

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
853-4000, Town Hall Room
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2007, **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting, Trustees Brixie, Such (6:01 P.M.), Veenstra, Woiwode
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development Mark Kieselbach, Director of Engineering & Public Works Ray Severy, Police Chief Dave Hall, EMS/Fire Chief Fred Cowper, Assistant Manager/ Personnel Director Paul Brake

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Supervisor McGillicuddy called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Supervisor McGillicuddy led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. ROLL CALL
Supervisor McGillicuddy called the roll of the Board.
4. PUBLIC REMARKS
Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

Shari Gregory, Environmental Commission Chair, urged a consistent working relationship between the Environmental Commission and the Township Board in order for the Commission to be more effective in serving the Board to improve and conserve Township resources.

Vance Kincaid, 4530 Nakoma Drive, Okemos, representative for Okemos Community Church, thanked the Board for its thoughtful deliberations and support of Zoning Amendment #06010.

Rex Harrington, 820 Piper Road, Haslett, inquired if the Board budgeted funds for the Meals on Wheels Program as requested. He urged the Township Board research the LEAP, Inc. organization prior to expending funds to become a sitting member on its Board.

John Anderson, 215 W. Newman Road, Okemos, encouraged the Board to fund the requested amount of money for Tri County Office on Aging's Meals on Wheels Program. He stated he would like the Township Board Policy Governance Meeting scheduled for next January to be held at a "reasonable" hour instead of 8:00 A.M. in the morning.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

5. REPORTS/BOARD COMMENT/NEW WORRIES
Supervisor McGillicuddy congratulated HOM-TV on winning seven (7) regional Philo T. Farnsworth Video Awards for excellence in cable programming.

Clerk Helmbrecht reported a smooth election process on November 6th.

Trustee Brixie stated she would like the Environmental Commission to "take up" some of the suggestions contained in the Mayor's Climate Agreement and asked if the Board could possibly discuss this issue as next year's vision item. She announced her attendance at the Ingham County Road Commission's (ICRC) public forum regarding input on qualities residents would like to see in the ICRC's future Managing Director. Trustee Brixie noted the compelling quality voiced by attendees was an effective communicator.

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Trustee Veenstra voiced agreement that the Environmental Commission should assist the Board in helping implement the Climate Protection Agreement. He believed a separate committee of citizens and Township staff should be created to implement energy efficiency for Township operations.

Trustee Such noted interest in a staff communication dated November 1, 2007 regarding rezoning several parcels within the Township to RRR. He believed this item is a policy decision and requested the issue be placed on the December 4th agenda for discussion.

Trustee Woiwode indicated a large tree on Powell Road which had been designated for preservation was pushed over during the course of development. She expressed appreciation for timely staff follow through after they were made aware of the situation and encouraged residents to contact the Township when they believe an alleged violation is occurring or has occurred.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA — OR CHANGES

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

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor McGillicuddy reviewed the consent agenda.

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

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

NAYS: Trustee Veenstra

Motion carried 6-1.

The adopted Consent Agenda items are as follow:

A. Communications

(1). Board Information (BI)

BI-1 Patricia Killam, 2411 Burcham Drive, East Lansing; RE: Taxes/assessment for Meridian Township residents

BI-2 Michael Duda, Superintendent of Schools, Haslett Public Schools, 5593 Franklin Street, Haslett; RE: Endorsement of Shaw's Triangle development

(2). Commission Linkage (CL)

CL-1 Anne K. Hughes, 1100 Windreef Circle, Okemos; RE: Resignation as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals

(3) Regional Linkage (RL)

RL-1 Wanda Bloomquist, Planning Assistant, Williamstown Township, 4990 North Zimmer Road, Williamston; RE: Invitation to attend workshops on a potential Grand River Avenue Overlay District

(4). Staff Communication/Referral (SC)

SC-1 Michigan Townships Association Legislative E-Report, October 19, 2007 Edition

SC-2 Michigan Townships Association Legislative E-Report, October 26, 2007 Edition

SC-3 Press Release from Deborah Guthrie, HOM-TV Station Manager; RE: HOM-TV's Philo T. Farnsworth Video Awards

SC-4 Memorandum from Director Mark Kieselbach; RE: RRR Rezoning Study

(5). On File in the Clerk's Office (OF)

Materials received at the October 16, 2007 Board Meeting

John Peckham, President, Martin Property Development, Inc., 1111 Michigan Avenue, Suite

303, East Lansing; RE: Withdrawal of appeal of Summit Bank Lighting
Amy Spray, Resource Policy Specialist, Michigan United Conservation Clubs, 2101 Wood
Street, Lansing; RE: Land Preservation Conduct Ordinance

Trustee Brixie moved that the communications be received and placed on file, and any communications not already assigned for disposition be referred to the Township Manager or Supervisor for follow-up. Seconded by Trustee Such.

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

B. Minutes

Trustee Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the October 16, 2007 Regular Meeting as **submitted. Seconded by Trustee Such.**

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

C. 2008 Board Meeting Schedule

Trustee Brixie moved to adopt the 2008 Township Board Meeting Schedule Resolution as follows:

Thursday , January 3, 2008	6:00 P.M. Regular Joint Meeting Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Park Commission
Saturday, January 5, 2008	9:00 A.M. Policy Governance Review
Thursday , January 17, 2008	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 5, 2008	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 19, 2008	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 4, 2008	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 18, 2008	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 1, 2008	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 15, 2008	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Thursday , May 8, 2008	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 20, 2008	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 3, 2008	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 17, 2008	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 1, 2008	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 15, 2008	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Thursday , August 7, 2008	6:00 P.M. Regular Town Hall Meeting
Tuesday, August 19, 2008	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 2, 2008	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 9, 2008	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting (Budget Deliberations)
Tuesday, September 16, 2008	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 23, 2008	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting (Budget Deliberations if needed)
Tuesday, October 7, 2008	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting (Proposed Budget Hearing)
Tuesday, October 21, 2008	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Thursday , November 6, 2008	6:00 P.M. Regular Joint Meeting with School Districts and Local Governments
Tuesday, November 18, 2008	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 2, 2008	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 16, 2008 6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

Seconded by Trustee Such.

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

D. Bills

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

Common Cash	\$ 383,484.84
Public Works	\$ 234,276.54
Total Checks	\$ 617,761.38
Credit Card Transactions	\$ 25,026.49
Total Purchases	<u>\$ 642,787.87</u>
ACH Payments	<u>\$ 639,281.11</u>

Seconded by Trustee Such.

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

[Bill list in Official Minute Book]

E. Amendments to the Meridian Township Employee Pension Plan and Trust

Trustee Brixie moved approval of the Pension Board's recommendation of Amendment #2 to the Meridian Township Employee Pension Plan and Trust. Seconded by Trustee Such.

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

F. Liquor License Transfer, Cancun Mexican Grill

Trustee Brixie moved to approve Leon of Kentucky-Jolly Road, Inc.'s application to transfer ownership and location of a 2007 Class C liquor license, which is located in escrow, from Tugby's LLC, to Leon of Kentucky-Jolly Road, Inc. (a Kentucky corporation) for a business located at 2398 Jolly, Suite 100, Okemos, MI 48864, Meridian Township, Ingham County, Michigan, and further authorize the Township Clerk to execute the resolution for local approval of this transfer. Seconded by Trustee Such.

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

G. Additions to 2007 Winter Tax Roll

Trustee Brixie moved to assess the charges identified in the staff memorandum with parcel identification available in the Treasurer's Office dated November 02, 2007 for Delinquent Special Assessments, Utility Bills, Nuisance, Lot Mowing, and False Alarms as a tax lien against the subject properties as authorized by Michigan Compiled Laws (MCL) 41.728 and Meridian Township Ordinance, Code Sections 58-32, 78-98, 46-5, 82-27 and 18-1. Seconded by Trustee Such.

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

8. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY

9. HEARINGS (None)

10. ACTION ITEMS/ENDS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened and closed public comment.

- A. Zoning Amendment #06010 (Planning Commission), amendment to Section 86-2 Definitions, Section 86-432 Professional and Office (PO), and Section 86-376 PO to allow religious institutions,
Final Adoption

Trustee Brixie moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby FINALLY ADOPTS Ordinance No. 2007-14, entitled “Ordinance Amending the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, Chapter 86, Article I by amending Section 86-2, Article IV Division 2 by adding Section 86-376(d)(1)e and Section 86-376(d)(2)g, and Article IV Division 4 by adding Section 86-432(b)(6) and Section 86-432(c)(4).”

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

Seconded by Treasurer Hunting.

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

- B. Rezoning #07060 (DTN Investment Co.), request to rezone 3.13 acres from PO (Professional and Office) and RC (Multiple Family-Medium Density) to C-1 (Commercial) located on the southeast corner of Mt. Hope and Hagadorn Roads
Not discussed.

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS/ENDS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened and closed public comment.

- A. Essential Wetland Determination, Township Wetland #33-16
Director Kieselbach summarized the determination as outlined in staff memorandum dated November 2, 2007.

Board members and staff discussed the following:

- Request for staff to review applicant statement relative to township requirement for maintenance mowing
- Parcel meets sufficient criteria for a essential wetland determination by the Township
- Township criteria based on state and federal criteria for an essential wetland
- Request for fill of approximately 7,000 square feet in the southern portion of the site
- Methods for protection of the remaining wetland

The consensus of the Board was to place this item on for action at the November 20, 2007 Board Meeting.

- B. Brownfield Redevelopment Plan for property located at the NE corner of Business Route 69 (Saginaw Highway) and Newton Road

Sue Pigg, Coordinator, Ingham County Brownfield Development Authority, 121 E. Maple Street, Mason, summarized the proposed Brownfield Redevelopment Plan as outlined in staff memorandum dated November 2, 2007.

John Byl, Warner, Norcross and Judd, 900 Fifth Third Center, Grand Rapids, added that the money collected from the increased property tax value would be 100% of the captured millage. He stated all taxing jurisdictions would continue receiving what they currently receive on the property and only the increase which resulted from the project would be captured, exclusive of the school operating and the state education tax.

Board members, staff and Mr. Byl discussed the following:

- Ingham County need for Township concurrence with the plan
- Only a portion of the increased property value will be captured and used to defray the cost of cleanup of the contaminated site
- Once the developer is repaid all eligible expenses, any increase in the property value will revert back to the taxing authority
- Significant expense to properly clean up a contaminated site
- Once consensus is received from the Township, Ingham County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing and need to approve the redevelopment plan
- Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) oversight of the process to clean up a petroleum contaminated site
- Reimbursement agreement between Ingham County and the developer
- Township benefit of an environmental cleanup and redevelopment of the site
- Vote by the Meridian Township Economic Development Corporation to support the cleanup and redevelopment of this project

The consensus of the Board was to place this item on for action at the November 20, 2007 Board Meeting.

Supervisor McGillicuddy recessed the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Supervisor McGillicuddy reconvened the meeting at 7:14 P.M.

12. VISION SESSION/ENDS:

- A. Intergovernmental Meeting – Discussion of emergency warning system and other topics of importance

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened the Intergovernmental Meeting and guests introduced themselves:

City of East Lansing
Vic Loomis, Mayor Pro Tem

Ingham County Drain Commissioner
Patrick Lindemann, Drain Commissioner

Delhi Township
John Elsinga, Township Manager

Haslett Public Schools
Mike Duda, Superintendent
Kristin Beltzer, School Board President

Williamstown Township
Mickey Martin, Supervisor

City of Lansing
Jerry Ambrose, Executive Assistant to the Mayor

The representatives and Board members discussed the following areas of interest:

- Placement of the five (5) emergency warning system sirens
- Emergency response efforts after Williamston tornado disaster
- Emergency Operation Commission provides specialized expertise throughout the greater Lansing community during emergencies
- Appreciation from Williamstown Township Supervisor for regional response to the Williamston tornado disaster
- Excellent response from Police and Fire to Haslett Public School system issues over the past several years
- Haslett Public Schools appreciation for Board support of Haslett Preserve
- Haslett Public Schools and Ingham County Drain Commissioner (ICDC) support for proposed Brownfield Redevelopment Plan
- Stonehouse Village III condominium project under construction in East Lansing
- East Village comprehensive development project in East Lansing will showcase the river and take advantage of the waterfront
- Development of reverse 911 system by Michigan State University
- ICDC recent acquisition of 13 or 14 trash pumps of various sizes for disaster efforts
- Future Township linkage of a reverse 911 system with MSU
- Regional cooperative efforts on several fronts take place on a daily basis
- Downtown Development Authority (DDA) projects within the City of Lansing
- Future addition of a fountain in the newly completed roundabout at Michigan and Washington Avenues in the City of Lansing
- Possibility of a hotel in downtown Lansing
- Utilization of trolley run between East Lansing and Lansing
- Loss of county road patrol in Williamstown Township by 2009
- ICDC illicit discharge investigation through water samples from 400 drains
- Update on the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Phase II Stormwater Regulations
- Voluntary effort to prohibit the use of phosphorus fertilizer in the Lake Lansing area as state law prohibits local municipality prohibition of lawn fertilizer
- Section in the Township's overlay district which provides buffer zones for overbuilt lots
- ICDC testing of over 400 ponds to determine origin of problems in order to pretreat entrance of chemicals into the system
- Nonpoint source pollution as a function of social behavior
- Toward Rain Garden Project construction near completion
- Maintenance of the rain garden project through maintaining soil porosity
- ICDC update on College Fields project
- Plan for pathway along Saginaw Highway from Hagadorn to Coolidge Roads in East Lansing
- Need to accommodate bicycle traffic on Hagadorn Road through the City of East Lansing
- Drain easements which can accommodate pedestrian bicycle pathways throughout the county
- Williamstown Township pursuance of state funding for an alternative transportation route along Grand River Avenue
- Williamstown Township greenspace overlay district along Grand River Avenue
- Commitment by three (3) governmental units within the region to explore renewable energy standards
- Thirty five (35) companies within Michigan currently producing parts for the renewable energy industry
- Renewable energy industry looking for communities which make a commitment to renewable energy
- Delhi Township recent passage of a non motorized transportation plan
- Delhi Township construction of a state-of-the-art two pad wastewater treatment plant system
- Delhi Township partnership with Granger for construction of a recycling plant just south of Exit 101 off I-96
- Forum held by the Greater Lansing Home Builders Association as a starting point to pool regional resources to effectively compete with other areas when there is an upswing in Michigan's economy

13. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

Gil White, 6005 E. Lake Drive, Haslett, stressed the importance of regional cooperation in the Greater Lansing area and the Tri-County Region from both a national and international perspective. He added the region must rethink its approach to land use.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy adjourned the meeting at 8:50 P.M.

SUSAN MCGILLICUDDY
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT, CMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Sandra K. Otto, Secretary