
| | 48840 | 98 | 25% | 89 | 23% |
| | 48895* | 2 | 1% | 2 | 1% |
| | Other* | - | - | - | - |
| | In Random Sample | 70 | 100% | 66 | 100% |

*Note: Lower number of responses may result in increased variability

Q11 : Which specific barriers keep you from participating more

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| 9 years old |
| Additional Millages, Child graduating and no evening culture for 35-45 aged group |
| Advance information access for mature community members and those with physical challenges |
| affordable housing |
| Affordable housing, too many corporate stores and businesses. |
| Age |
| Age 5, may downsize home and move |
| Age 86 |
| age -96 |
| Age and health |
| Age and health |
| Age and health concerns |
| Age -Elderly |
| Age or disability, spouse job transfer |
| age, disability, not sure where we would go for assisted living care. |
| Age, interest |
| age/ physical limitations |
| as a retiree, need to use my time better |
| Being an introvert |
| Being closer to work |
| Being engaged in other non profits, not enough time |
| bury with work |
| |
| Businesses dont seem to do well- I've seen several fail for no apparent reason- we need more shopping and eateries. |
| busy |
| Busy full time worker with 2 kids |
| busy with child |
| busy with other things |
| Busy work and travel schedule. |
| busy work schedule |
| busy working |
| Cannot drive. My license was taken away by Origami. |
| Children have graduated high school. Dissatisfaction with Township Board, feel they do not listen to our concerns by allowing recreational marijuana into MT goes against the family values of most residents.. They are bringing it to area that voted they did not want it (4 dispensaries) vs. Haslett (1) Residents taxes will go toward paying for MT police to respond to dispensary robberies and we cannot support that. MT will no longer be a safe a desirable place to raise a family with Rec weed dispensaries in the community. |
| Children have moved away to Northern Lower Michigan |
| children will all be in college- wont need such a big house |
| communication |

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| Communication of potential opportunities |
| cost of living |
| cost of living |
| cost of living, housing is too expensive in meridian township |
| Cost of living, volunterring thru work, modern or classic country music |
| demands of work |
| difficulty walking and standing. I avoid crowds |
| Downsizing and moving out of this area. |
| Embarrassing Okemos A corners |
| Employment location change |
| Fitting activities into a busy work schedule. |
| Fix rail cossing bumps. |
| free time |
| Full time job and family |
| getting older |
| Getting too crowded! Killing it by being too popular! |
| go up north in summer |
| Gov't takes a condescending view of citizens, rather than actively learning what is important to people. |
| Great place to raise a family but there is almost no nightlife, restaurants shutting down. Its a ghost town on weekends and past 8 pm. |
| Having someone with whom to attend events |
| health issues |
| high property taxes |
| high property taxes |
| High taxes |
| high taxes, so much money on parks and rec but few community programs for adults/seniors |
| housing cost |
| I already participate in a lot of volunteer activities |
| I am 83 years old. I have lived here for more than 50 years. God willing I will be living here in five years, but I think it's unlikely. |
| I am a caregiver and sometimes it's difficult to get away from home for longer periods of time |
| I am currently employed in a job which encompasses a great deal of my time |
| I am elderly. The senior center is inadequate -- too small and not equipped to provide more and better activities. Medical care is not first class. Rehab facilities are understaffed. Will I have the services I'm going to need? |
| I am noy aware of a y of those options |
| I cannot participate more because I am already 6- years a full time caregiver for my dear husband mr. George S. Liu, who has a very decreased mobility. |
| I dont know |
| I dont like leaving the house much |
| I dont usually talk to people about businesses. |
| I have been a "green Team "volunteers- very unsafe for bicycles/runners due to traffic in Township, TS is now over built- urban services boundary shouldn't have moved. |
| I have heard MT is difficult to work with when opening businesses |
| I have no business background so can't make an educated suggestion in this area. As an older resident, festivals are sometimes jusst not of interest to me. |
| I have to work a lot to keep up with my constantly increasing property taxes |
| I like living here, but tend to stay away from crowds |
| I like the area |
| i live at Dabbe RD |
| i live in an apartment and want to buy a house- dont know where that will take me. |
| I would love to volunteer with the township but i am unsure of opportunities that are after business hours. |
| If i live that long, i am 90 |
| I'm a PhD student, so I'll move soon |
| im getting too old. |

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| In a wheelchair, can walk by myself |
| Job Opportunities - BUILD A DOWNTOWN |
| jobs, events and activities for residents, slow growth of Okemos village project |
| just a private person |
| just due to schedule and time constraints |
| Just retired, not sure which community volunteer are needed |
| kids schedules |
| lack of downtown shops, lack of small grocery @ Okemos/ Jolly Road |
| Lack of handicapped accessibility for visual impaired. Uncertainty about future of senior center. |
| lack of info about community volunteer opportunities |
| Lack of quality medical care, unless Uof M can insure Sparrow Hospital |
| lack of real bike paths like in Netherlands |
| lack of retail/restaurants/cultural institutions |
| lack of time |
| lack of time and physical stamina |
| Lansing Prop taxes |
| looking for a better job |
| lots of volunteering now - time to slow down |
| Mental health |
| Meridian Township Board is full of bullies and doesnt work for us. |
| Meridian Township needs to ramp up their focus on walkability, reducing car dependent development, and building out their pathway system. The MSU to Lake Lansing Path is a great start, but greater urgency and funding is needed to make a good path system into a great one. Additionally, reducing or removing parking minimums will increase walkability and lower the barrier for new development, while preserving greenspace. Other communities have made great strides in these areas - Meridian Township needs to catch up. |
| Merket place on Green doesnt have available handicap parking on saturday and wednesday when they are open. |
| mobility, high taxes may change my mind staying for 5 years |
| More expensive cycling infrastructure |
| Most of the growth/new builds have been dedicated to seniors/senior living in the Haslett area specifically. |
| Mostly lack of time; still employed! |
| Mostly what keeps me from participating more is two things. Young kids going every which way and knowledge of opportunities. My family recently moved here and finding opportunities has been more laborious than expected sometimes. Outside of the parks. Parks are great. |
| motivation |
| Move up north after children finish school |
| MOVING |
| My age |
| My age |
| My age |
| My age - I am 82 years old in 5 years ill be 8 |
| my age & disabilities |
| My age and health |
| my health |
| my health |
| My husband passed and I need to sell |
| NA |
| no barriers |
| no barriers |
| no barriers, just age possibly |
| no extra time |
| No movement on 4 corners |
| no new exciting/unique businesses |
| No real city center, high taxes, no provisions for fall yard waste collection |
| no time to volunteer right now, More red tape then needed for businesses. |

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| no transportation |
| none |
| none , love mid michigan |
| none, personal health |
| none. No time to volunteer. |
| Not a very social person |
| not aware of events in the area and not many businesses in my field in the area |
| not aware of volunteer opportunities |
| not aware of volunteer opportunities. |
| not enough time |
| not enough time in schedule |
| Not welcoming of minority people |
| offer more daytime programs, evening programs dont work for young kids |
| office potole evyr hinget higee |
| Okemos multicultural community and residents" safety |
| old age |
| Old age |
| older |
| Opening of marijuana recreational facility in Okemos very close to residential area and schools is a crime. |
| Other responsibilities and my own physical impairments. |
| Over emphasis on commercial gain esp. at community events. Removal of vernal wetlands for commercial development. |
| paths that are easily accessible to walk on |
| people around me |
| Personal health issues |
| Personal physical limitations. |
| personal preference |
| Personal preference / i dont know anyone |
| Physical limitations |
| Planning to move to a warmer climate |
| Potential of moving closer to grown children |
| Pride events- I'm a Catholic Christen |
| property tax too high and continues to rise too fast |
| property taxes |
| Property taxes are higher than surrounding areas and staying to avoid switching schools for my child. A couple of the previous questions referenced street lights and sidewalks, and the neighborhood I live in has neither of those. |
| Property taxes are way to high. Smaller towns have more events then Okemos does. Downtown Okemos 4 corners looks ghetto |
| property taxes- outrageously high |
| rents keep increasing |
| Restrictions on growth |
| retired |
| Ridiculously high taxes |
| Rising millage rates; lack of easy public transportation, lack of government transparency, lack of any real community |
| Safety in walking on sidewalks in winter, safety in walking due to busy traffic and dangerous corners |
| schedule |

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| Small children prevent me from increased participation |
| special needs child |
| spouse critically ill |
| Stage of life, if we had, we would to more events as they are more family/youth , if retired we would volunteer more |
| stores are leaving the area, along with resturants. Lack of places to go out for adults |
| Student at MSU Graduating soon |
| Taxes and road and snow |
| taxes are high, board is slipped in transparency and trust due to Frank Walsh issue and trying to fast track a new tax for a senior center, and the lack of traffic enforcement - streets are really dangerous to pedestrians and cyclists! |
| taxes are too high for senior |
| taxes too high |
| Taxes- very high and the recent township planning decisions |
| Taxes! |
| taxes, taxes, taxes, contribution to Lake Lansing Dam |
| Taxes, tree maintenace overall not being inclusive of every person |
| The change in population and lack of new and exciting businesses (shopping, health, restaurants). The four corner area at Okemos/Hamilton is disgusting and needs to be built or something done with it. |
| The roads are poorly maintained |
| The taxes are extremely high and you don't see a lot of value for them. Also when someone is hired to perform a function and it is pointed out that they didn't do it, the situation isn't addressed. For example, there was a house where the township hired someone to mow the law. The contractor did not mow the lawn, but charge the township. When I call was made to let the township know that the lawn had not yet been mowed, the only response was well. They submitted an invoice for it so they must have. No one came out to check it. |
| There is limited sense of community unless you have kids in the schools. If there were more events to go to we would. Also, we have complaints with the traffic and roads, no police enforcement of speeding, no response to illegal fireworks. Okemos Road is way too fast, Mt Hope is dangerous, especially the intersection with Hagadorn, also Bennett and Hagadorn , that intersection is very dangerous. There is a new housing development going in on Bennett which will only add to the traffic, which all needs to be slowed down. |
| thinking of becoming a snowbird |
| time |
| Time |
| Time |
| Time and interest-am concentrating on voting awareness |
| time at work |
| Time commitments to family |
| time constraints - work |
| Time restrictions. I plan to be here in 5 years from now |
| Time to engage |
| Time; knowledge of prospective entrepreneurs |
| timing of events, age and type of event |
| Tired of looking at 4 corners mess |
| too busy |
| Too busy |
| too busy , a life |
| Too busy at work |
| too old |
| Unaware of events that require volunteers- advertising constraints. |
| very busy |
| very quiet, peaceful, feel safe |
| Volunteering requires a lot of time which I do not have at the moment. |
| Walkability, lack of community-building businesses like coffee shops, etc. |
| Wanting to travel |

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| We could embrace snow& winter rather than fight it to the end which would also save \$. E.g.: Lake Lansing North plowed before some roads even forcing skiers ski in the mud before reaching the trailhead. Similarly, pathways like Interurban could be plowed only one way (not double time) leaving 2 feet of snow on the ground for skiers. |
| We experienced difficulty with E L building inspector |
| We have a place on Lake Michigan and go there often |
| We love to travel to sometimes we miss events in Meridian Township. |
| We may move once our youngest finishes school |
| we need more local business- use building - stop tearing down buildings - build more local businesses/Small businesses. |
| Will likely move closer to new business site |
| Will probably move to Florida, another house, warmer |
| With all the issues here and how expensive it is to not receive anything. The ability for boys to have a baseball field to play on is really good. To play softball there is one maybe 2 that are regulation size. Okemos HS field is atrocious and is way too big |
| work |
| work |
| Work and family commitments. |
| work schedule |
| Work schedules and vacation timing with activities |
| work, family, lack of free time, schedules |
| Working 3 jobs |
| Working and raising kids makes it hard to volunteer often. |
| Working fulltime, adding more taxes would make us want to leave |
| Would enjoy more walking trails from Heritage Hills Neighborhood and yard water drainage issues, sidewalks not property done in 2021 we paid for bad work, need to resolve tax issues not sure property done. |
| Would love to see maybe a awesome splash pad someplace.Snow removal needs improvement. I find it ridiculous to charged a service fee to pay my bills when all that it takes is me entering a card number to pay. Overall everything is great but with young ones no time to volunteer when already doing that with their sports and schools. Would like to see more businesses come in geared toward family-friendly stuff like restaurant's, or a farmers market like Horrocks. Would love to see businesses replaced like the old Outback and Old Chicago |
| You gave me no where to speak my mind. I pay 425 a month in taxes, i always vote for school, library, 911, buses, etc. Im not prepared to pay higher taxes for a community center. I just would like a senior center its vital to some of us. |

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| Q12: What cultural events would you like the Township to provi... |
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| A center considered the "Town Square"-feels like there is no actual center of the town of Okemos |
| a community holi celebration |
| a mix of these geared to adults and families |
| A parade about being/living in mid michigan. NOT a tacked on religion or holiday most of us dont give a shit for... a pure michigan parade! Celebrate waterways, forests, great lakes, monarch butterflies, small towns, mosquitoes and deer! |
| Activities that would get people out during winter. The ice skating rink was brilliant. Keep them coming! |
| An ethnic festival to celebrate foods and cultures represented in our rather diverse community |
| any |
| any one you like |
| Art and music events |
| art events |
| Art Festival |
| Art markets/Faires |
| Art shows, music festivals |
| arts and crafts |
| Black History Month |
| Bring back Hertiage festivals- the history of Haslett/ The History of the fairgrounds/amusement parks |
| BUILD A DOWNTOWN |
| Cant think of any - doing great |
| celebrate diversity, indigenous peoples day, seasonal celebrations. |
| Celebrate local Native American History here |
| Celebrate more Pride and Black History events, expecially for youth. |
| Christen Events |
| cinco de mayo |
| Cinco de Mayo, Pride Month, Black History Month |
| classical music performances, drama/poetry readings, screening films that are NOT action blockbusters -- for all of these, and others,we need a better community center |
| Community events like art fairs, small music festivals, guided nature walks/talks, bird identification walks/talks, wildflower talks/walks.. In some of the parks I see too much destruction, like where people have carved into tree bark, people picking wildflowers and other plants. People need more education about how to treat the natural areas. Maybe MSU could be a resource. There is so much mowing here also, the township could help home and business owners create more sustainable yards through programs like the Homegrown National Park project which helps people plant a few native plants in their yard to help pollinators and cut down on constant mowing? How about presentations on the importance of marshes, since this area was a large marsh originally? Or about the number and kinds of ducks that seek out the ponds here? There just doesn't seem to be a lot of cohesiveness to the place outside of what the public schools provide. It doesn't help that there is no "downtown" to Okemos or Haslett. I guess Lake Lansing park is the closest thing to that. |
| Community outdoor movies |
| Concerts in the park, public swimming pool |
| Concerts, Festivals, Art expressions, Comedy Acts & more. Education of indigenous more pronounced, tours and recreation regarding Chippewa and Chief Okemos. |
| Continued musical events |
| Cultural events for EVERYONE or don't use public funds |
| Develop and improve Okemos downtown |
| Dont care, wouldn't attend. |
| Dont know |
| Dont know |
| dont know |
| Dont know |
| don't know |
| Don't know |

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| Educate homeowners to remove grass lawns, decrease herbicides/pesticides usage, greener oriented activities. tree planting. |
| elder care and engagement |
| Ethic "festivals" Italian/Irish/Polish?Hispanic, etc. with food and music. Stop focusing on how people have sex |
| ethnic festivals |
| Exploring Native American History and local heritage |
| Fireworks on the 4th would be cool |
| Fireworks, Celebrations of food |
| Focus on multi-culture events to bring everyone together and learn about each other. |
| Food festival not at the peak of summer |
| Food truck days, Activities for teens, fun runs, things with pets, an event that celebrates the areas culture diversities with food, music dance, etc |
| Food truck Fridays |
| Food trucks rally |
| good schools, no complaints |
| Have a polish festival |
| Hindu Festival - many Indian families in Okemos |
| historical presentations |
| Host a roadshow spoof the pbs show. People bring there house hold treasures ans you have dealers teach them about its value. |
| hot dog eating contest |
| I am satisfied with the current offerings. |
| I attend what i want |
| I believe the current level of celebrations are adequate |
| I don't know |
| I go to as many things as I'm able to. Since I use a walker and my balance is poor, getting from one place to another sometimes challenging. There are not enough handicap spots for the farmers market. |
| I like the live entertainment at the farmers market and i would like to see more arts or folk music |
| i like what i see now |
| I love all that we have - no suggestions. |
| I love that you have Pride now |
| I think marketplace, Historic Village, and school/ churches offer a lot of varied events |
| I think we are doing OK with this. I would like to see more Chinese New Year stuff--- that is fun and a good break during the winter |
| I think we have nice events |
| I would love to see more maple sugaring programs! |
| Im not sure what a cultural event is? |
| Indian - Grew up here. |
| International cultures |
| International food festival |
| Irish/Scottish/Italian |
| keep up summer series on the green |
| lectures, general knowledge |
| LGBTQ Pride |
| like the Friday night music @ LL South Park |
| Likely best to focus on collaboration and transport to E. Lansing and Lansing events |
| Little theater. Wish Haslett High had their dress rehearsal plays with dinner available for seniors again. |
| love the musical events |
| Lower taxes, use money allotted more efficiently. solar array is ugly |
| Maybe a multi-cultural fair featuring foods and performances from different cultures? |
| Modern or classic country music concerts |
| More activities for seniors as before COVID |
| More awareness of and interaction/programs with Nokomis Heritage Center. |

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| more community events by different people, bandshell and marketplace or the green are great but the entertainment is stale and the same. be creative. |
| more connections for 55 years and older. |
| More cultural events for children year round (music, dance, theater) |
| More diversity including middle eastern cultures |
| More events for Special Needs communities |
| More events that reflect different cultures of residents |
| More for seniors |
| More free events for kids at Harris Nature Center |
| more Latino Community activities |
| more music festivals |
| More of the same! We love all the ways we celebrate our community. |
| More opportunities/publicity for new residents to interact and share interests, culture, chances to volunteer. |
| More parades, festivals for holidays, carnivals, foodtrucks |
| more pickleball tennis, basketball courts |
| More recognition of the various cultures make up of the township, Taste of cultures culinary diversity to my like they do in schools and MSU |
| more restaurants or bars exposed to the lake or parks |
| More street music |
| more vegan restaurants/ food truck |
| multicultural food fest |
| multi-cultural food festival |
| music |
| Music Festival |
| music festivals |
| Music festivals akin to Jazz fest in Old Town Lansing |
| Music/food events, celebrating local businesses/groups. |
| Musical concerts, drive in movies, local plays |
| NA |
| native American history |
| no additional comments |
| no additional events |
| No opinion |
| No suggestions |
| None |
| none. specific cultural groups need to provide any of these events. |
| None; we have many events available at MSU and elsewhere. |
| non-lgbt |
| Not interested in cultural events or pride events |
| not sure |
| not sure, like the variety already |
| Nothing! Stop creating new ways to spend my tax money |
| offer events for youth to participate in and with intergeneration's. |
| ok with what have |

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| Outdoor concerts, Outdoor summer theatre plays by famous writers like Shakespeare, some dances and other cultural activities by Native American groups from Michigan. |
| Outdoor music |
| Perhaps an art show for local/ resident community artist. |
| Perhaps live stage performance events, such as plays, musicals, etc? |
| polish festival :) cooking classes! |
| Preschool activities |
| Pride celebration (continue) |
| Probably good. |
| Railroad tracks in Haslett is more disgraceful than the roads. |
| Satisfied of what currently offered. |
| senior activities |
| Sporting events, food trucks |
| Stop/close marijuana stores |
| Tai chi classes |
| The current offerings are great. |
| The MarketPlace on the Green is a wonderful community asset that should be scaled up and expanded. For example, there is space directly west that could act as a food truck court during farmers markets with additional options for seating and a fountain. This is a central gathering place for a community that doesn't have many since we lack a proper downtown and should be seriously looked at in conjunction with conversations around the new community center in the mall. |
| Things involving school age kids |
| Varied Art Fair |
| Very happy with what we have here and in the area. |
| We enjoy the diversity of cultures represented by meridian township. |
| we enjoy the food truck event and would do family outdoor events like fishing. |
| We enjoy the Santa event @ historical village, Always open to more events |
| We have a lot of wonderful events! I'd welcome even more that celebrate our diverse community. |
| woke teeth ever night |

Q15: What do you like most about living in Meridian Township?

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Abundance of green spaces. Attractive neighborhoods.

Access to Lake Lansing, Mall and trails

Access to most things i need

Access to MSU and commercial services

Access to outdoor trails/pathways, access to urban region, access to shopping

access to parks and trails

Access to parks, trails, and recreation. Diversity of residents. Safety of community.

access to shopping, convenience to all my needs

accessibility to stop, parks schools

Accessibility to supplies

accessible to everything, church, shops, health care, etc

accessibility to businesses and safety

aesthetically pleasing location and well maintained

All the shops and pretty flowers

All the stores i do business with, including Post office, within 3 miles of my house

Amenities, safety, green spaces

Availability to stores and shops

Balance of rural and urban living

beautiful parks and greenspaces

Been here since 1952, stayed as its good

Been home for 55 years

Being within 5- minutes of anything i need

Bike paths, trails, farmers markets, safety

cleanliness- safety

Close proximity to walking/biking/shopping

close to a lot of things

Close to businesses but not tight/gawdy.... schools are great

Close to everything

close to family

close to family and close to shops

Close to kids, now growing adults who are buying homes in Lansing because they cant afford the taxes.

Close to many stores, grocery, clothes, fitness center

Close to MSU Sidewalks and Bike Trails- except adjacent to our home- see below

Close to MSU, green spaces, trees, etc

Close to places i need to go

Close to shopping

close to shopping, not far to MSU and lansing

Close to stores

close to work

Close to work

Close to work. Great amount of shopping and restauramts

Closeness to MSU and all it offers

Closeness to MSU, Diverse University Town Culture. Lansing

Closeness to my job

Comfortable- near many stores/doctors/services

convenience

Convenience to highway and East Lansing events.

Convenience to MSU, shopping

convenience to other mich area

Convenience to things, safety, schools

Convenience.

convenient location

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| Convenient location, can get around easily. |
| Convenient small town feel with restaurants that punch above their weight. |
| convenience |
| Culturally diverse population, proximity to MSU, and availability of many different types of green spaces (parks & preserves) |
| Currently every service i need is easy reach |
| Dealing with township personell |
| decent park system, close to just about everything - easy to get to Detroit and GR as well. |
| Deer management program |
| diversity and safe nieborhoods |
| Diversity of people and food and education |
| Diversity, cleanliness, pride in home ownership |
| Diversity, green spaces, low density feeling of space |
| Do not have to drive far. Everything is easy access to |
| doesn't feel like a college town - politically or socially |
| easy access to other locations in the state. Quality of schools |
| Easy access to parks and trails |
| Every thing close by. Nice neighborhood |
| Everything i need is close by. Educatied culture. Walking trails. Proximity to MSU and interstate. Safe community |
| Everything in near shopping, MSU Hospital, Etc |
| Everything is a reasonable distance. I can walk or drive most places |
| Excellent School Systems |
| Excellent schools, green spaces, and diverse community |
| Family Friendly, lots of parks, farmers market, good schools. |
| Feel safe |
| feels like a small town |
| Feels safe |
| Friendly and inclusive environments |
| Friendly community, good schools, safe environment, commitment to greenspace |
| friendly neighborhood, proximity to shopping, farmer's marker, township staff recognizing and appreciating volunteers |
| friendly neighbors |
| Friendly people for my kids to grow up with - Diversity |
| Friendly, community feel of the township |
| friendly, safe, easy access |
| Good schools |
| Great diversity of shopping and restaurants, from small to large; everything is close by. |
| Great location, Friendliness, well managed. |
| Great neighborhoods and township transparency. |
| Great schools and great green spaces. |
| Great schools, property up keep is good so it seem people care |
| green space |
| Green spaces and schools |
| Green spaces, parks, liberal politics |
| Green spaces/parks/outdoor recreations/ farmers markets, safety |
| Greenspace, quiet, family friendly (right now) bad precedent putting pot shops in residential/office homes... These are cash only operations. Look to Flint/Saginaw and see how many beauty parlors cash only robberies, etc. |
| Has a rural feel but is close to many amenities |
| Haslett Schools |
| High quality school districts. |
| Honestly, not much anymore. Its overly expensive to live |
| how peaceful it is |
| I enjoy the nature and quiet of Meridian Township, but also how close it is to Lansing, MSU, etc. |

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| i feel safe |
| i feel safe, i enjoy the nature trails and we have access to reasonably priced neccessities. |
| I just moved here 3-1/2 years ago, but really enjoy my neighborhood, easy access to areas around and meeting people at the Meridian Sr Center |
| I like all the trees in my neighborhood. I am close to my family. |
| I like our neighborhood |
| i like that its safe, convenient, i totally enjoy meridian senior center |
| I like the area and that we are close to a lot of things. |
| I like the quiet , some of the neighborhoods are lovely with big trees, there is surprisingly a lot of wildlife here although people need to slow down on the roads so they don't run them over. |
| I love all of the trails and parks. |
| It is a safe community with good schools, easy access to medical care, shopping, etc. |
| It is close proximity to either rural urban areas. It is easy to get to Lansing, Detroit, Grand Rapids, etc. |
| It is close to the Mall and my church |
| It is close to work |
| it is not a rat race |
| It is quiet, hospitable, and provides parks and recreation |
| it is quite, but there are a lot of pretentious people here |
| It is very safe |
| It just works for me - it's functional |
| It seems inclusive and safe for most citizens. |
| Its a great place to raise a family, good schools and infrastructure |
| its a nice area |
| Its a quite community with less traffic then big cities. It also has natural wooded areas |
| its clean |
| its fairly close to kids |
| its quiet |
| Its Safe |
| Its safe |
| It's usually quiet, the amount of parks and non-motorized pathways, it is close to my job. |
| Lake Lansing |
| lake Lansing and proximity to other towns |
| Lakes and near highways |
| Large lots, less traffic, small signage, greenage, feeling safe |
| Livability |
| Lived here 56 years, location, people |
| location |
| Location |
| Location |
| location |
| location and family centric |
| Location to msu and downtown Lansing |
| location to MSU schools I-96 |
| Location, safety, schools |
| lots of amenities nearby |
| Lots of green space |
| Lots of green spaces (Trees and parks) |
| Meridian Township is a great place to raise a family. |
| Most amenities and workplace are within easy bike/bus/car range. |
| most people seem to be happy most of the time. |
| my home |
| My neighborhood, our friends and close proximity to many enjoyable events. |
| Natural areas, |
| natural beauty of the area, abundant parks, trees, flowers, lake lansing |

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| nature, lake, proximity to EL, Lansing |
| Near everything to fell needs |
| near university, affordable housing |
| neighborhood |
| neighborhoods |
| neighbors, location, businesses |
| neighbors, safe environment |
| neighbors/ HOA control of land use |
| nice neighborhood |
| Nice neighborhoods, reasonable traffic |
| no crime |
| Not much - taxes are too high |
| not too big, not too small, friendly, easily accessible |
| nothing, i despise how manipulative and dishonest EMS and the police are. |
| Okemos Schools, Parks, Trails, Okemos Library |
| old fashioned |
| one of my three children live here, the other 2 moved to ADA where there is a nice walkable town |
| Open spaces and easy to get around |
| Our home and neighbors |
| Overall it's a nice and safe place to live with an acceptable cost of living, nice diversity, and while I don't have kids I appreciate the high quality schools for the next generation. |
| Overall very safe and inclusive, well run township |
| Overall, quality of schools, local infrastructure, engagement of town government with citizens |
| park system, access to transportation corridors |
| Parks and green spaces, Meridian Farmers Market, Increasing diversity |
| Parks and trails- would like some near in my subdivision |
| parks, beauty, convenience to all our needs |
| Parks, community events, neighbors, school dist. |
| Parks, lake and proximity to the town services |
| peace and quite |
| peaceful neighborhood, green spaces close to shopping and amenities. |
| Peaceful, wildlife nature of township |
| people |
| People around me and how they help each other |
| people diversity |
| police presence (patrolling), parks and trails |
| Pretty safe, lake, trails |
| Probably due to MSU but the diversity and education level of the residents is impressive. The economic diversity may not be great but otherwise diversity is pretty good. |
| Programs at the Senior Center. My neighbors. |
| Proximity to all of family daily needs |
| Proximity to everything |
| Proximity to expressway, fast food, shopping, univ. town, grocery stores |
| Proximity to MSU, Capital. and natural areas. |
| proximity to some very nice neighbors |
| proximity to msu, schools |
| Quiet |
| quiet - safe |
| quiet and feels safe. a lot of families with young kids |
| Quiet, convenient to everything |
| Quiet, great friendly people, wonderful schools, fun things to do, great shopping, beautiful homes |
| Quiet, inclusivity, nature focused, |
| Quite and peaceful |
| Quite and safe |

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| Quite, friendly neighborhood, convenient grocery shopping |
| quite, good location, good schools, orderly, quite |
| Quite, pretty, pleasant people |
| Recreation |
| Respect and peace in the community |
| Rural living, 5 minutes from shopping |
| safe |
| Safe |
| safe - great school system for kids |
| Safe and affordable |
| safe and good infrastructure |
| safe and good servies |
| safe and green |
| safe and quite |
| safe area |
| Safe community, new businesses lie Trader Joes |
| Safe community, proximity to MSU |
| Safe environment, a lot of greenery, parks, a lot of wild life, beautiful fauna & flora |
| safe environment, green spaces |
| safe living area and parks nearby |
| Safe neighborhoods, low crime, good schools, but that will change by allowing recreational marijuana. |
| safe place to live |
| Safe place to live, lots of restaurants and shopping, being close to MSU |
| safe place to live, safe place for families, lots of events and amenities, excellent schools |
| Safe, centrally located to work and play. |
| safe, friendly, lots of services |
| Safe, good neighbors |
| Safe, Great parks, good access to businesses |
| Safe, near parents/family |
| Safe, quiet, nice neighbors |
| Safe, quiet, not much traffic, easy to park everywhere, good supermarkets |
| Safe, responsive local government |
| Safe. Easy to go anywhere in Lansing area |
| safety |
| safety and good community services, especially Harris Nature Center |
| Safety and parks |
| Safety and proximity to grocery, events, lake, nature & trails |
| Safety and quite |
| safety and schools |
| Safety, convenient to access goods and services |
| Safety, friendly next door neighbor, responsive safety services, quite, great schools, CADL, Biking access to Parks and recycling |
| Safety, park, walking, biking spaces, inclusive, green |
| school district |
| school system |
| School system. safe environment |
| schools - community events - safe well kept |
| Schools and parks |

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| schools, parks, community feeling |
| Semi rural feel- sadly disappearing! |
| Semi rural feel to the enviroment |
| Sense of community |
| Sense of community |
| Sense of community/ family |
| Sidewalks for walking |
| size of community |
| small - not tiny- community, natural features, (Treest LK Lansing) |
| small but close to many things, Schools |
| Small community feel yet access to everything and family needs |
| smaller community but close to bigger schools, lake, trails, parks |
| taxes more affordable than E. Lansing |
| The amazing peers and teachers I have met as a student in Okemos |
| the amount of bus stops and easy access to businesses |
| The availability of excellent restaurants, being close to (but not in the middle of) MSU, the abundant variety of parks/trails/natural areas, not too much traffic, not too many crowds of people |
| the bucolic setting.with lakes, tall trees that provide shade and beauty, bike trails. dog parks, farmers markets |
| The closeness to shopping, to libraries, restaurants, parks, entertainment |
| The community, farmers market and Haslett Public Schools |
| The curb appeal and community |
| the diversity and safeness |
| The existing green/natural areas, promixity to MSU |
| The great walking and hiking paths, the friendly residents |
| The green spaces |
| The green spaces, our schools |
| The infnrastructure is very good and needs to be maintained. Please do not add more low income housing. This will impact the safety of our township |
| The lake and the trails |
| THE LAKE AREA |
| The Okemos schools, parks, trails, safe, high diversity in our people |
| the parks |
| The parks and trails |
| The parks and trails! Everything being close is also a wonderful perk. |
| The people, my house, living close to MSU |
| The place i live at Grange Acres |
| The preservation of Natural Areas and responsible development |
| The quality services that are offered such as law enforcement, fire, and parks and recreation. |
| The school and the safe friendly environment |
| The small town feel, proximity to services/stores but not overloaded like Detroit suburbs |
| There is a promise that it is place going to be nice. Like downtown Okemos, the bonds passing to help out the schools and them not being completed. The ideas are good the completion of them is awful. We are actually moving from here as we pay a ton o money for taxes, our house was not cheap, we live in a really nice neighborhood, our neighbors have never mowed and the other one has wood boarding up their windows. We are in a nice established neighborhood. |
| To raise our children |
| Trees and wetlands |
| variety of businesses, restaurants, activities to do |
| Verisity and proximity to MSU, State of Mich |
| very balanced society |
| Very safe and affordable |
| very safe area. Lots of retail stores |
| We enjoy lioving near Lake Lansing and parks. |
| We live in rural meridian and want to keep our area rural |

We love our quite neighborhood

Where i am is semi rural yet close to town

Q16: What are the top improvements the Township should prioritize?

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| 4 corners |
| 4-corners, Senior Center separate from Community Center |
| A real downtown area, better communication on road repairs/race blockages |
| A space for seniors only, not to be shared with the entire community |
| A true bike path system- examine Amsterdam |
| Adult Tennis league |
| affordability |
| Affordability of housing and rents |
| affordable condos for 50+ adults |
| Affordable housing |
| Affordable housing |
| Any activity that embraces winter. E.g. Some states purposefully leave 2 ft snow bands on pathways that skiers utilize all winter. Since so many residents flow through, maybe cultural activities that centers in on winter. |
| Any chance you could finally pave Tihart road? |
| Appearance of Haslett/Okemos |
| Attract more businesses, reimagine and revitalize downtown type area, more walkable community |
| Attracting community friendly businesses. too many vacant bldgs. |
| Ban gas powered leaf blowers |
| Better communication between board and citizens |
| better fishing and sidewalks |
| Better flexibility with zoning. Add book recycling. |
| Better lighting on major streets, better roads |
| Better police presence on rural roads. slow down speeding |
| Better roads |
| Bicycle lanes + easier connection to river trail, rent control |
| Bike lanes need to be actual bike lanes (w/dividers) so bikes aren't disrupting motor vehicle traffic -- dangerous for everyone involved |
| board should listen to the concerns of taxpayers instead of putting marijuana dispensaries before residents. New family oriented business/restaurants not recreational marijuana dispensaries. More transparency by township board. |
| BUILD A DOWNTOWN, PLEASE |
| Building a downtown with restaurant & shops |
| Building inspector seems biased vs. contractors from outside Meridian Township/ Lansing |
| Business/retail/economic development |
| business/streets and maintain trees/grass etc. |
| Children and teen activities such as a community pool |
| Clean reliable water for people, then clean, unmolested by commercial interests, wetlands for bugs, amphibians and birds. |
| Clearing snow off sidewalks |
| Community activities |
| Community Center |
| community center |
| community center and senior center (larger than current senior center); road repair |
| community center, affordable housing. |
| community pool, city planning no real "downtown" |
| Complete "downtown Okemos" project with anything at this point |
| Continue to fix the roads and keep trees and shrubs trimmed. Crackdown on speeding/unsafe drivers |
| continue to improve roads, new community center, culverts to Jefferies Drain, flooding prevention |
| continue to improve/resurface roads. |
| Continue to invest in infrastructure and green spaces to ensure that Meridian Township remains an attractive place for living and recreation. |
| coordinating road maintains so all common routes are not closed at the same time. |
| Cost of living, taxes too high |

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| cultural community |
| Curb appeal, okemos downtown area, roads |
| cut weeds |
| Cycling infrastructure! |
| Cycling/walking infrastructure as well as transit. Make Meridian a place where getting around without using a private car is a reasonable option. More roads should have bike lanes, preferably protected (Okemos Road would be a good candidate since there is no practical north/south bike route in the township). Businesses should also be required to have bike parking/bike racks nearby. There should be more roads with streetlight and the existing ones should be kept in good repair to make walking and cycling at night more practical. Work with CATA to increase transit options in the township. Aside from route 1 the number of routes and the frequency of service is too low. Along the same lines better enforcement of speed limits. Way too many drivers are driving at unsafe speeds on township roads. |
| Deer, rabbit and coyote control |
| Develop the downtown, small shops, restaurants, artisans and bakery. |
| Development of Okemos downtown, Hamilton and Okemos Intersection |
| Dont encourage Development of natural wooded areas. |
| dont know |
| Dont raise taxes, paying property taxes make us feel like we dont own our home we paid off |
| Downtown area and road conditions |
| downtown area revitalization |
| Downtown for Okemos, Increase Occupancy of mall |
| Downtown Okemos |
| Downtown Okemos development |
| Downtown Okemos near Douglas and Salon. Revive Meridian Mall, Senior Center |
| Downtown- Okemos Residents income 60 to businesses in nearby communities |
| Downtown Okemos, All the empty retail buildings. better restaurants |
| Downtown Okemos, Haslett downtown development. Not spending unnecessary on community center @ mall could do more economically. |
| Downtown Revitalization |
| downtown |
| Drainage system, the creek should be dredged asap |
| drains and sewer capacity - flooding prevention |
| Driving business and increasing the tax base |
| education |
| Elimate "detrimental Drug" access Save the "brains" of our children |
| Filling empty office/business spaces. |
| Finish the downtown before even thinking about a community center |
| Fix old downtown- mixed use, set back from street |
| Fix roads based on a needs/condition assessment, not politics |
| Fix the DAMN ROADS!!!!!!! |
| Fix the roads that are all patched up potholes |
| fix/return to original design Lk lansing / Tower/Birch row intersection |
| Four corner development (Okemos/Hamilton) into something fun and attractive to young adults and adults. Better shopping and food options. Encourage a new grocery store near the south end of the township. |
| free classes for retirees |
| Freeze bee golf course |
| Get something done with downtown Okemos |
| Having local authorities reply to their constitutes concerns |
| High property taxes |
| higher density housing; favoring walkability over cars for future developments |
| Housing affordability |
| housing cost |
| Housing that isn't outrageous- single families are being priced out- rent shouldn't be able to increase 150 + per year per month. |

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| i don't know |
| I would like to see the traffic issues addressed, especially people speeding. |
| I'd love to see better pedestrian safety measures, especially near the schools. I'd love to see more small businesses in the downtown areas. |
| If you add marijuana dispensaries you will need to add more police. Note: Illinois marijuana dispensaries have armed security guards. |
| I'll always support more trails/natural areas! |
| improve East/West travel corridors, create city center, collect yard waste |
| Improve Okemos Library, Needs to move to an appealing location |
| Improve the roads. Finish downtown okemos eyesore at Hamilton and okemos. Seriously what is the holdup? Didn't you get a grant of some sort. Hadn't it been going on now for years with little progress. Complete it in 2 years and we will consider staying in okemos. |
| improved housing availability. safe neighborhood for the kids |
| Improving downtown Okemos, affordable housing. |
| Increase in property tax every year 300 increase just this year. |
| Increase public access to the lake |
| Increased community events, activities/places for teens, parks |
| Increased focus on walkability, bike infrastructure, eliminating parking minimums, expanding community gathering places like Marketplace on the Green, reducing car dependent development patterns, renewed urgency on sustainably developing downtown Okemos (incremental, attainable development vs. large proposals that are held up for years) |
| infrastructure roads |
| Invest in a downtown Okemos |
| Keep fixing the damn roads |
| Keep up the excellent work on parks and trails |
| Keep working on the roads, and streets, thanks for whats been done so far. |
| Keeping areas safe and clean, water cleanliness, recycling |
| Keeping local businesses/restaurants open, Esp locally owned businesses/small businesses. |
| leaf pickup |
| Let Horrocks move to Meridian |
| Lower property taxes, pick up bags of leaves in the fall |
| lower taxes |
| Lower taxes |
| lower taxes |
| lower taxes |
| Lower taxes - fix roads |
| Lowering taxes |
| Main Roads/ Okemos/ Marsh |
| Maintaining a balance of open space, utilizing existing structures, no more housing developments. |
| Maintaining current level of improvements. |
| Make "downtown Okemos" a destination |
| Make sidewalks more accessible in the winter for walking. Scaping snow off and leaving ice does NOT make it SAFE! |
| Making intersection of Dobie and Hamilton Rd so that corner is visable for traffic ALL ways. Corner is VERY DANGEROUS for someone walking due to North West corner usually has Huge Red Truck in and also parking lot which blocks view for drivers to see pedestrians crossing street. Have almost been hit due to poor visibility from Red Truck and the way the parking lot is too high. |
| Making the township more fun with adventurous places |
| Marketing, socail media presence |
| More advantages to seniors. More light at night |
| More and better bike infrastructure, please! |
| More bike lanes/ bike paths |
| more bike trails |
| More conservative opinion on township board/sponsors |

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| More for state, need better labor force no incentive for some to work. Breslin need to bring in concerts like we used to have |
| more for teens |
| More fun activities |
| More green spaces, do something about Hamlt/Okemos |
| more shopping |
| More small business building, youth community sports for small kids |
| more small business, less regulation or landowners. |
| More small Businesses |
| More things for kids, young adults to do esp in the winter |
| more transparency in local government, especially the Walsh controversy |
| Need a better board that doenst run in lochstep with each other |
| Neighborhood roads. Tacoma Hills streets are terrible |
| new businesses. |
| New Senior Center |
| New senior center, New library, Town "center ", fine dining, pickleball courts |
| no new millages |
| None that I can think of. |
| Not sure |
| not sure |
| not sure |
| not sure |
| Not sure- I feel like i dont know much as a renter. |
| Notify people of police calls in the area that would affect safety of citizens. |
| Okemos 4 corners needs execution |
| Okemos blight, green spaces more of. |
| Okemos downtown, Haslett downtown |
| Okemos town center |
| Okemos village project, dont give into the developers asking for all those handouts |
| okemos village project/ huge shame area demoed- now nothing |
| Ones that enhance quality of life/ well being of residents |
| operational efficiency. taxes have ballooned out of control. |
| over building, i think too much urban sprawl, i like the peace and quiet |
| paving all roads, lighting up all corners/marsh road |
| Pedestrian safety, especially around schools, zoning to encourage small, community-building businesses in strategic locations, community-gathering opportunities/locations for all-ages (like the Hannah Community Center) |
| places to safely bike, skate |
| Please fix roads and update downtown area. Okemos road surface is in need of repair and delivers a poor first impression to visitors. |
| Please quit trying to change the township into an urban space. No more commercial buildings right up to the intersections. And I hate the buildings that have stores on the bottom and apartments on the top mostly because they look like cities. |
| Police staffing, road improvements. |
| Prioritize at least a little curb appeal (I am embarrassed every time I drive home and see the overgrown weeds dandelions and all of the baseball fields at Chippewa are dangerous). And have the people that work at the utilities companies be honest, somewhat respectful and know what is on a bill. Also by the Methodist church on Okemos Rd. Hamilton Road sign going to the church is spelled wrong Hamilton not Hamilton. Little things like that all over make for the place it has become. We tried for 6 years and are moving. It is not going to get better |
| Property tax exemption for seniors 80+ |
| Property taxes lowered. Too high, getting too crowded. |
| Property taxes relief, dam funding for Lake Lansing. |
| protect green spaces, road maintenance |
| Protected bike lane on roads- encourage bike transportation. |
| public pool or aquatic center, more bike paths. |

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| redevelop Meridian Mall |
| Redevelopment of the areas in Haslett and Okemos that have essentially been abandoned. |
| reduce taxes |
| Reduce the amount of county taxes having to pay |
| Reduced property taxes |
| Reduction or elimination of invasive species plants |
| Repair any potholes in streets for safety |
| Repair of roads within shorter time intervals because Michigan winter conditions cause a rapid deterioration of roads |
| repaving roads that are in poor condition |
| Repaving subdivision/side roads. Limit multi family apartments. |
| Replacing Senior center |
| Residential road conditions |
| Restaurants / businesses |
| Retrain all of the above as they really are jackasses. |
| Road crossing safety by Chippewa and Kinawa including the sports fields for walking and bikes |
| Road Maintenace |
| Road maintenance |
| Road maintenance, weed control along roads, attract businesses to Haslett & local medical professionals, clean water in Lake Lansing |
| road repair |
| Road repairs, "downtown" development, teen friendly spots to hang out |
| Road repairs, especially in older subdivisions; Revitalizing Okemos four-corners at Hamilton and Okemos Roads |
| Road Surface |
| Roads |
| Roads (fixing roads that actually need it), Walkability, and affordable housing |
| Roads and appearance |
| Roads and attracting non industrial business (eg. Restautants) |
| Roads and lower property taxes |
| Roads and more safe bicycle paths |
| Roads and more street lights. Enforce more kids to take the bus, it will help with traffic flow. Get more school guards. |
| More cata bus stops more frequent. |
| Roads and roads that are not bad again a month after they are redone. |
| roads and sewage/drainage |
| Roads and small businesses. |
| Roads and snow removal |
| Roads fixed |
| roads for subdivisions are a disgrace |
| Roads surface |
| Roads, building businesses, beautification of Haslett |
| Roads, development (sensible), continue improving parks |
| Roads, Flood prevention/mitigation, elections, outdoor spaces. |
| roads, local roads, community roads, neighborhood roads. |
| Roads, make empty lot on Okemos Rd/4 Corners into something attractive. |
| Roads, road landscape |

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| Roads, roads, roads |
| Roads, Tihart road needs |
| Roads, traffic, signals, sidewalks |
| roads, you are working on that |
| Roads/Website information accessibility |
| Roads, water drainage. street lights, traffic lights |
| Safety over preferences - areas of town are pitch black of night. |
| Senior Center |
| Senior center |
| Senior Center, more stores |
| senior center |
| Senior citizen activities, farmers market, include more produce, less soap |
| Shopping area at corner of Marsh and Haslett...hopefully stores will move in to the torn down area both for appeal and access to the community |
| Sidewalks along Bennett and Hagadorn PLEASE!!! |
| Sidewalks where there are none instead of upgrading existing |
| Slow the traffic - lower the speed limit and enforce it. Emphasize and nurture the nature- how about a program to help turtles cross the road in spring after getting help from MSU in identifying where most of the turtles are crossing, instead of just running them over with cars ? Other states do this,, they have citizen patrols who help creatures cross the road during critical periods of the year, they close the road temporarily so the animals can cross. Meridian Township is way too car-centric. Protect the water, cut down on fertilizer use. |
| Snow removal on side streets. |
| speedy road repair; better coordination and planning on road works |
| Stabilize property values to reduce property taxes |
| start revitalizing old properties |
| Stop CATA busses from wasting our money, lower taxes |
| Stop dogs from barking before AM |
| Stop spending more money and stop raising taxes/milages |
| Stop Wasting money on pedestrian bridges to nowhere |
| Street /Pothole repairs. |
| Street lighting. i dont feel safe at night sometimes only because its so dark. |
| Street lights |
| Street repair, communication with homeowners while work is done |
| Street repair, speed limit enforcement |
| Street repair.... maintain parks/trails... affordable housing if you want diversity. |
| Streets and Sidewalks |
| SW Corner of Haslett Rd and Marsh & downtown Okemos, Dont like these sit undeveloped for years. |
| Swimming pool |
| The 4 corners Okemos and Haslett. Please no more Bldgs too close to the road without sidewalks. |
| the corner of Okemos Rd. and Hamilton Rd. |
| The downtown are is not good |
| The downtown mess in Okemos |
| the trees |
| Tihant Road paved to Cornell! Lower Property taxes, with milling and rolled by the county. |
| Town with shops, cafes, etc. From the 4 corners to the Red cedar. |
| Traffic is becoming awful, dangerous, never see police watching for all the red light runners. |
| Traffic safety and enforcement. |
| Traffic, road rage, speeding |
| transparancy from board |
| Transparency on the board and leadership team |
| Unsure |
| Use money wisely, stop digging deeper hole of debit. |
| Vacant building - too many |
| Van Atta Road is a disgrace |

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| walkable/bikable roads and sidewalks/ better lighting |
| Water damage, esp on main roads, stop allowing so many rentals, Stop overdeveloping the area. |
| Water Drainage |
| Water quality (too much scale and lime) complete redo of Tihart Road |
| Water quality, sewer/drainage. street ordinances |
| We are losing all our eateries, property taxes will force me to leave when i retire. |
| We need a connector road from I96 to I69 somewhere .The township should consider this when making long term planning. |
| We need more businesses - mainly restaurants. |
| We understand the township does not own the downtown Okemos property, but the townshi needs to figure something out with the developer |
| Welcome more restaurants. We've lost many! |
| woke thow evr night |
| Work with the ICRC to fix/pave roads that are only partially paved, such as Van Atta and Tihart. Also, prioritize redevelopment of the Okemos/Hamilton Roads intersection. It should be in keeping with what was historically there and not the "modern" mixed use development that doesn't take into account scale or setback for the location. |

Q18a: Other types of information

advanced notice of road closures.

Clarify who does what on our roads...township or county

Development that are under consideration by planning commission and board.

MAIL

make meeting schedule transparent.

millageage information -- more details on how millage revenue is used, when milleages expire

New building proposals/approvals

Road blockages

Road closing

Road work

Senior center. Farmers market. Downtown development. Road improvements.

Senior events

update the 4 corners

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| English |
| English and Koren |
| English & Mandarin |
| English & Tagolog |
| English and Chinese |
| English and Chinese |
| English and French |
| english and german |
| English and sign language |
| English and Spanish |
| English and Tagalog |
| English Spanish |
| English Spanish French Korean Italian |
| english, chinese |
| english, chinese |
| English, Chinese, and dog :) |
| english, french |
| English, french spanish |
| english, german |
| English, German |
| English, German, Chinese |
| English, German, Hebrew |
| English, Greek |
| english, greek, german |
| English, Hinda, Gujarati and Marathi |
| English, hindi, teligu |
| English, Italian, Japanase |
| English, Japanese, Spanish |
| english, korean |
| English, korean, ASL, spanish |
| English, Mavathi |
| English, Polish |
| English, Polish , German |
| English, Portuguese |
| English, Russian, Ukranian |
| English, Spanish, Italian |
| English, Syrian, French |
| English, Tagalog |
| English, teenager |
| English, Telugu |
| English, Turkish |

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| english, urdu |
| english, vietanmese |
| English. |
| Gujrati |
| Indian language plus english |
| koren |
| Koren and English |
| mostly English, but sometimes also Chinese and Slovak |
| Need to allow phone - public comments during board meetings. |
| pidgen English, and swahili |
| Spanish and English |
| Spanish, English |
| Telugu, English, Hindi |
| yes |

Q21: Which Township services would you like to see made available online?

A "how" to list, instructions on how to proceed with Township services
a place where I could report clogged sewer drains and fallen limbs Sometimes I don't know if Meridian is in charge or Ingham County
accurate updates/ traffic/ safety
All
All
All
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all of them
All of them
All of them
all of them
all that are possible to be online
All that can be made online.
All. Every service should have an online option for ease of use!
all?
already have good options
Anything public
As many as possible
Budget information
Building Permits
Cant answer, dont know what the services are
code enforcement/prop maintenance in my neighborhood
Community site for Gardners. Indoor YMCA sort of weight rooms-facilities
Cultural Diversity Programs
Deer management updates
Don't know
dont care
dont know
Don't know
everything
EVERYTHING!!
good for what i use
I don't know
I don't know
more detailed trail and park info
Most
Most that i need are online
n/a
Na
na
NA at this time
New building or business development
New businesses being considered by Board, commercial property for sale
No opinion
none
none
none
not sure
not sure

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| Paying bills or live without extra fees |
| Payment at the clerks office for various services |
| permit and enforcement life cycle all the things |
| Permit submission |
| permits and inspections |
| Permitting services |
| Place to report maintenance, tree issues |
| property tax pay without fee |
| Rental inspection results about pink/red tags |
| Rental inspections/ plan review/ code enforcement |
| Rental unrelated occupancy limits per each rental property? How many vehicles per rental property? Rental occupants names made available. |
| Report need for tree planting- tree surveys |
| road updates, construction projects |
| scheduling inspection online, ability to pay for permits online, building codes available online |
| submit permits |
| Tax and utility payments without a fee added |
| The adoption of online bill payment is the most important, and this seems to have gone well. |
| The property tax reduction task force |
| The results of building, plumbing and electrical inspections. |
| transportation |
| Tree and garden help. Replacement of trees removed/ mutilated by power companies |
| voting? |
| Workshops on home purchase suggestions for 1st time homebuyers in our community |

Q26: What would make Meridian Township a better place for small businesses?

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| A central location with ample parking |
| a downtown |
| a downtown area |
| A local Small Business Association office or similar to guide and help starting small businesses |
| A proper downtown like East Lansing |
| Advertising |
| Affordability |
| Affordable rent for empty buildings (instead of building new buildings) |
| an improved welcome from township to business |
| attract startup businesses (not sure the extent this is pursued now); active communication with the current Meridian Township business community and the Lansing Chamber of Commerce. |
| Better access (not on Grand River) |
| Better roads |
| bigger street signs for small businesses. |
| BUILD A DOWNTOWN |
| Clean and fair sign ordinance/ streamline building permits |
| Completing redevelopment of the "downtown" Okemos project to allow space for small business to operate. |
| Completing repurpose the mall including demolition. Suggest mixed use with a substantial portion being a natural area |
| Completion of the numerous construction projects that seem to be stalled. |
| Create a space can do business at, internet, meeting space, WIFI, Improve internal accessibility for residents, permits and taxes, access to banks. Why is the writer of this survey in Charlotte and not in Meridian township? |
| Develop Downtown Okemos |
| Develop Downtown Okemos |
| Development of Downtown Okemos, It looks kind of sad to drive by dirt lot. If there are no businesses that are interested in developing there, then make it into a park. |
| development of Okemos Village/ 4 square area for storefront |
| Don't know |
| dont know |
| don't know |
| Don't know |
| Don't' know |
| Downtown area |
| Ease of access to commercial spaces/centralized commercial space |
| easier permitting from what i have heard. |
| easy access |
| Easy access to highways, few companies around |
| Easy access/adequate parking and lighting |
| Eliminate any proposed cannabis dispensaries. |
| Emphasis on family oriented businesses. |
| fair wages for working class |
| find way to keep and attract new businesses. |
| Finding the right location for establishing/building the small businesses within the Meridian Township |
| Finish Developing downtown Okemos/Dedicated bike paths along roads- connect to community to campus. |
| Fix roads, stop repairing new ones |
| Focus the types of businesses on the type of people you wish to attract. |
| for potential business owners to be able to afford rent to try to start a business |
| Forum to list/advertise new business and remind residents of what's available , hours of operation, pricing. |
| Frequent small business highlights: E.g. Did you know Social Sloth added this and that to their menu? Or cooking classes etc... |
| give more small business grants/ tax cuts for small business owners |
| Good reasonable product. Friendly staff good service |
| happy the way it is/ |

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| Having a Horrocks |
| having people willing to shop in stores instead of online. |
| I am a self employed- single person llc. i dont know much for small business |
| I am not sure, but the they arent doing a good job |
| i dont know |
| I don't know |
| I don't know what the current impediments are, but we patronize a variety of small businesses now, and would like to continue to do so. |
| I don't know. |
| I'm not the right person to answer this one. |
| If there were more activities around businesses |
| If there were multifamily housing in mixed use and make a childcare center in the same building and playground for families and childcare, make life easier for young families. |
| improved travel corridors |
| Incentives for independent businesses to use existing empty spaces. |
| less new buildings, repurpose empty places |
| less regulation |
| Less road blocks or traffic redirections |
| less tax |
| Less taxes/ less milages |
| Location near residential. Street access for cars and bikes. Signage |
| Lower fees |
| lower property taxes |
| Lower rent/taxes |
| lower taxes |
| Lower taxes and building rent charges for business owners. |
| Lower taxes and more freedoms to be "creative" with their businesses |
| lower taxes and rent |
| lower taxes to give everyone more money to spend at small businesses. |
| Make business areas " off the beaten path" |
| make it easy and Pleasant to walk/bike from place to place, where its aesthetic and minimal traffic |
| Make the downtown a destination |
| making space for small businesses |
| maybe a better tax system for them |
| Meridan Mall - co working space, innovation center |
| more access to restaurants/ coffee shops/ community seating |
| More business focused areas. |
| more cooperations from administrative staff in handling government requirements |
| more customers-- higher density and more walkable neighborhoods |
| more favorable zoning |
| More food trucks |
| more media support |
| more oppertunities, tax breaks, developments for downtown Haslett/ Okemos that include small businesses, stop making it hard/expensive think downtown Dewitt or Williamstion |
| more walkable community / downtown area feel |

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| Most big businesses take up a lot of space, small business are shoved into strip malls on roads 45+ mph and dont feel safe browsing or exploring |
| Na |
| na |
| NA |
| need to stop prioritizing corporate businesses over small business. |
| No idea |
| no ideas sorry |
| No opinion |
| No opinion |
| not sure |
| Not sure |
| Not sure, except parking availability. |
| Offer incentive to move into vacant buildings. |
| Okemos is not a pretty area, I would drive by and see that Hydroponic place in disarray, the empty fields where developments was supposed to take place. I would go somewhere where it looks like they vare |
| Parking, Pedestrian Access |
| Pedestrian and bike up shopping/eating/entertainment plazas. Not cars, parking and more roads for small businesses to maintain. |
| People doing the best they can since COVID- Nosy neighbors harassing people that park on the street (When car moved always) Parades for everyday people? Not so much, family community values out the door. |
| places where people can naturally gather |
| Prioritizing conservative family values |
| Probably fair but not egregious taxation. Adequate parking near businesses is getting into and out of parking lots carefully planned traffic control. |
| Programs to assist small business owners with access to development of their business. |
| Promotion of business in local communities |
| real estate/spaces that are alterative |
| reduce taxes |
| reducing commercial property expenses/ taxes |
| Reducing or removing parking minimums which would allow for more flexibility and reduced cost when building/renovating |
| Remove barriers from the building and permitting process. The challenges to building and remodeling keep people away. The manta is come close to the township but not be in the township |
| Rent of the building for businesses |
| repurpose all the empty office spaces. Limit high rise apartment/businesses combos. Looks bad. |
| Safety, Limit bureaucracy, easy procedures |
| Select new businesses that will not close established township businesses/ curb appeal for community |
| Senior citizens living with ample walking/green spaces |
| small grocers, family environment, chamber of commerce. Business dev. opportunities |
| Sponsor small business start-up lab and assist with education on processes. |
| Start up grants |
| Start-up grants, expedited permits. |
| State needs to be more restrictive on unemployment benefits and federal hands out too much free money so people dont have to work |
| Tax break |
| Tax break |
| tear down Meridian Mall and make it an area that looks like small street of shops, Meridian Township is just a bunch of big box places. There is no charm. They paved paradise and put up a parking lot. |
| the cost of renting is high |
| The Township has been developed as a never-ending strip mall, with the current emphasis on the mythical apartment/condo building with first-floor commercial space. It's hard to imagine a small business standing out anywhere here. |
| To continue the current plan of positive growth. its working |

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| too many to list |
| Turn the corner of Marsh and Haslett into a downtown area rather than strip mall city |
| Vibrant 4-Corners district / Riverfront |
| Vibrant downtown with small unique shops, interesting restaurants, surrounded by nice public spaces. |
| walkable, bike friendly, mixed use commercial and housing |

| Q28:What other community amenities would you like to see considered? |
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| 1- bike lanes, 2- greenspace 3- tree planting |
| 4 corners development for commercial/ retail |
| A community center and senior center that are spacious, well staffed, and offer a variety of educational and recreational activities for all age groups |
| A community center for younger children and teens |
| a community shared space that is in addition to the parks, that has some recreational features, bathrooms, picnic tables, games like horseshoes or shuffleboard or maybe even putt putt golf, some food trucks, a place to hang out basically |
| A downtown in Okemos |
| A downtown Okemos redesign with pedestrian friendly layout |
| A skate park/ downtown area "Okemos" |
| actual off road biking trails off curb surrounded by grass, instead of dangerous inroad "bike lanes" |
| All amenities are great right now |
| already mentioned |
| Anything that can sustain itself |
| As climate change becomes more sever, i want the township to plan ahead for extreme heat, cold, rain, wind etc. |
| assisting/motivating fiber internet installation so we don't have to use Comcast or AT&T |
| Better actual walking paths, cleaner and well landscaped. |
| Better traffic signals/signage |
| bicycle trails and parks |
| BUILD A DOWNTOWN |
| Build at least 3 pedestrian bridges over G. River Ave |
| businesses, eating options, coffee shops/ bakeries etc. |
| Childcare and Headstart services in Meridian Mall |
| Childrens museum/ Hands on learning center. |
| community center |
| community center with a senior center |
| Community christmas parade. Christmas in the Village |
| Community/senior center |
| condos interspersed with single family homes |
| Continue to focus on safe sidewalks for people walking, biking |
| Creating the Cultural Center |
| Dedicated senior center (not shared with rest of community) with indoor/outdoor pickle ball courts. |
| Dispensary. I'm tired of going to EL. |
| Don;t know |
| Don't know |
| downtown |
| Downtown development |
| Educational programs for residents, safety, natural |
| enhanced pedestrian/non-motorized safety features at road intersections - not just railroad crossings. I walk/run/cycle a lot in the township and interesections are easily the most dangerous parts of my trips. The pedestrian islands are a good first step, but they need to be lighted at night and have on-demand traffic lights - not just the warning lights. |
| evaluate staffing of twp. employees |
| Expand availability of natural gas, water and sewer. Add a shelter at the small dog park/. |
| fall yard waste collection |
| Fix the 4 corners in Okemos and Haslett. |
| Fix the roads in neighborhoods |
| Flowers and green zones in medians and easements. Monoculture grass is a drain on our maintenance costs, local ecology and looks like meridian township doesn't understand how detrimental monoculture plantings are. |
| For residents that pay water shed tax should get in parks for free. |
| Free entrance to Lake Lansing North Park Trails |
| Green spaces and parks |

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| I don't know |
| I would just love it if the trails were maintained properly |
| I would like flexible coworking spaces and additional childcare offerings. |
| if i were queen for a day id make recycling (paper, glass, metal, cardboard, plastic) mandatory. |
| Improve township appearance |
| innovation center, co working / small businesses incubator |
| interesting/ unique businesses and restaurants , adult focus not students |
| It would be great for our teens to have safe place to hang out. |
| leaf pick up service like east lansing |
| leaf pickup- free |
| Make cable television more affordable- allow competition |
| meridian senior center |
| more bike lanes/bike paths |
| More bike trails, dev. downtown Okemos |
| More cata bus stops or more frequent bus times |
| More charging stations for EV/hybrid vehicles |
| more competition for or public svc broadband/internet |
| More green spaces- Use wardcliff area |
| more mental health services, especially for children and teens. |
| More pickleball courts to match anticipated demand (currently a growing sport nationally). |
| More small businesses/niche concept- Horrocks, historical and cute downtown, vintage shops. |
| Mountain bikes trails, small grocery near Jolly/Okemos Rd. Develop the Downtown Area |
| Multi-generational community center and greater support for the library. |
| n/a |
| NA for now |
| New library/media center, like in Delta Township! |
| Nice senior center with good activity and friendly enthusiastic staff |
| No idea |
| No new millages |
| none at this time. |
| not sure |
| Nothing |
| Nothing comes to mind. |
| Nothing that will increase my property taxes and fees |
| Our current recycle center on Lake Street is a trash pit! |
| Pay attention to the aesthetics of new buildings. Some of the newest buildings are the ugliest and I repulsive to look at. |
| Pedestrian signals on roads that are enforced |
| permanent speed tracking feedback devices in neighborhoods with known issues/problem spots |
| Please do not bring back the fair. Very unsafe people. |
| Pool - recreation for seniors |
| public pool or aquatic center |
| public swimming pool |
| Public swimming pool |
| recycling center and community pool |
| Redevelop the corner of marshall and Haslett road with grocery, drug and food businesses. |
| Repurpose empty spaces @ meridian mall |
| river cleanup |
| senior center |
| senior center |
| senior centers |
| Side walks in our subdivison |
| Sidewalk snow removal |
| Skate park in one of the public parks |

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| Skate parks, indoor ice skating and indoor roller-skating |
| Special needs inclusive |
| Splashpad |
| Sports center/ community swimming pool |
| spray park |
| Stop spending money |
| Street lights |
| Support for children with special needs |
| Tennis courts |
| The downtown area in Okemos looks abandoned. Anything community related there would be better than what is there now. |
| There has to be nice safe places for these kids to play in. I am honestly embarrassed that when people come to our house we try to navigate them around all the places that are crappy |
| township needs to help day for redevelopment of "downtown" okemos area - it's been too long and stuck. should be better looking space and a developer won't fit that bill. |
| trips, adult courses. |
| True bike roads- not ped sidewalks |
| Upscale eateries, wine bar, shopping venues to draw people to the township |
| Upscale shopping, family parks with splash pads, Upscale senior center with community activities for YOUNGER seniors |
| Want to amplify how important improving pedestrian safety is here. It is dangerous to cross the street to get our kid to school during the school year. Also, would love to see a rec center with indoor rec opportunities for kids in the winter |
| ways to enforce and help our neighbors to keep their homes yards neat and tidy |
| We dont live where most of the major amenities are, small grocery store |
| Whatever needs improvement |
| Winter focused anything. |

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| Q31a |
| A climbing gym! |
| a possibility of showing movies for Seniors; dancing classes for seniors; classical music concerts or opera excerpts to be performed in the future Senior Center |
| Activities/area for children with special needs such as Autism |
| Add a climbing gym! I think people would love it! |
| Alternate location to Younkers |
| an area for at risk kids, so they can earn their GED |
| art gallery with studio art class |
| Arts (crafting/creative writing/painting/community theater/etc) |
| Attractive spaces to walk/sit |
| community pool |
| Community pool(s) for lap swimming and recreation that has/have steady hours (unlike university) |
| day care |
| Focus on community not services. |
| Gaming area, |
| Group fitness, classes, free store like inLansing mall |
| i'd like to keep my money |
| indoor playground for children |
| lap pool |
| Larger senior Center |
| Low-cost senior only center (like current one) |
| N/A |
| need more land preserves |
| No to this project |
| none |
| none |
| none |
| none - I believe these spaces can be fulfilled with existing facilities throughout the township. |
| None of above |
| outdoor kitchen |
| Playgroups meeting room |
| Pool |
| Pool |
| pool/ water aerobics |
| Proper Ice Rink. With the EL rink fledgling, this is a revenue opportunity for the space at the mall. Local folks will rent ice time! |
| public tennis courts |
| reading library |
| Rooms that could be used to tutor students in music and academic areas. |
| senior activities for younger more active seniors |
| Senior center - yes. Community center - no. These are two different questions. Poorly written questions. |
| Senior center should not be part of community center. Something the same or similar to current space at Chippewa Middle School is desired. |
| Space to integrate social/human services when needed. |
| Stand alone Senior Center at one of the Rite Aid stores being closed |
| Sufficient dedicated space to replace the existing Senior Center in the Kinawa School building in Okemos |
| Swimming pool |
| Tennis Courts |
| Would prefer to see all the current and future senior living apartments fill before even considering a senior center. |

Meridian Township Resident Survey and Priority Assessment

September 2024

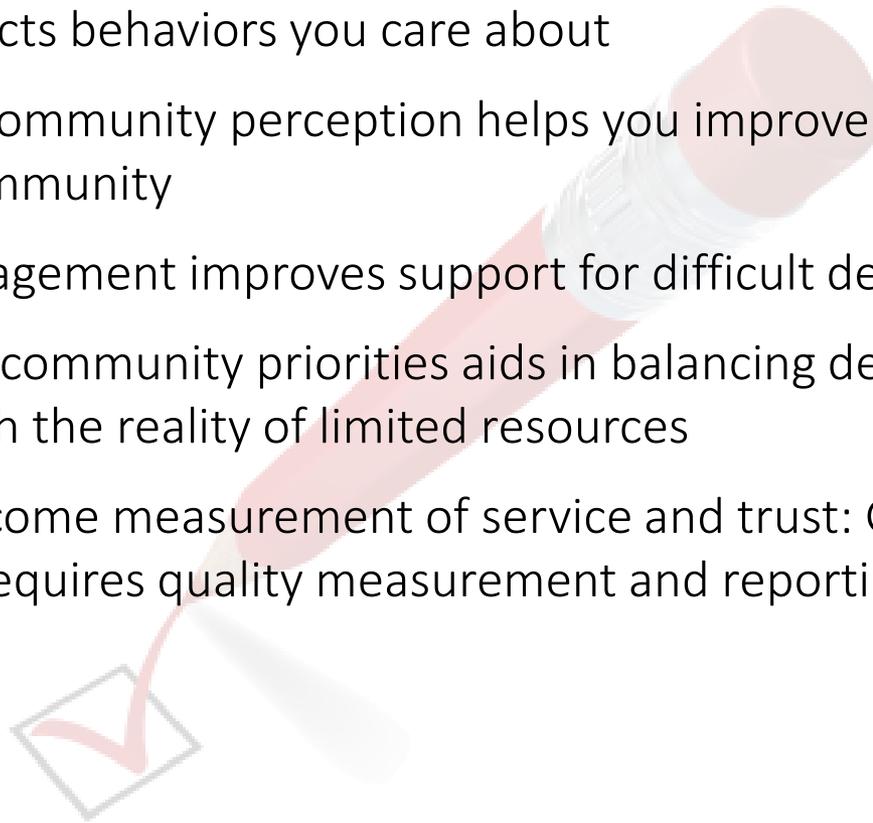


Background on Cobalt Community Research

- 501c3 not for profit research coalition
- Mission to provide research and education
- Developed to meet the research needs of schools, local governments, and nonprofit organizations

Measuring Where You Are: Why Research Matters

- Understanding community values and priorities helps you plan and communicate more effectively about community decisions
- Perception impacts behaviors you care about
- Understanding community perception helps you improve and promote the community
- Community engagement improves support for difficult decisions
- Reliable data on community priorities aids in balancing demands of vocal groups with the reality of limited resources
- Bottom line outcome measurement of service and trust: Good administration requires quality measurement and reporting



Study Goals

- Support budget, strategic planning, and policy decisions
- Compare results to 2021 baseline service measures
- Determine if the presumed service experiences are accurate
- Identify which aspects of community provide the greatest leverage on residents' overall satisfaction and outcomes such as remaining in the community and recommending the community to others

Bottom Line

- The Township outperforms the Cobalt benchmarks with an overall satisfaction score of 78. This score has remained stable although benchmarks fell
- There are several areas where improvement can have significant impact on engagement

2024 Drivers:

Township services
Public works
Facilities and grounds
Parks and recreation
Transportation infrastructure

2021 Drivers:

Township services
Community image
Public works
Police services
Transportation infrastructure

Bottom Line

- What they like most: feel safe, living near MSU, good schools
- What to improve: more development of downtown areas, better roads, more bike infrastructure, improved access for disabled, community center/pool
- Which cultural events: more music festivals with diverse performers; more quality dining establishments
- Services to see online: permit submission, rental inspections, code enforcement, generally prefer online than in person
- Zoning uses in Meridian Mall: public facilities, research/development facilities, residential housing
- A better place for business: develop a better downtown area, poor access/parking, lower taxes
- Potential amenities to enhanced/added in the future: more green spaces/trails, community center/pool, improved access for those with disabilities
- Over 70 percent believe a community center is beneficial and would use it, and about 50% are willing to close a funding gap with a millage.

Methodology

- Random sample of 2,000 voters provided by the Township
- Conducted using two mailings in July and August 2024. Responses either online or via postage-paid envelope.
- Valid response from 392 residents, providing a solid margin of error of +/- 4.9 percent
 - **Note:** National surveys with a margin of error +/- 5% require a sample of 384 responses to reflect a population of 330,000,000
- Results were weighted based on ethnicity to correspond with Census data and the 2021 report
- In addition, the survey was open to residents who were not part of the random sample. There were 70 residents who chose to do so, increasing the total response to 462.
 - **Note:** Non sample responses were not included in the statistics presented in this summary report, but they are reflected on the bottom line of the crosstab reports

Preserving Voice: Looking Into Detail

Distribution Questions Count of Sample: 392 (+/- 4.9%)

| | | Use of parks and pathways | | | | | How do you prefer to receive information from the Township? | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|---|------------------|--|-------------------------|---------------------|---|----------|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| | | Never | 1-5 times a year | 6-10 times a year | 11-20 times a year | 20+ times a year | Email | Township website | Meridian Happenings/digital newsletter | Prime Meridian Magazine | Utility bill insert | Township social media (Facebook, Instagram) | Nextdoor | Meridian Township YouTube channel | Text message | HOMTV cable channel |
| 2021 Overall | | 14% | 25% | 13% | 13% | 33% | 56% | 35% | 24% | 37% | 24% | 18% | 19% | 4% | 8% | 7% |
| 2024 Overall | | 15% | 30% | 13% | 14% | 24% | 60% | 37% | 25% | 31% | 25% | 16% | 16% | 4% | 17% | 5% |
| Residency | One year or less* | 9% | 45% | - | - | 36% | 100% | 55% | 18% | 18% | 9% | 18% | - | - | 36% | - |
| | 1-5 years | 8% | 27% | 17% | 13% | 28% | 59% | 38% | 25% | 31% | 20% | 20% | 9% | - | 13% | - |
| | 6-10 years | 12% | 24% | 10% | 22% | 29% | 56% | 32% | 17% | 37% | 20% | 17% | 5% | 5% | 15% | 10% |
| | More than 10 years | 16% | 30% | 14% | 13% | 23% | 58% | 37% | 27% | 30% | 27% | 16% | 19% | 5% | 18% | 6% |
| Own/Rent | Own | 12% | 29% | 15% | 14% | 26% | 60% | 38% | 27% | 30% | 27% | 17% | 17% | 4% | 18% | 5% |
| | Rent/lease | 26% | 26% | 13% | 11% | 21% | 53% | 24% | 21% | 34% | 11% | 16% | 3% | 3% | 8% | 5% |
| Employed in Township | Yes | 9% | 20% | 20% | 16% | 32% | 64% | 36% | 29% | 21% | 27% | 18% | 14% | 9% | 20% | 5% |
| | No, a different community | 5% | 28% | 11% | 18% | 31% | 66% | 41% | 30% | 30% | 26% | 25% | 16% | 5% | 16% | 5% |
| | I am not currently employed* | 47% | 13% | 7% | 7% | 13% | 40% | 20% | 20% | 33% | 13% | 7% | - | - | 20% | - |
| | I am retired | 21% | 36% | 14% | 10% | 18% | 54% | 36% | 21% | 36% | 23% | 11% | 16% | 1% | 16% | 6% |

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Checked Scores
that Vary by
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Consistent Scores
Regardless of
Demographics

Results



Overall Community Satisfaction with Meridian Township

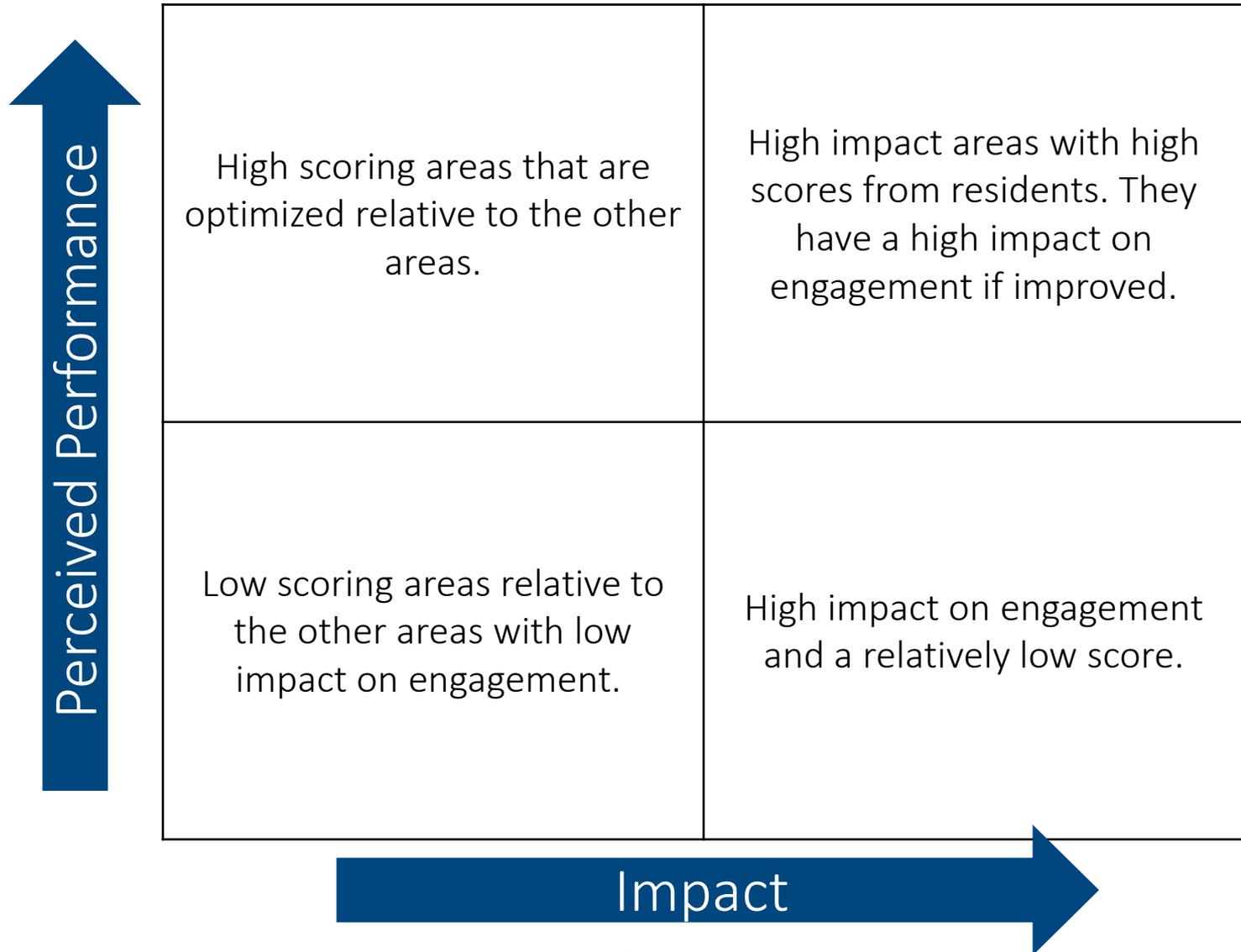
- 6-point scale: 4.8 (4.9 in 2021)
- **100-point ACSI scale: 78 (78 in 2021)**

- National ACSI: 60 (67 in 2021)
- National ACSI (pop 25k-100k): 61 (69 in 2021)

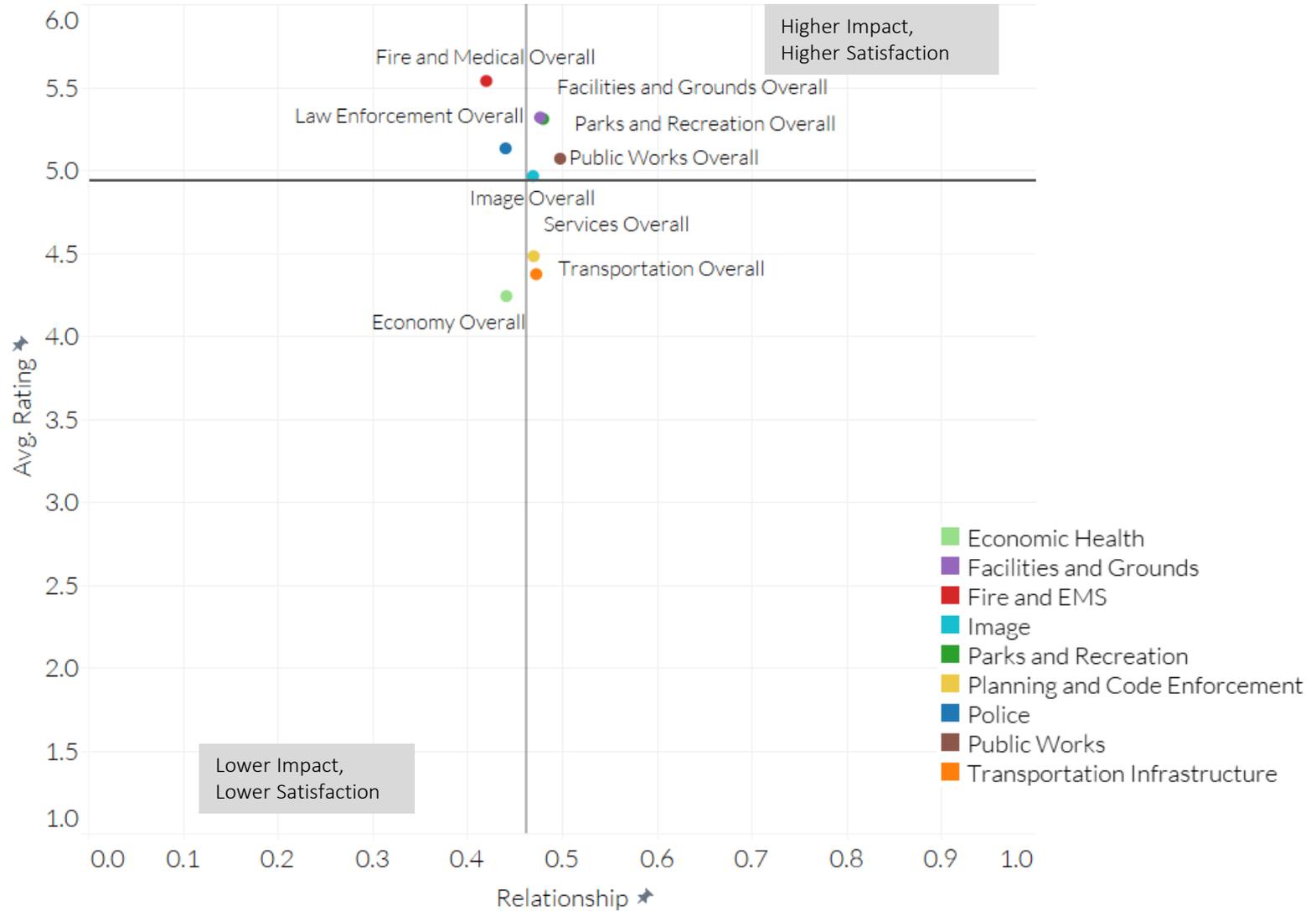
- Midwest ACSI: 61 (66 in 2021)
- Midwest ACSI (pop 25k-100k): 64 (74 in 2021)

- Michigan ACSI: 61 (67 in 2021)
- Michigan ACSI (pop 25k-100k): 62 (64 in 2021)

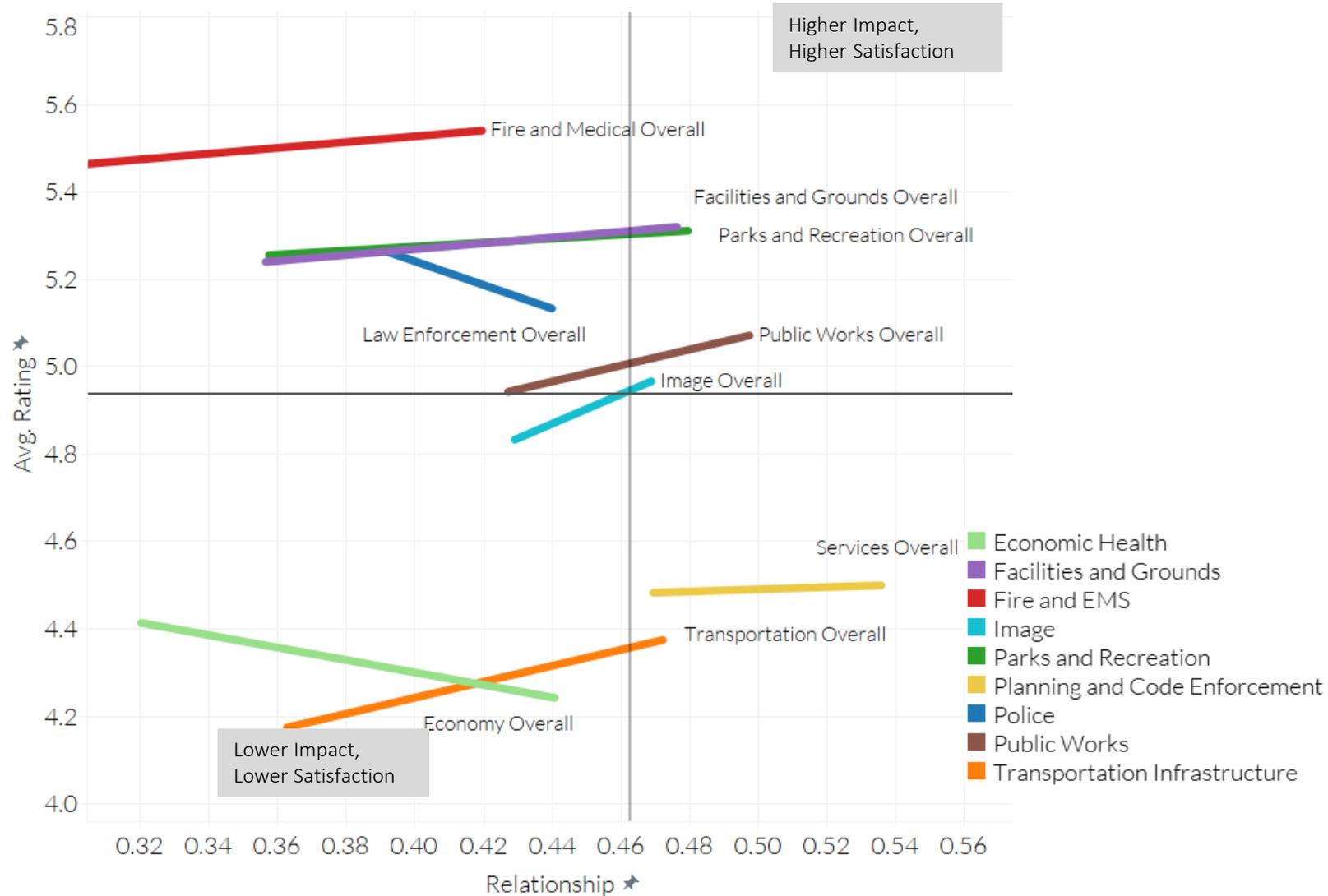
Community Questions – Long-term Drivers



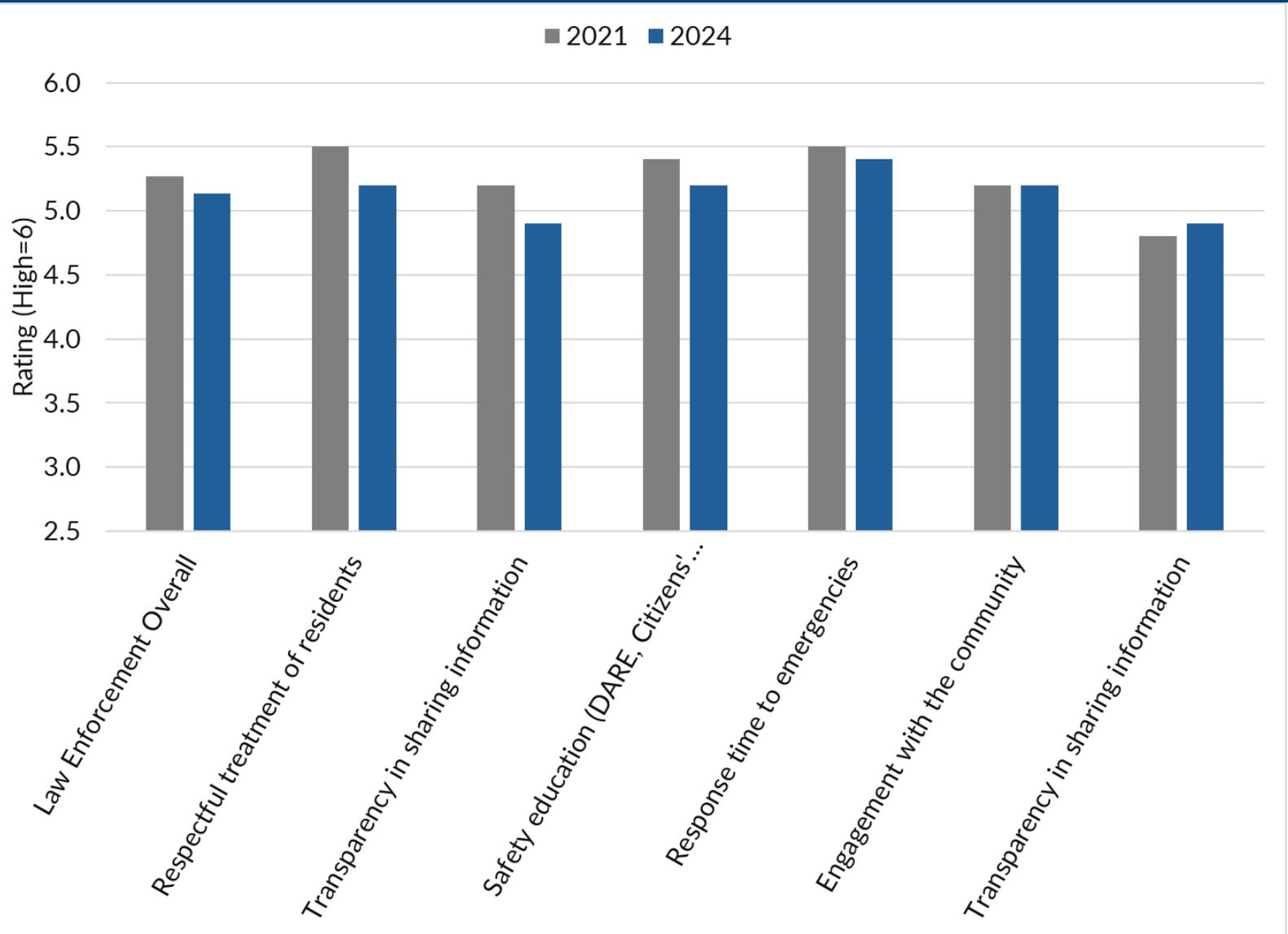
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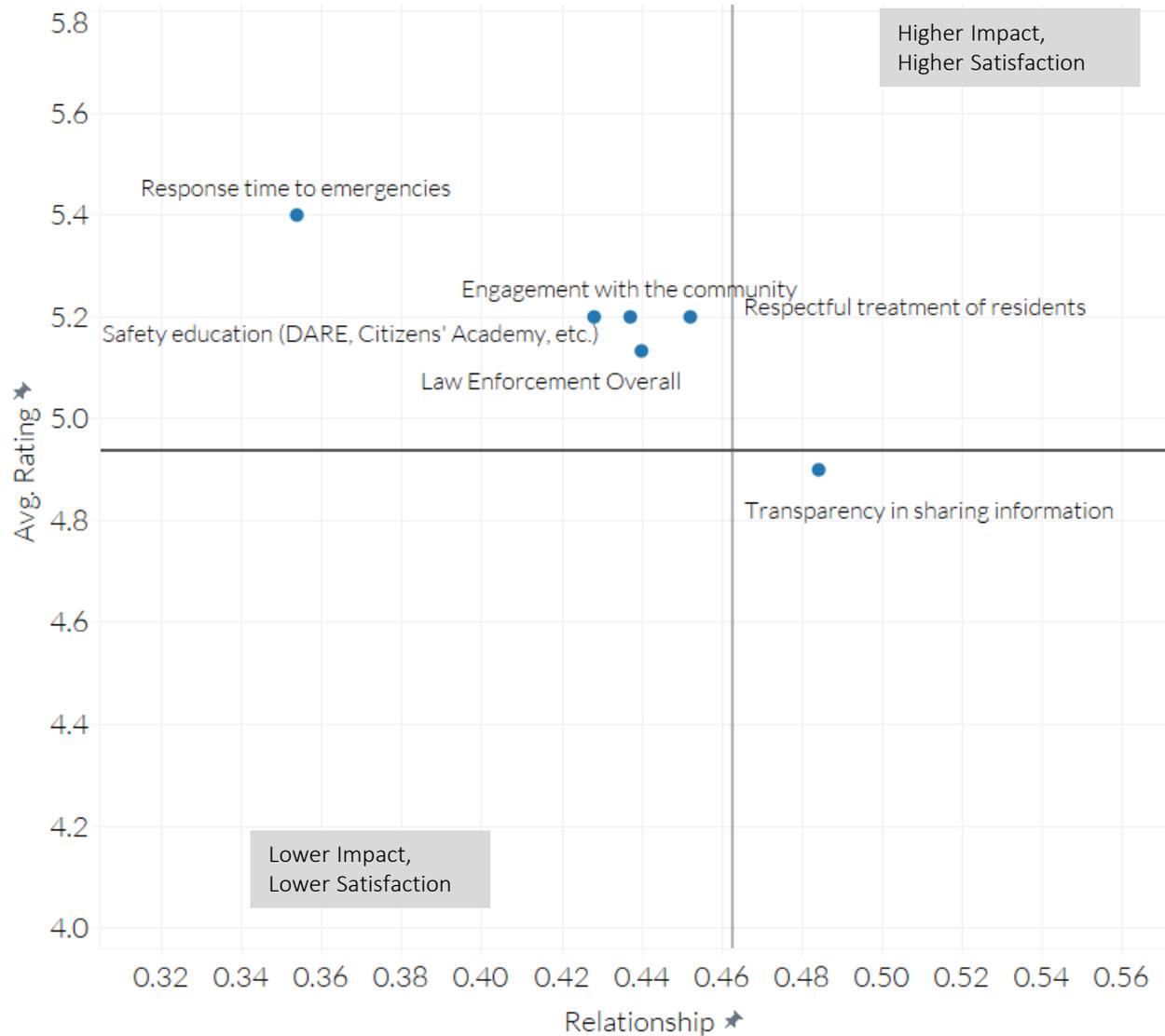
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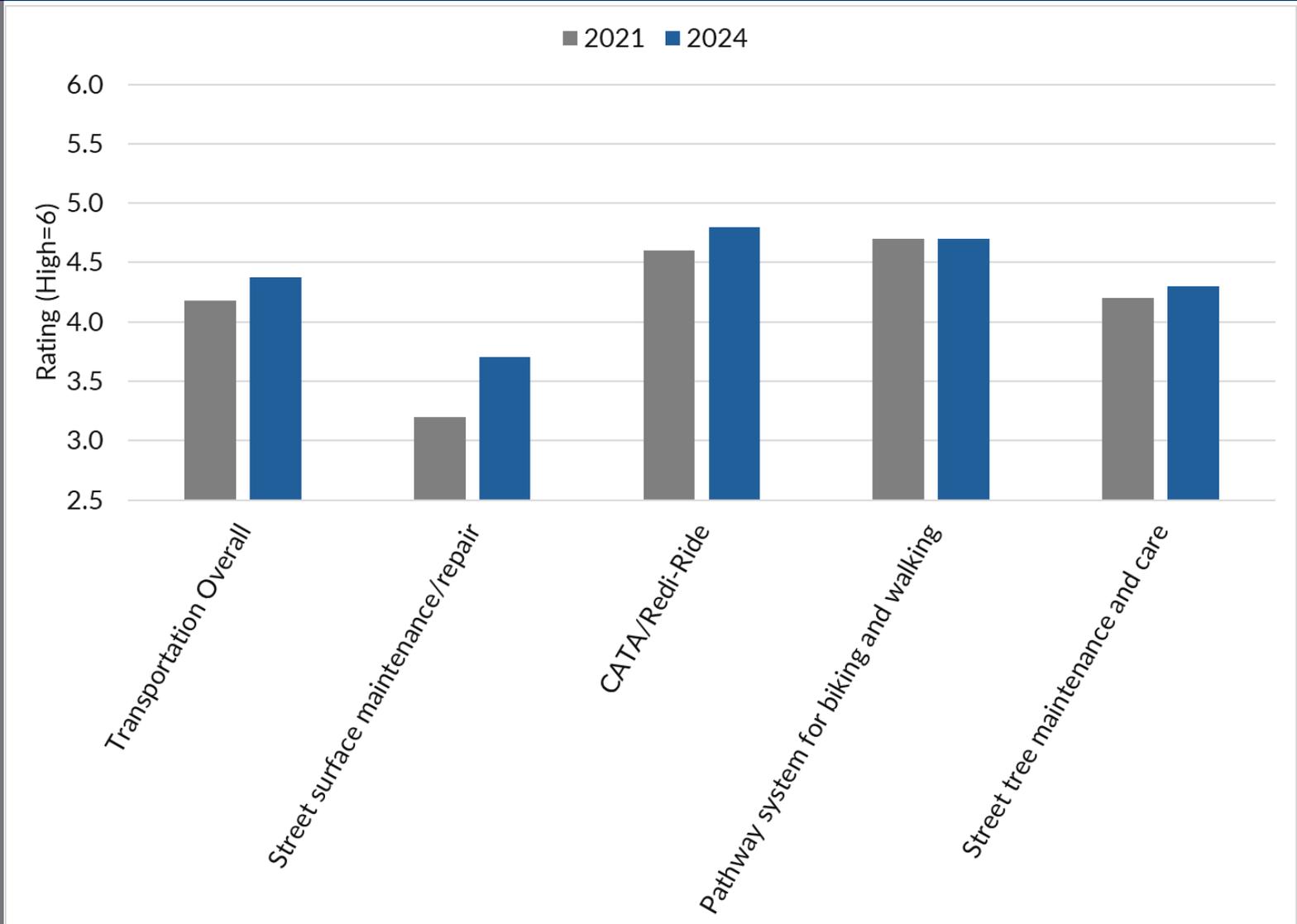
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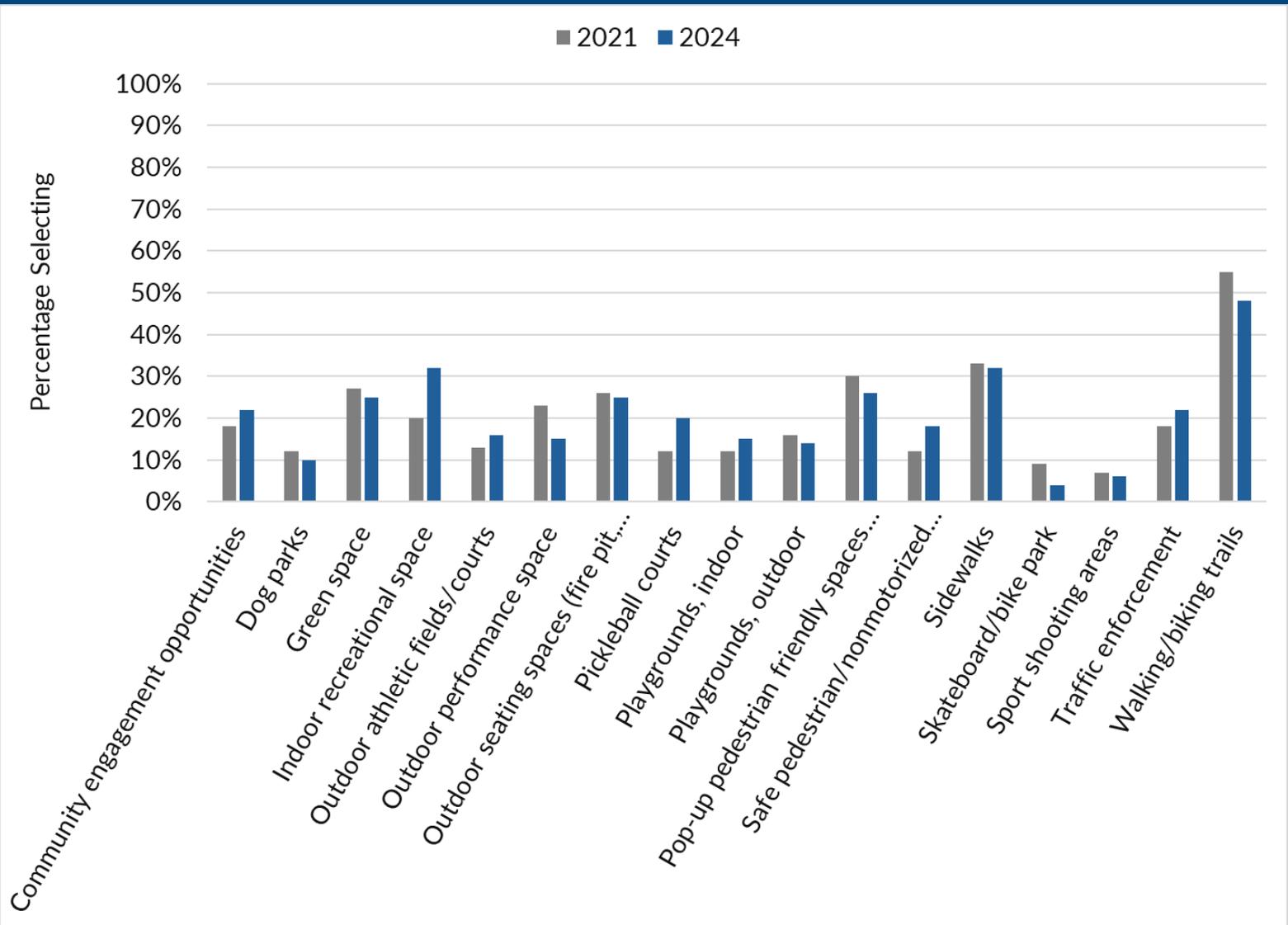
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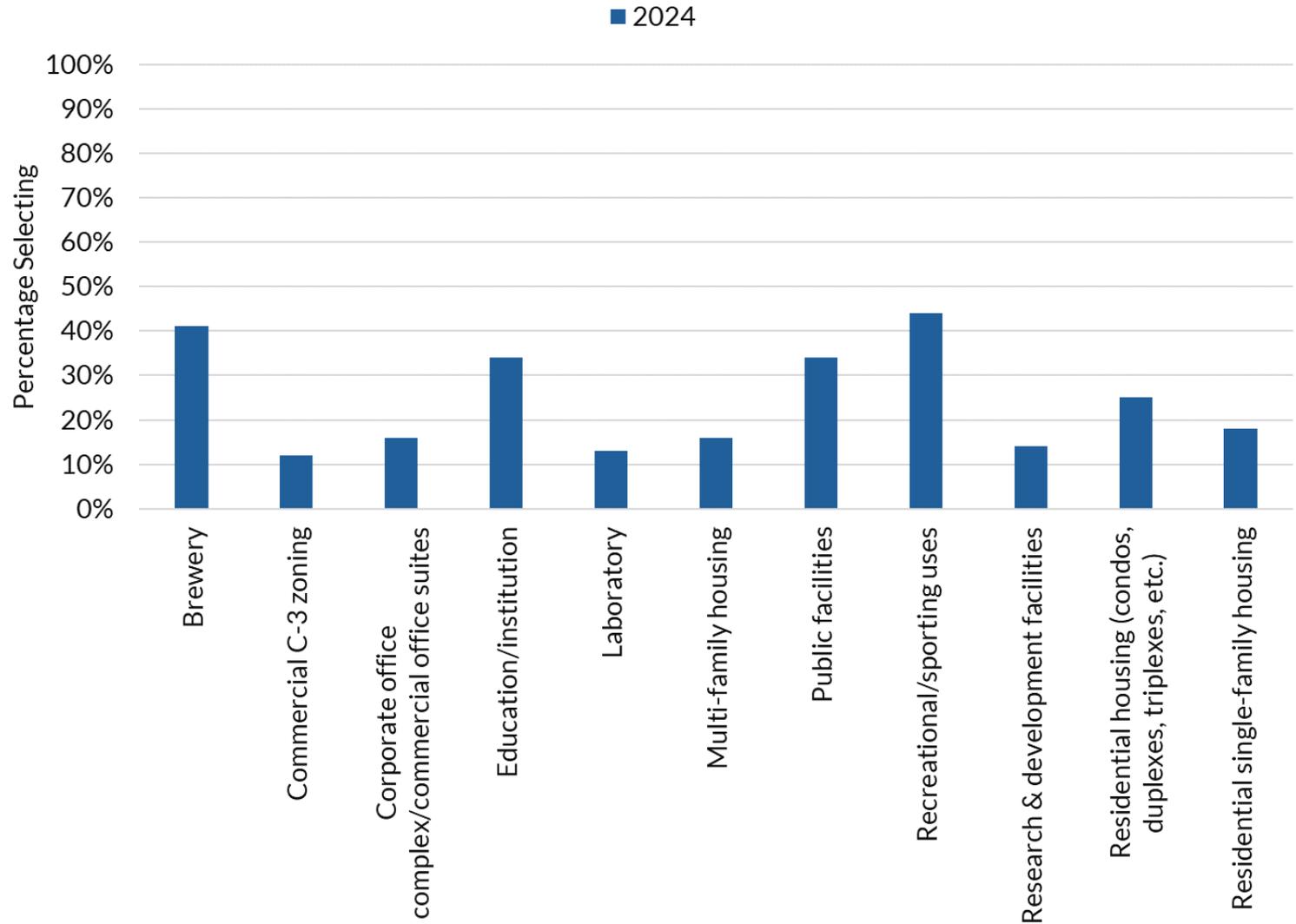
Transportation Infrastructure



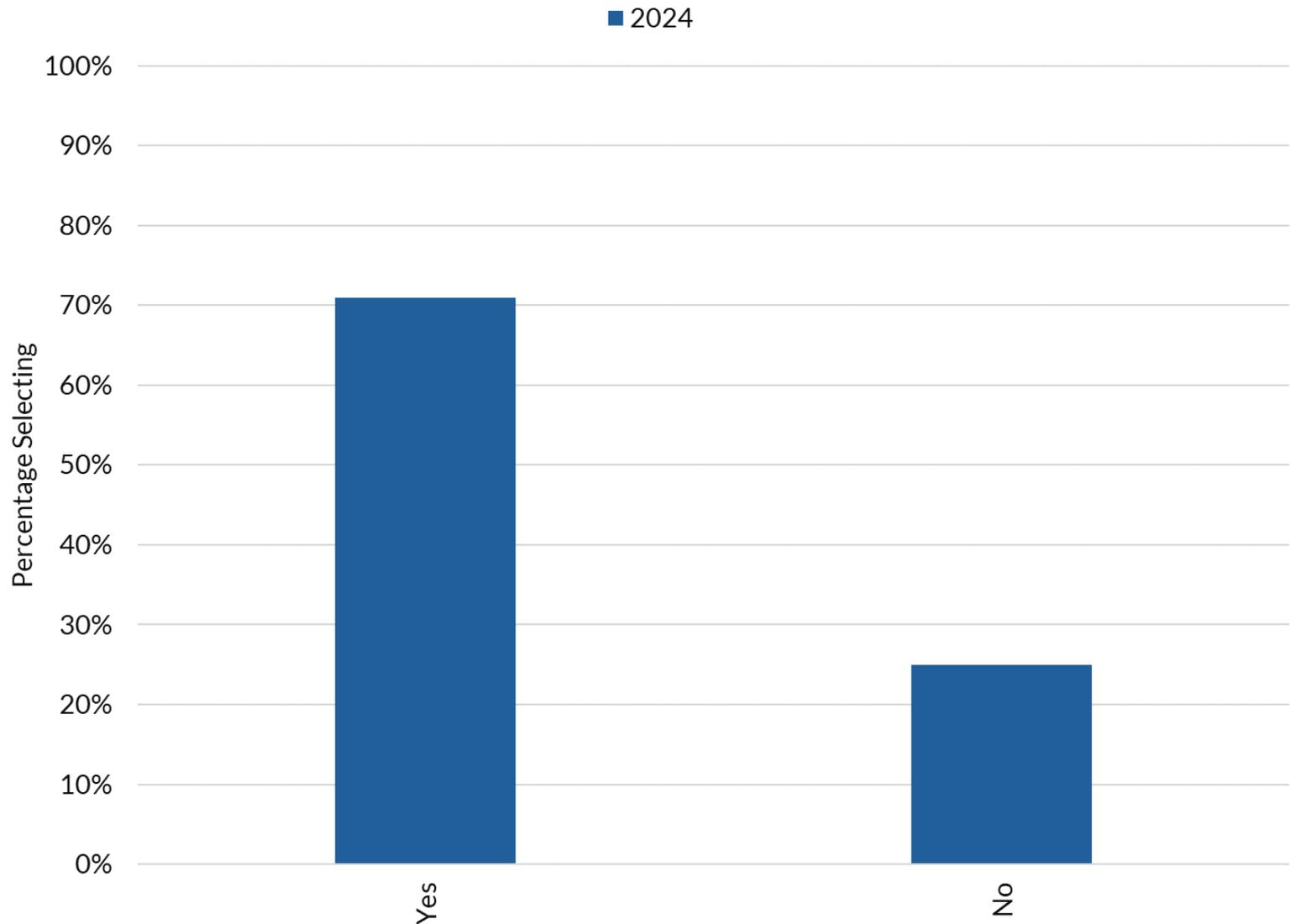
Which community amenities would you like to see added or enhanced in the future?



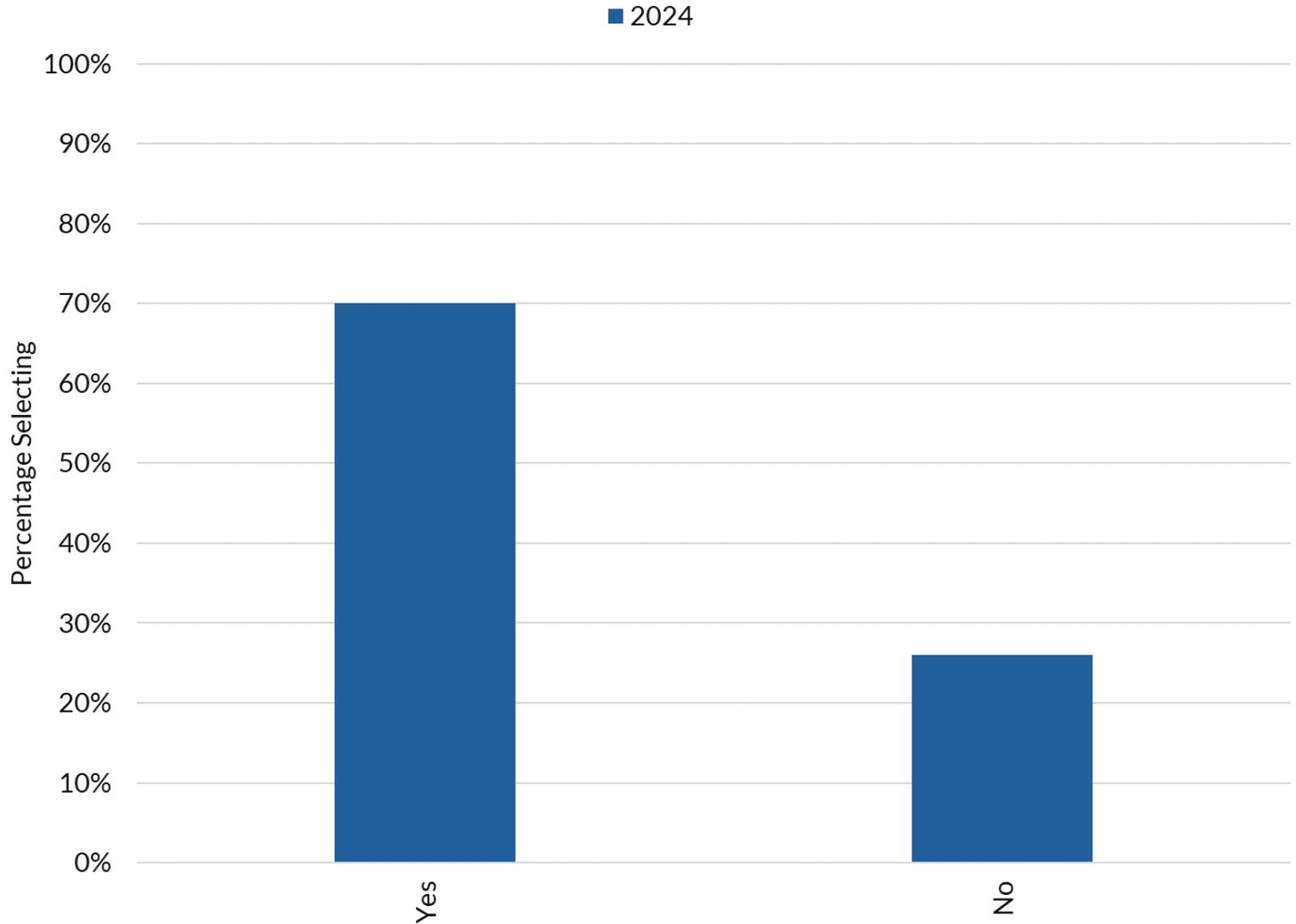
Which of the following zoning uses would you prefer to see in the Meridian Mall?



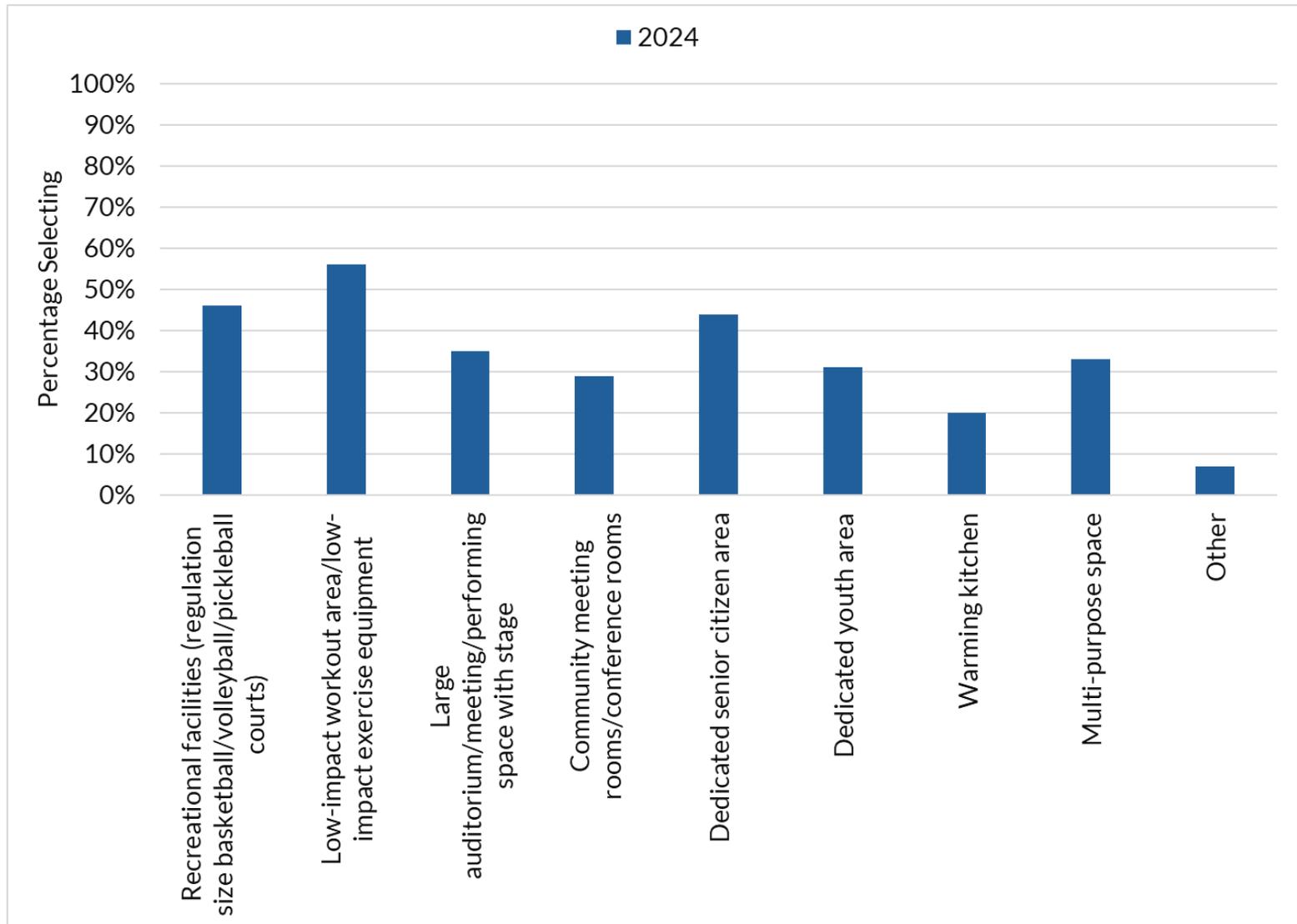
Do you feel Meridian Township would benefit from the addition of a multi-generational community & senior center, re-purposing the Younkers building in the Meridian Mall?



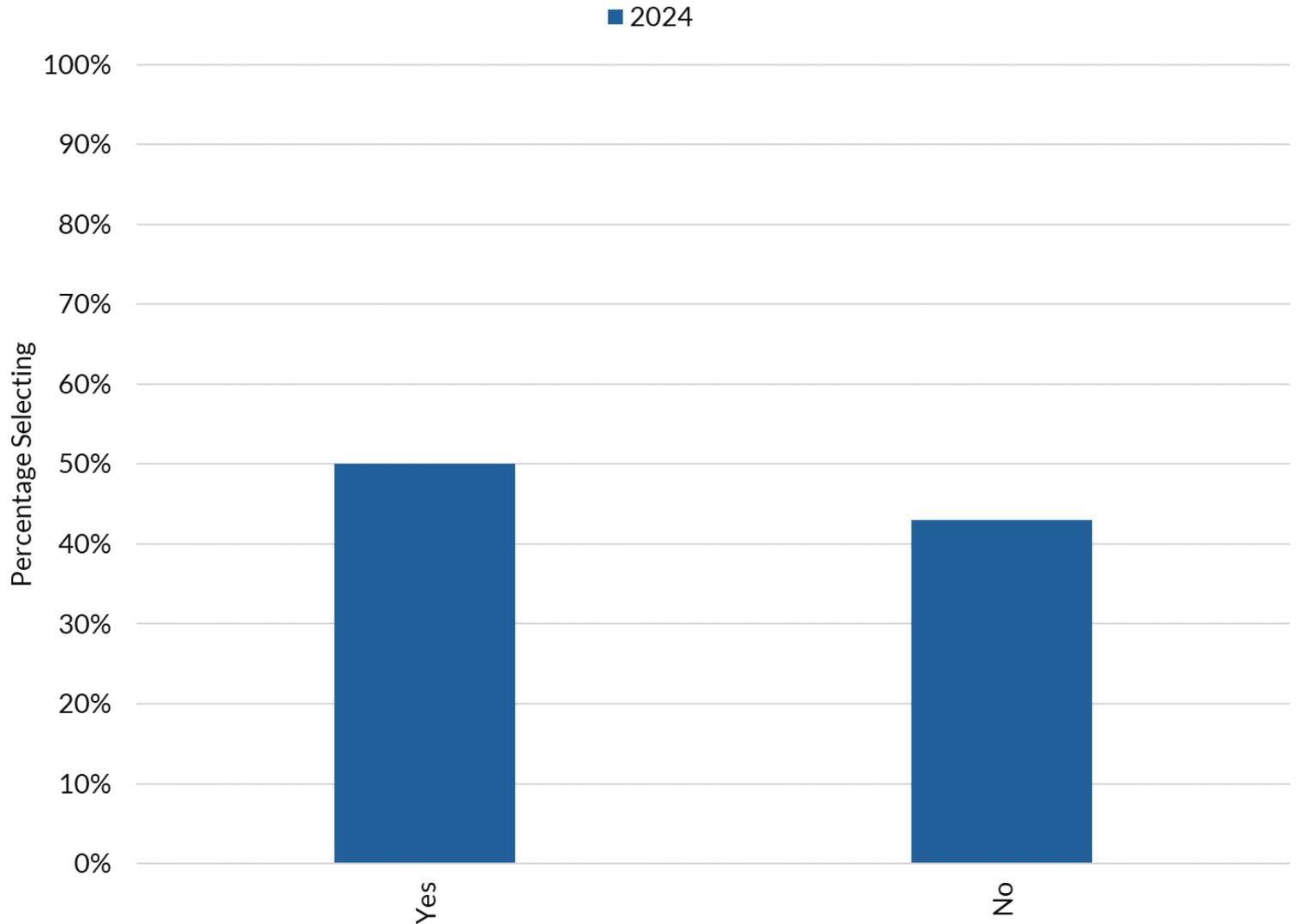
Would you (and your family, if applicable) use a community & senior center if the programs and services met your needs?



What features would you like to see in a community & senior center?



Would you be in support of a local millage to fill the gap in financing?



Questions



To: Township Board

From: Rick Grillo, Chief of Police

Date: October 1, 2024

Re: Williamstown Township Police Agreement

The sixth consecutive contract to provide law enforcement services to Williamstown Township will conclude on December 31, 2024. MTPD has provided services to Williamstown Township since 2011 and Williamstown Township continues to be pleased with the service provided. Over the summer, Chief Grillo and Interim Manager Schmitt met with Williamstown Township officials to discuss a new contract to continue providing law enforcement services through December 2027.

Due to staffing levels, the proposed 2025-2027 contract has provisions on the number of hours of service MTPD will provide based on the number of solo performing sworn officers. MTPD will provide sixty hours of police patrol time per week if the number of solo performing officers exceed 36 and forty hours of police patrol time per week whenever staffing levels are 36 or lower.

| Patrol Hours | 2025 (13%) | 2026 (3%) | 2027 (3%) |
|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 60 weekly hours of patrol | \$254,991.98 | \$262,641.73 | \$270,520.99 |
| 40 weekly hours of patrol | \$169,994.65 | \$175,094.49 | \$180,347.32 |
| Non Patrol Hours Rate | \$81.10 | \$83.53 | \$86.04 |

Additionally, MTPD will bill Williamstown Township for hours worked outside of the agreed upon hours for emergency and non-emergency responses as stated in the chart above. The Department recommends renewal of the contract to provide police services to Williamstown Township.

Attachment:

1. Current Agreement with Williamstown Township

AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT, effective January 1, 2022, is made and entered by and between **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN**, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 (“Meridian”) and **WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP**, 4990 North Zimmer Road, Williamston, MI 48895 (“Williamstown”).

WHEREAS, Williamstown desires to secure certain law enforcement services from Meridian; and

WHEREAS, Meridian agrees to provide Williamstown with those law enforcement services as outlined below.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter contained, IT IS HEREBY AGREED as follows:

1. Services to be Provided by Meridian. Meridian shall provide Williamstown general law enforcement services by Police Officers (“Officers”) including, but not limited to, police patrol services, emergency and non-emergency response services to all dispatch calls, and additional police services, including without limitation the enforcement of applicable state statutes and regulations and Williamstown ordinances. These law enforcement services shall be provided as follows:

- A. Meridian will provide Williamstown forty (40) hours of police patrol coverage within Williamstown per week, according to a variable schedule or schedules approved by the Williamstown Supervisor. The schedule or schedules may be modified from time to time as agreed upon between Meridian and Williamstown.
- B. In the event an Officer assigned on shift to Williamstown is reassigned by Meridian to work outside Williamstown, and has not been replaced by another Officer, Williamstown shall be credited with compensatory time, which shall be used as mutually agreed upon by Meridian and Williamstown. The Williamstown Supervisor will be notified of all reassignments and the amount of hours taken from Williamstown.
- C. Meridian will provide emergency and non-emergency response by Officers to all dispatch calls within Williamstown 24 hours per day, seven days each week.
- D. Meridian will provide Williamstown additional police services as summarized in the attached Exhibit A.

2. Cooperation and Enforcement of Williamstown Ordinances. Meridian and its Officers shall cooperate with Williamstown officials in the enforcement of Williamstown ordinances. Williamstown shall be responsible for the prosecution and legal costs required in ordinance matters and shall provide the necessary prosecutorial support to adjudicate such cases.

3. **Equipment to be Provided by Meridian.** Meridian shall provide and maintain at its expense motor vehicles to be used for police protection and patrol within Williamstown and any and all uniforms, weapons, radios, and general police equipment to be used by Officers assigned to duty in Williamstown.

4. **Insurance.** Meridian shall provide all insurance for the motor vehicles and Officers used in the performance of the services described in the Section 1 of this Agreement, including without limitation all automobile, liability, health care workers' compensation and other insurance coverage for any Officers and vehicles assigned to duty in Williamstown. "Insurance", insofar as vehicles and Officers are concerned, means the coverage provided by Meridian as of January 1, 2011. If such coverage is discontinued or modified for any reason, Meridian shall notify Williamstown. Meridian will add Williamstown as an additional insured on Meridian's general liability and automobile policies. Williamstown will add Meridian as an additional insured to Williamstown's general liability policy.

5. **Compensation.** It is expressly understood that Williamstown shall pay Meridian the sum for calendar year depending on the agreed upon hours of police patrol coverage. See chart below. Additional per hour compensation for emergency and non-emergency response by Officers to all dispatch calls within Williamstown is listed below as Non Patrol Hours Rate.

| Patrol Hours | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 80 weekly hours of patrol | \$283,604.00 | \$292,112.12 | \$300,875.48 |
| 40 weekly hours of patrol | \$141,802.00 | \$146,056.06 | \$150,437.74 |
| 20 weekly hours of patrol | \$70,901.00 | \$73,028.03 | \$75,218.87 |
| Non Patrol Hours Rate | \$67.65 | \$69.68 | \$71.77 |
| Quarterly Maximum Billable Hours | \$27,060 | \$27,872 | \$28,708 |

Meridian will invoice Williamstown quarterly at the end of each calendar quarter for the amount of actual emergency and non-emergency response by Officers to dispatch calls within Williamstown and additional police services approved by Williamstown under this Agreement during that quarter. The amounts due Meridian during the period covered by this Agreement shall be paid in quarterly installments, with payments due by the 15th day of the month following the end of a quarter. All payments shall be made payable to Meridian and submitted to the Meridian Treasurer's Office.

6. **Reports.** Meridian shall provide Williamstown a monthly written report concerning the law enforcement services provided under this Agreement. At the request of Williamstown, Meridian will provide an Officer or supervisory personnel to orally present reports not less than quarterly on law enforcement services under this Agreement to the Williamstown Township Board or Williamstown Police Advisory Committee.

7. **Employment Status of Officers Assigned to Williamstown.** The Officers assigned to Williamstown are and shall remain employees of Meridian and shall be under Meridian's supervision, direction and control.

8. **Meridian Responsible for Management.** Meridian shall be solely responsible for the management of the Officers assigned to Williamstown under this Agreement. Management shall be construed to include, but not be limited to, determining priority of investigation; determining what constitutes a life threatening emergency; determining the specific personnel to be assigned to Williamstown; determining job duties and assignments; and determining the adequacy of motor vehicles deployed. Meridian will consult with Williamstown on routine or special matters as deemed appropriate.

9. **Emergency Removal of Officers.** Meridian reserves the right to remove any Officer who is otherwise assigned to Williamstown for emergencies that might exist within Meridian, subject to Section 1 B of this Agreement.

10. **Nondiscrimination.** In carrying out the terms of this Agreement, the parties shall adhere to all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and policies prohibiting discrimination. The parties shall not discriminate against persons to receive services under this Agreement or against an employee or applicant for employment with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of employment, or a matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, disability that is unrelated to the individual's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position, height, weight, marital status or political affiliation or beliefs.

11. **Agreement Does Not Affect Collective Bargaining Agreements.** The provisions of this Agreement shall not be construed as in any way affecting the collective bargaining agreement covering Meridian Officers including, but not limited to, the adding or subtracting of provisions.

12. **Communication.** It is agreed by the parties that prompt and timely resolution of issues and/or concerns is vital to the success of this Agreement. Therefore, the parties agree that the following steps will be utilized:

- A. The Williamstown Supervisor will meet regularly with the Meridian Police Chief for the purposes of resolving issues and/or concerns.
- B. The Williamstown Police Advisory Committee will meet as needed, at the request of the Chair of the Committee, or the Meridian Police Chief, for the purpose of communications and public feedback concerning activities of the Officers assigned to Williamstown.
- C. If issues and/or concerns cannot be resolved in either of the above mentioned forums in a timely manner, then the Williamstown Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer will meet with the Meridian Police Chief and Manager to pursue resolution.

13. **Waivers.** No failure or delay on the part of any of the parties to this Agreement in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof nor shall a single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege preclude any other or further exercise of any other right, power or privilege.

14. **Modification of Agreement.** Modifications, amendments or waivers of any provision of this Agreement may be made only by the written mutual consent of the parties hereto.

15. **Assignment or Subcontracting.** The parties to this Agreement may not assign, subcontract or otherwise transfer their duties and/or obligations under this Agreement without express mutual written consent.

16. **Non-Third Party Beneficiary Contract.** This Agreement is not intended to be a third party beneficiary contract and confers no rights on anyone other than the parties hereto.

17. **Disregarding Titles.** The titles of the sections set forth in this Agreement are inserted for the convenience of reference only and shall be disregarded when construing or interpreting any of the provisions of this Agreement.

18. **Complete Agreement.** This Agreement contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties, and no other agreements, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement or any part thereof shall have any validity or bind any of the parties and any prior agreements shall be null and void.

19. **Agreement Period and Termination.** This Agreement shall be in effect from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2024, and shall automatically renew unless either party provides one hundred eighty (180) days prior written notice of nonrenewal. Either Meridian or Williamstown may, with or without cause, terminate this Agreement at any time upon one hundred eighty (180) days prior written notice to the other party. In the event this Agreement is terminated prior to December 31, 2024, Williamstown shall pay Meridian as set forth in Section 5 the total sum due for services performed by the Officers assigned to Williamstown up to the effective date of termination.

20. **Invalid Provisions.** If any clause or provision of this Agreement is rendered invalid or unenforceable because of any State or Federal statute or regulation or ruling by any tribunal of competent jurisdiction, that clause or provision shall be null and void, and any such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remainder of this Agreement. It shall be considered to be deleted and the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby. Where the deletion of the invalid provision would result in the illegality and/or unenforceability of this Agreement, this Agreement shall be considered to have terminated as of the date in which the provision was rendered invalid or unenforceable.

21. **Certification of Authority to Sign Agreement.** The people signing on behalf of the parties certify by their signatures that they are duly authorized to sign this Agreement on behalf of said parties and that this Agreement has been authorized by said parties.

THE FOLLOWING AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTIES HAVE EXECUTED THIS AGREEMENT AS OF THE DAY AND YEAR FIRST ABOVE WRITTEN.

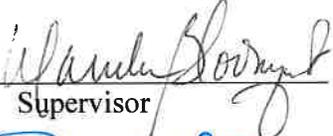
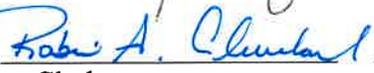
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| By:  | 1/11/22 | By:  | 1/17/22 |
| Supervisor | Date | Supervisor | Date |
| By:  | 1/11/22 | By:  | 1-18-22 |
| Clerk | Date | Clerk | Date |

EXHIBIT A

Meridian currently provides the following additional police services to its residents. These services will also be provided to Williamstown residents, subject to Meridian's decision to continue to provide these services to its residents.

- Investigations Unit – Five investigators available for major crimes and specialized investigations.
- Sex Offender Registry – Monitor and verify sex offender registrations.
- Court Service Officer – This position, assigned to investigations, processes warrant requests keeping patrol officers on the road.
- Records Unit – Civilian staff transcribes reports, responds to requests for reports and are keepers of all records. Records staff members are trained to respond to freedom of information requests.
- Training – All sworn officers receive nearly 40 hours of in-service training each year. Additionally, many officers receive specialized training off site.
- Crime Scene Investigators receive additional training to process crime scenes.
- Accident Investigation Team – Several officers have received additional training to investigate more serious and fatal traffic crashes.
- In-Car Video – Each patrol vehicle is equipped with video recording equipment used for its evidentiary value and verifying officer performance.
- Body worn cameras for each officer.
- Supervision – Patrol supervisor on duty at all times.
- Community Policing – Individual officers are assigned specific neighborhoods to develop communication between the Department and the community.
- Neighborhood Watch – The Department encourages neighborhoods to be active in crime prevention initiatives by organizing neighborhoods to be eyes and ears.
- Medical First Responders – Officers are licensed at a Medical First Responder level. Officers are available to respond to medical calls to assist NIESA ambulance. Medical First Responders may have a quicker response to begin treatment or may be available when the ambulance is unavailable.
- Automatic External Defibrillators – AEDs are carried in patrol cars.

- Property Checks – Officers will check residential properties for security when the homeowner is away on vacation on request.
- Citizens Academy and Youth Academy – Each academy is held once per year allowing citizens to learn more about the Department and law enforcement in the community.
- Community Leader Meeting – Community leader meetings are held three times a year. It is an opportunity for police and our community to discuss community issues, crimes and trends.
- National Night Out – This celebration, held the first Tuesday in August, encourages citizens to be organized against crime. Neighborhoods are encouraged to have neighborhood activities including ice cream socials, picnics, or, at a minimum, have their porch light on and meet their neighbors.
- Traffic Initiative – The Department takes an active effort in reducing traffic crashes, thus, reducing injuries and fatalities.
- Citizen Satisfaction Surveys – Monthly surveys are sent to individuals who have used police services. Each one is reviewed by the Chief. The surveys provide valuable feedback on the Department's performance.
- Special Response Team – The Department participates with East Lansing, Michigan State University and other departments on a special response tactical team for special response situations. This would be available to Williamstown Township.
- Written Reports – Criminal reports are completed in the patrol vehicle on an in-car computer. This reduces the amount of time the officer spends in the office.
- Citizen Complaint Process – All citizen complaints are thoroughly investigated with a follow-up correspondence to the citizen. Appropriate action is taken if necessary. Most citizen complaints are not sustained or are unfounded.
- Patrol officers are encouraged to do their own follow-up investigations when possible. Neighborhoods are canvassed on serious crimes. Patrol supervisors review investigative efforts to ensure thorough investigations are conducted.
- The Department has used satellite offices and would use Williamstown Township's office as a location to meet with residents.
- Everbridge.net – Technology used to inform citizens of crime, crime trends, community alerts, and bulletins.



To: Township Board
From: Scott Hendrickson, Township Supervisor
Date: October 1, 2024
Re: Amendment to Interim Township Manager Contract

In May of 2024, the Township Board signed a contractual agreement with Timothy Schmitt to act as Interim Township Manager while the Township Board conducts a national search for Meridian Township's next permanent Township Manager. This process started in June with a Request for Proposals being issued for a managerial search firm. In August, the proposals were sent to the Board for consideration, and the Township Board, after deliberation, selected Amy Cell Talent as the search firm.

Since that time, Amy Cell has conducted interviews with Board Members and others and the search is under way.

The search timeline provided by Amy Cell Talent suggests that the new Township Manager will not be in place by November 21st. In the Interim Township Manager Contractual Agreement signed between the Township and Timothy Schmitt, the termination date is at the earlier of: 1. A permanent Township Manager commencing employment with the Township; or 2. Either Parties' written notice to the other of its intent to immediately terminate the Agreement at any time, for any reason; or 3. November 21, 2024.

If a Manager is not selected by the 21st of November, the Township would be without a Township Manager. As this is not an ideal scenario, I reached out to the Township Attorney to draft an amendment for the Board to consider so that we do not have a gap in this vital role. The following has been drafted and provided for the Board's consideration. The amendment offered before the Board this evening would strike the November 21, 2024 date and leave the two remaining provisions.

This matter before the Board is for discussion only and, if it is the will of the Board will return on October 15th for action.

Attachment:

1. Addendum to Interim Township Manager Employment Agreement

ADDENDUM TO INTERIM TOWNSHIP MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

This Addendum to Timothy Schmitt’s Interim Township Manager Employment Agreement (this “Addendum”) is entered into as of [REDACTED], 2024 (the “Effective Date”), between Meridian Charter Township (“Township”) and Timothy R. Schmitt (“Employee”) (collectively, the “Parties”).

WHEREAS, the Parties entered into an Employment Agreement to make Employee the Interim Township Manager on May 21, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Section 3(B)(Termination) of the Employment Agreement provides:

Mr. Schmitt is an at-will employee and serves at the pleasure of the Township Board. Mr. Schmitt will be relieved of his duties as Interim Manager at the earlier of:

- 1. A permanent Township Manager commencing employment with the Township; or*
- 2. Either Parties’ written notice to the other of its intent to immediately terminate the Agreement at any time, for any reason; or*
- 3. November 21, 2024.*

WHEREAS, the Township has retained a consultant to assist in identifying and securing a permanent Township Manager, but neither Party expects that a permanent Township Manager will be hired prior to November 21, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to avoid any period where the Township would be without the services of an interim or permanent Township Manager.

THEREFORE, the Parties agree to modify Section 3(B) of the Employment Agreement to remove the automatic expiration date of November 21, 2024 such that Section 3(B) will be amended to read in full:

B. Termination. Mr. Schmitt is an at-will employee and serves at the pleasure of the Township Board. Mr. Schmitt will be relieved of his duties as Interim Manager at the earlier of:

1. A permanent Township Manager commencing employment with the Township; or
2. Either Parties’ written notice to the other of its intent to immediately terminate the Agreement at any time, for any reason.

All other provisions of the Employment Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

[Signature Page to Follow]

Agreed:

Timothy R. Schmitt,
Interim Township Manager

Date

Scott Hendrickson,
Township Supervisor

Date

Deborah Guthrie,
Township Clerk

Date



To: Township Board Members

From: Timothy R. Schmitt, *AICP*
Interim Township Manager &
Director of Community Planning and Development

Date: September 27, 2024

Re: Memorandum of Understanding with Okemos Public Schools for Meridian Senior Center

Meridian Township and Okemos Public Schools (OPS) have long had a partnership for the operations of the Meridian Senior Center. The Center is housed at Chippewa Middle School and is paid for by the Township, through the Community Services Millage. Over the years, the commitment between the partners has grown, but Staff has been unable to locate any documentation that has ever been approved outlining the terms of the agreement. This issue has come up during the discussion of a potential new Senior Center, so Staff would like to take the opportunity to outline the terms of the partnership.

The attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is based upon the initial terms that were discussed in 2011, but never formalized. In 2011, previous Manager Richards had an MOU drafted, but there is no evidence it ever proceeded towards adoption, or even Board discussion. The Township and OPS have continued to operate under roughly the terms from that agreement in the intervening years. However, the Township's Parks and Recreation Director took on a more active role with supervision and direction of Senior Center Staff, due to some retirements at OPS.

The proposed MOU would not change anything about how the Senior Center currently functions, this would simply codify everything into a document so there is no confusion going forward.

- OPS would still house the Senior Center at Chippewa
- All Senior Center employees would be OPS employees
- Meridian Township will continue to pay for salaries of the Coordinator and the Assistant, along with funds for capital needs on an annual basis

The MOU is intended to run through the construction at Chippewa Middle School, after which, we will reevaluate the partnership, depending on where the new facility is located. Once the new facility is sited, this MOU will need to be revisited in full.

Staff is seeking input on the attached draft MOU, prior to asking for OPS and Township Attorney review. We look forward to discussing this with the Board.

Attachment:

1. Draft Memorandum of Understanding

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Meridian Senior Center Operations

This **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** (hereinafter referred to as “MOU”) is hereby made and entered into by and between the **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN** (hereinafter referred to as the “Township”) with offices at 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864, and the **OKEMOS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**, (hereinafter referred to as the “OPS”), with offices at 4406 Okemos Road, Okemos, MI 48864.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this MOU is to memorialize the operating agreement between the Township and OPS in relation to the operation and funding of the Meridian Senior Center.

1. Location

During the Term of this agreement, the Meridian Senior Center shall be located within the existing east wing Chippewa Middle School at 4000 Okemos Road, Okemos, MI 48864.

2. Responsibilities

a) OPS shall be responsible for the following:

- i. The physical facility for Meridian Senior Center
- ii. Human Resources functions for all personnel, including payroll, onboarding, and background checks, as needed
- iii. Billing the Township for all Senior Center personnel costs, twice annually in June and December
- iv. Detailed financial summary of expenses and revenue of Activity Fund, provided to the Township on a monthly basis
- v. Help collect, inventory and store equipment
- vi. Present information at monthly Senior Center Advisory Board meetings, as necessary
- vii. Assist with on-site program support, as needed

b) Township shall be responsible for the following:

- i. Provide general supervision and management of Senior Center staff and programs
- ii. Attend monthly meetings with the Meridian Senior Center Advisory Board
- iii. Assist with the development, printing and distribution of flyers
- iv. Answer questions and concerns from community members
- v. Assist in the recruitment and coordination of appropriate instructors
- vi. Help coordinate and promote Senior Center offerings
- vii. Coordinate enrichment and recreation activities, as needed

3. **Term**

The term of this Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and shall continue for a period of two (2) years, unless earlier terminated in accordance with paragraph 8 (the “Term”). This Agreement may be renewed for up to two (2) additional one (1) year periods, based on the progress of construction at Chippewa Middle School and other buildings within the OPS District. Renewal must be by written agreement of the parties, and will automatically extend the Term of this Agreement.

4. **Payment**

- a) The Township will make the following payments to OPS for the operations of the Meridian Senior Center:

| | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Personnel Costs | \$140,000 | \$145,000 | \$150,000 |
| Operating Costs | up to \$15,000 | up to \$15,000 | up to \$15,000 |

- b) Personnel Cost payments shall be made biannually, with the first ½ being paid no later than January 31st of each year and the second ½ being paid no later than July 31st of each year.
- c) If the Term is extended in accordance with Paragraph 2, future year’s personnel cost payment shall increase by \$5,000 per year.
- d) Operating cost payments shall not be extended except upon budget amendment approved by the Township Board.

5. **Senior Center Employees**

All employees of the Meridian Senior Center shall be OPS employees. OPS personnel policies, hiring practices, and any other applicable policy or procedure shall apply to Senior Center employees.

6. **Liability**

Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as a waiver of any governmental immunity by the Township, its employees, or its agents or OPS, its employees, or its agents.

7. **Non Discrimination**

- a) Neither the Township nor OPS, as required by law, shall not discriminate against a person to be served or an employee or applicant for employment with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of employment, or a matter directly or indirectly related to employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, gender identity or expression, disability or genetic information that is unrelated the individual’s ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position, height with or marital status. The Township and OPS shall adhere to all applicable Federal. State and local laws, ordinance, rules and regulations prohibiting discrimination, including, but not limited to the following:
 - i. The Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, 1976 PA 453 as amended;

- ii. The Persons With Disabilities Civil Rights Act, 1976 PA 220 as amended
 - iii. Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation act 1973, P.L. 93-112.87 Stat 355, and regulations promulgated thereunder: and
 - iv. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, P.L. 101-336. 104 Stat 327, as amended and regulations promulgated thereunder.
- b) Breach of this section shall be regarded a material breach of this MOU. In the event that either party is found not to be in compliance with this section, the other party may terminate this MOU effective as of the date of delivery of written notification.

8. Termination of Agreement

Either party may terminate this Agreement without cause upon ninety (90) days written notice to the other party. In the event of termination by OPS pursuant to this paragraph, the Township will be reimbursed all unspent funds paid to OPS under Paragraph 4. In the event of termination by Township, OPS will be paid the prorated amount due under Paragraph 4, based on the date of termination.

9. Primary Contacts

All notices, requests, consents, claims, demands, waivers and other communications hereunder, other than routine communications having no legal effect, must be in writing and addressed to the parties as follows:

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| Okemos Public Schools | Meridian Township |
| Contact: John Hood, Superintendent | Contact: Timothy Schmitt, Interim Township Manager |
| Phone: 517-706-5007 | Phone: 517-853-4506 |
| E-Mail: john.hood@okemosk12.net | E-mail: schmitt@meridian.mi.us |

10. Commencement/Expiration Date

This MOU is effective as of the date of last signature and concludes at completion Term as described in Paragraph 3.

11. Complete Agreement

This Agreement contains all of the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties hereto and no other agreements, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement or any part thereof shall have any validity or bind any of the parties hereto.

12. Severability

If any of this Agreement is found by a Court or Tribunal of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unconstitutional or beyond the authority of either party to enter into or carry out, such part shall be deemed deleted and shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Agreement which shall continue in full force and effect. If the removal of such provision would result in the illegality and/or unenforceability of this Agreement, this Agreement shall terminate as of the date in which the provision was found invalid,

unconstitutional or beyond the authority of the parties.

13. Governing Law

This Agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of Michigan.

14. Certification of Authority to Sign Agreement

The people signing this Agreement on behalf of the parties hereto certify by their signatures that they are duly authorized to sign on behalf of said parties and that this Agreement has been authorized by said parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this agreement as of the last written date below.

OKEMOS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

By: _____
John Hood, Superintendent
Okemos Public Schools

Date:

MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

By: _____
Scott Hendrickson, Supervisor
Charter Township of Meridian

Date: