

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES - **APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
349-1200, Town Hall Room
MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 1999, **6:00 P.M. — 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger, Trustees McCullough,
McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development Mark
Kieselbach, Director of Engineering & Public Works Roger Buell, Police Chief Gary Gibbons,
EMS/Fire Chief Fred Cowper, Personnel Director/Assistant Manager Paul Brake, Cable
Coordinator Matt Schuster, Computer Specialist Steve Gebes, Attorney Brian Goodenough

1. CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER

Supervisor Little called the Work Session to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. QUESTIONS FOR ATTORNEY

Elected Officials Compensation Commission Appointment:

Supervisor Little asked Attorney Goodenough to discuss the appointment of Kelly Miller to the
E.O.C.C. Attorney Goodenough stated Kelly Miller is a state employee, and her appointment to the
E.O.C.C. is a violation of the state statute and the Township's ordinance prohibiting an officer or
employee of any government agency or unit to serve on that Commission. Attorney Goodenough
recommended the Board pass a motion to rescind that appointment for the above reasons.

Confirmation of Planning Commission's Appointment to Z.B.A. (See Item #3):

Waiver of Rental Fees (See Item #3):

3. DISCUSSION ON 7:00 AGENDA ITEM TOPICS

- * Supervisor Little presented Mr. Larry "Bud" Jacobs as the proposed Interim Assessor until April 9,
1999. He asked Mr. Jacobs to introduce himself.

Larry Jacobs introduced himself to the Board.

- * The following 7:00 p.m. agenda items were discussed:
 - * Assessing Situation
 - * Consent Agenda: Minutes w/changes, Communications, Post Script Schedule, Goals Setting
Meeting, Confirmation of Planning Commission's Nomination to Z.B.A., Manager's Bills, Harris
Center Trail Contract Award, Liquor License Transfer, Utility Bill Credit Card Payment Option
 - * Meeting Date with East Lansing City Council RE: Fire Merger Report

[The consensus of the Board was to present the following dates to East Lansing: February 24
March 1, 3 & 4.]

- * Post Script Schedule
- * Meeting Date for Goals Setting Session
- * Confirmation of Planning Commission's Appointment to Z.B.A.

Confirmation of Planning Commission's Appointment to Z.B.A.

Supervisor Little asked Attorney Goodenough if the Board needs to act on the Planning Commission's
appointment to the Z.B.A. Attorney Goodenough stated he would need to check. (Continued below)

- * Rezoning #98170 (North American Equities)
- * Communications: BD-1
- * Other Business: Waiver of Rental Fees for use of Town Hall room - Audubon Society

Waiver of Rental Fees:

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Trustee Squiers asked Attorney Goodenough if his concern valid that the waiver of these fees may be precedent setting for other requests for waivers. Attorney Goodenough stated it is not an invalid concern, but each case should be approached on its own set of facts. Attorney Goodenough stated the Township has a policy on room rental and recommended a review of this policy to see whether waiving of fees is permitted and if there are any defined criteria for such waivers.

- * Other Business: Community Center Survey
- * Procedure on Referring Material to the Environmental Commission
- * Other Business: 5-year Recreation Plan

Confirmation of Planning Commission's Appointment to Z.B.A. (Continued)

Attorney Goodenough stated the state statute refers to a Z.B.A. appointed by the Township Board consisting of five (5) Members and two (2) Alternates, with a Planning Commissioner nominated by the Planning Commission. Attorney Goodenough recommended the Board confirm the nomination.

4. OTHER BUSINESS (See Item #3)

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor Little opened Public Remarks.

Wayne McLellen, 1459 Cheboygan Road, Okemos, requested a better audio system for the live audience. He stated Mr. Jacobs did a good job for the Township for the years he was a Township employee. He stated Mr. Jacobs has been a fee appraiser in the area for the years following his employment with the Township. He stated there seems to be a potential for various conflicts related to his appraisal work within the Township. He stated he is disturbed by the discussion of Board Members concerning limiting public representatives for the postscript. He stated in discussions of referrals to the Environmental Commission that the Board appears to be attempting to establish the Planning Commission's Rules and Procedures for the conduct of its business.

Supervisor Little closed Public Remarks.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Little adjourned the Work Session at 6:55 p.m.

BRUCE A. LITTLE
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Paul J. Cassidy, Secretary

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
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McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development Mark
Kieselbach, Director of Engineering & Public Works Roger Buell, Police Chief Gary Gibbons,
EMS/Fire Chief Fred Cowper, Personnel Director/Assistant Manager Paul Brake, Cable
Coordinator Matt Schuster, Computer Specialist Steve Gebes

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Little called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA — OR CHANGES

Treasurer Klunzinger stated a correction to the Manager's Bills; under the Public Works bills an amount
\$40,201.40 for the design and construction of the water storage tank should be made payable to Earth
Tech/RUST, rather than the stated payee.

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AMENDED AS
FOLLOWS: DELETE 9.A. (Assessing Situation), 10.A. (Meeting Date with East Lansing City Council
RE: Fire Merger Report); ADD 10.D. (Waiver of Rental Fees for use of Town Hall room - Audubon
Society January 23, 1999); AND CONSENT AGENDA TO INCLUDE ITEMS: #3. (Correction,
Approval & Ratification of Minutes) with corrections, #4. (Communications), #10.B. (Post Script
Schedule), #10.C. (Meeting Date for Goals Setting Session), #12.A. (Confirmation of Planning
Commission's Appointment to Z.B.A.), 16.A. (Bills), 16.C. (Harris Center Trail Contract Award),
17.A.(1)a. (Liquor License Transfer, Libby's Lite-R-Side Cafe, Inc.), 17.A.(2)b. (Utility Bill Credit
Card Payment Option). **SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH.**

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

3. CORRECTION, APPROVAL & RATIFICATION OF MINUTES (See Consent Agenda)

- A. December 15, 1998, Work Session
- B. December 15, 1998, Regular Meeting
- C. January 5, 1999, Work Session
- D. January 5, 1999, Regular Meeting

4. COMMUNICATIONS (See Consent Agenda)

- A. Application for Public Service (APP)
 - OTH-3 Patricia Munshaw, 5261 Golden Circle, East Lansing; C.A.T.A. Board
 - EC-2 Ted Black, 4714 Van Atta Road, Okemos; Environmental Commission
 - PC-3 Andrew P. Abood, 4771 Nakoma Drive, Okemos; Planning Commission
- B. Board Deliberation (BD)
 - BD-1 Ruth Varner, 2643 Bennett Road, Okemos; RE: Referendum Information Request -
Rezoning #98170 (North American Equities)
- C. Board Information (BI)
 - BI-1 Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, Execufax, January 7, 1999, edition
 - BI-2 Patrick E. Lindemann, Ingham County Drain Commissioner; RE: Forsberg Family Limited
Partnership request for Permit to fill State Regulated Wetlands in Smith County Drain
 - BI-3 Patrick E. Lindemann, Ingham County Drain Commissioner; RE: Hagadorn Office Park,
Phase II
 - BI-4 Patrick E. Lindemann, Ingham County Drain Commissioner; RE: Heritage Office Park #5
 - BI-5 Michigan Municipal League; RE: Y2K Toolkit

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- BI-6 Michigan Township Association Political Action Committee; RE: 1999 Contribution
- BI-7 Michigan Township Association, Ingham County Chapter; RE: Meeting Notice
- BI-8 Michigan Township Association, Legislative Fax, January 8, 1999 edition
- BI-9 Patricia L. McAvoy, Director of Legislative Affairs, Michigan Township Association; RE: Appointment of Clerk Helmbrecht to the Local Government Claims Review Board
- BI-10 David H. Held, Chair, Cable Communications Commission; RE: Attempt to contact Cable Commissioner Maria Wade-Munro
- BI-11 Eckhart Dersch, Chair, Park Commission; RE: Public Hearing to solicit input on the 5-year Community Park and Recreation Plan
- BI-12 Diane Byrum, Michigan State Senator; RE: 1999 D.N.R. Recreation Grants

D. Freedom of Information (FOI) [On file in Clerk's Office]

FOI-1999-01 Stacy A. Hickox, Hankins & Flanigan, P.C.; RE: Performance Evaluations, EMS Training Documents for Ken Phinney, Jason Everest, and Dennis Schrier

E. On File in Clerk's Office (OF)

OF-1 Capital Area Rail Council, January 6, 1999 Regular Meeting packet

OF-2 Okemos Public Schools Board of Education, January 11, 1999 Meeting Agenda

5. QUESTIONS OF ATTORNEY (None)

6. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor Little opened Public Remarks.

David Ferguson, David Industries, Lake Hills Estates, 7920 Delta Commerce, Lansing, spoke in support of rezoning #98180 (David Industries).

Ruth Varner, 2643 Bennett Road, Okemos, spoke in opposition to rezoning #98170 (North American Equities). She asked the Board to consider the concerns of adjacent property owners. She asked the Board to address the residents' concerns for the density of housing as 225 units seems like a lot of units. She requested proof be provided that the development can not go forward with fewer than 225 units. She stated a golf course in and of itself should generate income for the developer.

Cathy Baird, 3720 Hulett Road, Okemos, stated support for the idea of a golf course, and in opposition to the proposed density related to rezoning #98170 (North American Equities). She stated opposition to an outlet onto Hulett and believes this would create a safety hazard. She asked the Board to consider the interests of the property owners.

Julia Bright, 4038 S. Hagadorn Road, Okemos, spoke in opposition to rezoning #98170 (North American Equities). She stated the Township needs natural open space v. groomed open space. She stated the density of development is a concern for the environment and community aesthetics.

Eleanor Luecke, President, L.I.N.C., spoke on rezoning #98170 (North American Equities). She stated it is difficult to impossible for residents to attend committee meetings at 8:30 a.m. She stated the Planning & Development Committee considered this rezoning without background materials to include letters from constituents, advisory petition opposing portions of the project, and the minutes of the hearing. She stated a golf course would be an asset to the community. She stated the proposed density of homes is too great and a reduced density would increase the desirability of the lots while benefiting the community.

Cecelia Kramer, 4560 Oakwood, Okemos, spoke on behalf of Meridian Watch concerning rezoning #98170 (North American Equities). She urged the Board to hold a hearing on this issue, as there has been a great amount of public interest demonstrated at the Planning and Development Committee meeting and this Board meeting. She stated residents need to be more familiar with the proposal and have their concerns addressed.

Thomas Miller, North American Equities, spoke in support of rezoning #98170 (North American Equities). He stated by the current zoning on the property that North American Equities could build high-density high-tech buildings or approximately 300 homes. He stated there appears to be confusion with size of the lot and the density. He stated the smaller lots are the most desired by active seniors and retirees who do not want large lots. He stated environmental scientists suggest the smaller the lots, the more environmentally sound a planning development. He stated the rezoning reduces the permitted density of the property, and will result in a less dense development than surrounding developments. He stated he would continue to work with residents to address screening and traffic concerns.

Supervisor Little closed Public Remarks.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

CLERK HELMBRECHT MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA TO INCLUDE ITEMS: #3. (Correction, Approval & Ratification of Minutes) with corrections, #4. (Communications), #10.B. (Post Script Schedule), #10.C. (Meeting Date for Goals Setting Session), #12.A. (Confirmation of Planning Commission's Appointment to Z.B.A.), 16.A. (Bills), 16.C. (Harris Center Trail Contract Award), 17.A.(1)a. (Liquor License Transfer, Libby's Lite-R-Side Cafe, Inc.), 17.A.(2)b. (Utility Bill Credit Card Payment Option). SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger
NAYS: None
Motion carried 7-0.

Therefore, the above actions were taken with the votes as follow:

A. MINUTES (Agenda Item #3):

CLERK HELMBRECHT MOVED TO APPROVE AND RATIFY THE MINUTES OF: DECEMBER 15, 1998, WORK SESSION; DECEMBER 15, 1998, REGULAR MEETING; JANUARY 5, 1999, WORK SESSION; AND JANUARY 5, 1999, REGULAR MEETING AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

Page 17...Item 12.B. Environmental Commission: MOTION to appoint James Harding: correct Eckhart Dersch to Dennis Swanson.

Page 21...Item 17.A.(1); para 1; line 2: delete January 26th.

SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger
NAYS: None
Motion carried 7-0.

B. COMMUNICATIONS (Agenda Item #4):

CLERK HELMBRECHT 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 OR FURTHER DISPOSITION. SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger
NAYS: None
Motion carried 7-0.

C. POSTSCRIPT SCHEDULE (Agenda Item #10.B.):

CLERK HELMBRECHT MOVED TO ACCEPT THE HOM-TV POSTSCRIPT SCHEDULE WITH GUESTS TO BE LIMITED TO BOARD MEMBERS OR TOWNSHIP STAFF. SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger
NAYS: None
Motion carried 7-0.

D. MEETING DATE FOR GOALS SETTING SESSION – FEB 6, 8AM-12PM (Agenda Item 10.C.):

CLERK HELMBRECHT MOVED TO SET A MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 6, 1999 AT 8:00 A.M. FOR A GOALS SETTING SESSION AT THE TOWNSHIP SERVICE CENTER. SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger
NAYS: None
Motion carried 7-0.

E. CONFIRMATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPOINTMENT TO ZBA (Agenda Item #12.A.):

CLERK HELMBRECHT MOVED TO ACCEPT THE NOMINATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF LARRY SAWDY TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TO A ONE (1) YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 1999. SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger
NAYS: None
Motion carried 7-0.

F. MANAGER'S BILLS:

CLERK HELMBRECHT MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVE THE MANAGER'S BILLS AS FOLLOWS:

General Fund/Special Revenue	\$ 313,938.84
Public Works	\$ 737,932.20

\$40,201.40 for DESIGN&CONSTRUCT-WATER STORAGE Should be made payable to Earth Tech/RUST, rather than the stated payee.

Total	<u>\$1,051,871.04</u>
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SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger

NAYS: None
Motion carried 7-0.

[Bill list for 1/11/99 in Official Minute Book]

G. HARRIS CENTER TRAIL CONTRACT AWARD (Agenda Item #16.C.):

CLERK HELMBRECHT MOVED THAT THE SUPERVISOR AND CLERK BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH CAROL'S L.L.C., AS LOW BIDDER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,175, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN ACCESSIBLE PATHWAY AT THE HARRIS CENTER WITH FUNDS TO BE ALLOCATED FOR THE WORK FROM THE 1999 PARK MILLAGE. SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger

NAYS: None
Motion carried 7-0.

H. LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER (Agenda Item # 17.A.(1).a.):

CLERK HELMBRECHT MOVED THAT THE TRANSFER REQUEST FROM LIBBY'S LITE-R-SIDE CAFE, INC. OF THE CLASS C LICENSED BUSINESS BE APPROVED AT 1754 CENTRAL PARK, OKEMOS, MI 48864, MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP, INGHAM COUNTY AND THE TOWNSHIP CLERK BE AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION. SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger

NAYS: None
Motion carried 7-0.

I. UTILITY BILL CREDIT CARD PAYMENT OPTION (Agenda Item 17.A.(2).b.):

CLERK HELMBRECHT MOVED THAT THE CREDIT CARD OPTION FOR UTILITY BILLS BE OFFERED (THROUGH THE CURRENT SERVICE PROVIDER) TO RESIDENTS, PENDING VERIFICATION THAT THE RATES CHARGED BY THE CURRENT VENDOR ARE COMPETITIVE. SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger

NAYS: None
Motion carried 7-0.

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Treasurer Klunzinger stated he received a copy of a positive letter from Mayor Hollister to the President of the Lansing City Council recommending approval of a resolution designating Meridian Township as a participating municipality. He stated the Mayor writes he makes the recommendation after consulting with several entities providing assurances of continued funding of the C.A.D.L. system. He stated the Mayor also writes: "... provide quality operations for the entire district as specified in our original resolutions creating C.A.D.L., including a third branch in Lansing." He stated he believes the Mayor views a commitment on the part of C.A.D.L. to construct and staff another branch library in the City of Lansing. He stated as the Township is considering the best way to raise money to build a library in the community, the Mayor of Lansing seems to be insisting the C.A.D.L. construct a new library for the city. He stated this brings up a large question of equity. He stated he hopes the relevant parties can address this question in the future.

Trustee Squiers recounted the events related to Rezoning #95090 (Smith). He stated the judge ruling on the case concurred with the Board in its judgement of the proper zoning for the property. He stated there was a comment in the paper "I can't believe the judge would overturn the will of the people in a vote." He asked what would happen if the residents voted to exclude bald people from residing in the Township. He stated the law supersedes any vote of the people. He commended the Board for sticking with the policy on rezonings.

9. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Little stated he went out to the North Meridian Road Park sledding hill, and in the short time he was there twenty-four (24) people showed up to use the hill. He commended the Board for investing the \$8,000 in the sledding hill, which turns out more people in one (1) weekend than the \$1.5 million Harris Center in one (1) year.

Supervisor Little reported the appointment of Kelly Miller to the E.O.C.C. is a violation of State and Township rules, and should be rescinded.

TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED TO RESCIND THE MOTION OF APPOINTMENT OF KELLY MILLER TO THE ELECTED OFFICIALS COMPENSATION COMMISSION. SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

Treasurer Klunzinger offered the Board's thanks for her interest in applying, and apologies for letting it proceed to this point. Treasurer Klunzinger encouraged Ms. Miller to look to serve the Township in some other capacity.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-1 (Squiers).

10. CLERK'S REPORT

- B. Post Script Schedule
- C. Meeting Date for Goals Setting Session - February 6, 1999
- D. Waiver of Rental Fees for use of Town Hall room - Audubon Society January 23, 1999.

CLERK HELMBRECHT MOVED TO WAIVE THE ROOM RENTAL FEES FOR THE AUDUBON SOCIETY FOR USE OF THE TOWN HALL ROOM TO CONDUCT ITS ANNUAL MEETING ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 1999. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MCGILLICUDDY.

Clerk Helmbrecht stated this would be the 4th consecutive year to waive these fees. She stated the \$50 deposit is still required.

Trustee Squiers stated he would not support waiving the fees, as the Attorney believes the Board could be setting precedence. He stated the Township should get its house in order by establishing a

policy for handling such request.

Supervisor Little asked if there is an existing policy to review.

Manager Richards stated he is not aware of a specific policy on waiving such fees.

Trustee McCullough stated the Physical Operations Committee was looking at the fee schedule rather than the procedures for room rentals.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Such, Clerk Helmbrecht,
Treasurer Klunzinger
NAYS: Trustee Squiers, Supervisor Little
Motion carried 5-2

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Klunzinger reported on the final concept drawings for the community center.

12. TOWNSHIP BOARD

- A. Confirmation of Planning Commission's Appointment to ZBA (See Consent Agenda)
- B. Appointments (None)

13. SPECIAL HEARINGS/APPEALS

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

A. New Business

(1) Rezoning #98170 (North American Equities)

Director Kieselbach introduced the request to rezone five (5) areas totaling approximately 178 acres east of Hagadorn Road, west of Hulett Road and north and south of Bennett Road, Okemos from RR (Rural Residential) and RP (Research and Office Park) to RB (Single Family-High Density), RA (Single Family-Medium Density), RAA (Single Family-Low Density) and RR (Rural Residential)

TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH MOVED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, North American Equities, Inc. initiated a rezoning of five areas totalling 178 acres located east of Hagadorn Road, west of Hulett Road and north and south of Bennett Road, Okemos, from RR (Rural Residential) and RP (Research and Office Park) to RB (Single Family-High Density), RA (Single Family-Medium Density), RAA (Single Family-Low Density) and RR (Rural Residential); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on November 9, 1998, and recommended approval of rezoning the five areas on December 7, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has reviewed the staff and Planning Commission material forwarded under cover memorandum dated January 12, 1999; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rezoning will be compatible with existing residential development along Hagadorn Road and the general vicinity; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rezoning will be less intrusive and have less possible impacts on surrounding properties than the current Research and Office Park zoning classification; and

WHEREAS, public water and sanitary sewer are available to be extended to the site and the site is located within the Urban Service Boundary; and

WHEREAS, since the completion of the 1993 Comprehensive Development Plan, significant changes have taken place in the area, including the construction of the Okemos High School and Bennett Woods Elementary School, the improvement of Hulett Road to a paved roadway, and the installation of traffic signals at Bennett and Hagadorn Roads and Hulett and Jolly Roads, which would justify the rezoning of the subject sites.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, the Township Board hereby **INTRODUCES FOR PUBLICATION AND SUBSEQUENT ADOPTION** Ordinance No. _____, entitled "Ordinance Amending the Zoning District Map of Meridian Township Pursuant to Rezoning #98170 from RR (Rural Residential) and RP (Research and Office Park) to RB (Single Family-High Density), RA (Single Family- Medium Density), RAA (Single Family-Low Density) and RR (Rural Residential).

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

ORDINANCE NO.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP
OF MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP
PURSUANT TO REZONING #98170**

The Charter Township of Meridian ordains:

Section 1. Amending the Zoning District Map #98170.

A. Area 1. The Zoning District Map of Meridian Township, as adopted in Section 82-1.3 of the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, as previously amended, is hereby amended by changing the RP (Research and Office Park) District symbol and indication as shown on the Zoning District Map, for the property legally described as:

Commencing N 00°30'47" W 330.00 ft. from the southwest corner of Section 29, thence N 00°30'47" W 381.00 ft., thence N 89°29'13" E 233.00 ft., thence N 00°30'47" W 265.00 ft., thence S 89°29'13" W 233.00 ft., thence N 00°30'47" W 23.40 ft., thence N 89°29'13" E 206.25 ft., thence N 00°30'47" W 200 ft., thence N 89°29'13" E 10.00 ft., thence N 00°30'47" W 490.00 ft., thence S 89°29'13" W 216.25 ft., thence N 00°30'47" W 550.00 ft., thence East 680.00 ft., thence S 00°30'47" E 1905.40 ft., thence S 89°39'48" W 679.98 ft. to point of beginning. Containing 24.98 acres

to that of RAA (Single Family-Low Density) District, and a corresponding use district is established in the above-described property.

B. Area 2. The Zoning District Map of Meridian Township, as adopted in Section 82-1.3 of the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, as previously amended, is hereby amended by changing the RP (Research and Office Park) District symbol and indication as shown on the Zoning District Map, for the property legally described as:

Commencing N 00°30'47" W 330 ft. and N 89°39'48" E 679.98 ft. from the southwest

corner of Section 29, thence N 00°30'47" W 1905.40 ft., thence West 680.00 ft., thence N 00°30'47" W 401.76 ft., thence N 89°41'21" E 1320.88 ft., thence S 00°34'44" E 2310.57 ft., thence S 89°39'48" W 643.56 ft. to the point of beginning. Containing 40.37 acres

to that of RR (Rural Residential) District, and a corresponding use district is established in the above-described property.

C. Area 3. The Zoning District Map of Meridian Township, as adopted in Section 82-1.3 of the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, as previously amended, is hereby amended by changing the RR (Rural Residential) District symbol and indication as shown on the Zoning District Map, for the property legally described as:

Commencing N 89°39'48" E 726.00 ft. from the northwest corner of Section 32, thence N 89°39'48" E 1350.00 ft., thence South 590.00 ft., thence S 35°56'37" W 719.12 ft., thence West 580.00 ft., thence N 34°57'04" W 804.17 ft., thence North 340.00 ft., thence N 34°20'37" E 200.00 ft. to point of beginning. Containing 32.70 acres

to that of RA (Single Family-Medium Density) District, and a corresponding use district is established in the above-described property.

D. Area 4. The Zoning District Map of Meridian Township, as adopted in Section 82-1.3 of the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, as previously amended, is hereby amended by changing the RR (Rural Residential) District symbol and indication as shown on the Zoning District Map, for the property legally described as:

Commencing at the north 1/4 corner of Section 32, thence N 89°29'35" E 557.58 ft., thence S 00°30'25" E 233.80 ft., thence N 89°29'35" E 200.00 ft., thence N 00°30'25" W 233.80 ft., thence N 89°29'35" E 286.51 ft., thence S 01°24'00" E 175.92 ft., thence S 86°02'41" E 198.68 ft., thence S 20°59'51" W 217.27 ft., thence S 17°36'19" W 351.34 ft., thence S 17°44'17" W 619.99 ft., thence S 17°59'24" W 204.10 ft., thence N 72°00'36" W 255.00 ft., thence S 17°59'24" W 372.79 ft., thence S 13°42'05" W 45.00 ft., thence N 34°26'19" W 1323.42 ft., thence N 00°00'13" E 154.96 ft., thence N 24°00'00" E 630.00 ft., thence N 89°39'48" E 50.00 ft., to point of beginning. Containing 39.57 acres

to that of RA (Single Family-Medium Density) District, and a corresponding use district is established in the above-described property.

E. Area 5. The Zoning District Map of Meridian Township, as adopted in Section 82-1.3 of the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, as previously amended, is hereby amended by changing the RR (Rural Residential) District symbol and indication as shown on the Zoning District Map, for the property legally described as:

Commencing at a point N 89°39'48" E 726.00 ft. and S 34°20'37" W 200 ft. and South 340 ft. and S 34°57'04" E 804.17 ft. from the northwest corner of Section 32, thence East 1571.20 ft., thence S 34°26'19" E 784.11 ft., thence S 13°42'05" W 101.52 ft., thence West 1528.52 ft., thence South 565.00 ft., thence S 89°09'59" W 620.00 ft., thence North 684.40 ft., thence N 28°59'20" E 325.74 ft., thence North 350.00 ft. to point of beginning. Containing 40.17 acres.

to that of RB (Single Family-High Density) District, and a corresponding use district is established in the above-described property.

Section 2. Validity and Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and the invalidity of any phrase, clause or part of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of the Ordinance.

Section 3. Repealer Clause. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 4. Savings Clause. This Ordinance does not affect rights and duties matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun, before its effective date.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective seven (7) days after its publication or upon such later date as may be required under 1996 Public Act 297 after filing or a notice of intent to file a petition for a referendum.

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SQUIERS.

Trustee McCullough stated this is a land use issue and does not address the layout of the property. He stated this is a less intense use than what is currently permitted under the zoning. He asked Director Kieselbach to outline uses permitted by right in the RP (Research Park) zoning district.

Director Kieselbach outlined the uses permitted by right in the RP (Research Park) zoning district.

Trustee McCullough stated he would prefer this type of rezoning and use versus development according to the existing RP (Research Park) zoning.

Trustee McGillicuddy stated the RP (Research Park) zoning is a small portion of this rezoning. ~~She stated support for a public hearing on this rezoning at the next Board Meeting.~~

TRUSTEE MCGILLICUDDY MOVED THAT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS REZONING AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

Supervisor Little stated the motion could not be considered while the current motion was on the floor.

Treasurer Klunzinger stated much of the RP (Research Park) zoning is where the golf course is planned. He asked if there is any place in the Township with a roughly similar layout to the proposed site plan.

Director Kieselbach stated the site plan shows a single-family subdivision comparable in size and density to adjacent subdivisions. He stated the numbers staff derives from the comprehensive development plan are often higher than what a developer would propose as the only basis for the number of parcels is the minimum lot size for the zoning.

Clerk Helmbrecht asked for confirmation the development would maintain seventy-percent (70%) open space.

Mr. Miller stated the development would be in excess of seventy-five-percent (75%) open space.

Treasurer Klunzinger stated there is an adjoining parcel zoned I (Industrial) and asked if any thought had been given to rezoning this parcel.

Director Kieselbach stated the Planning Commission has not initiated any action, but has discussed such a rezoning.

Trustee McGillicuddy asked if this development could be done through the P.R.D. process versus rezoning.

Director Kieselbach stated the P.R.D. would allow for the subdivision development based on the RAA (Single Family-Low Density) lot size at the RR (Rural Residential) density.

Trustee McGillicuddy stated this is important to consider as in the event this development falls through, the original zoning would be maintained.

Trustee Squiers apologized to Director Kieselbach for this line of questioning. He stated he welcomes this request as a downzoning. He stated he does not believe the developer would push for a rezoning and not build the golf course. He stated the golf course would increase the value of the homes built.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-1 (McGillicuddy).

(2) Rezoning #98180 (David Industries)

Director Kieselbach introduced the request to rezone approximately twenty-five (25) acres at the northwest corner of Marsh and Towner Roads, Haslett from RR (Rural Residential) to RAA (Single Family-Medium Density)

TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH MOVED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, David Industries Incorporated, a/k/a Lake Hills Estates, L.L.C., initiated a rezoning of approximately 25 acres located at the northwest corner of Marsh Road and Towner Road from RR (Rural Residential) to RAA (Single Family-Low Density); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on November 23, 1998, and recommended approval of rezoning the subject site to RAAA (Single Family-Low Density) on December 7, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has reviewed the staff and Planning Commission material forwarded under cover memorandum dated January 12, 1999; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rezoning will allow for development compatible with the existing RA (Single Family-Medium Density) and RB (Single Family-High Density) properties and surrounding uses; and

WHEREAS, the development of the Crestwood Subdivision, VFW Hall, planned development of the Northport Condominiums, the planned 1999 widening of Marsh Road, and on-going developments in southern Bath Township have changed conditions in the area to the extent where RR (Rural Residential) zoning is no longer logical at the subject site; and

WHEREAS, the 1993 Comprehensive Development Plan indicates low density residential uses are appropriate for areas west of Lake Lansing in Section 3 and 4 of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rezoning is consistent with the updated 1993 Comprehensive Development Plan Future Land Use Map which calls for residential development at 1.25 to 2.25 dwelling units per acre for the subject site; and

WHEREAS, public water and sanitary sewer are available to serve the site and the site is located within the Urban Service Boundary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, the Township Board hereby **INTRODUCES FOR PUBLICATION AND SUBSEQUENT ADOPTION** Ordinance No. _____, entitled "Ordinance Amending the Zoning District Map of Meridian Township Pursuant to Rezoning Petition #98180 from RR (Rural Residential) to RAAA (Single Family-Low Density)."

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

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP
OF MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP
PURSUANT TO REZONING #98180**

The Charter Township of Meridian ordains:

Section 1. Amending the Zoning District Map #98180. The Zoning District Map of Meridian Township, as adopted in Section 82-1.3 of the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, as previously amended, is hereby amended by changing the RR (Rural Residential) District symbol and indication as shown on the Zoning District Map, for the property legally described as:

The East 25 acres of the North 1/2 of the Northwest fractional 1/4 of Section 3, T4N, R1W, Meridian Township, Ingham County, Michigan.

to that of the RAAA (Single Family-Low Density) District, and a corresponding use district is established in the above-described property.

Section 2. Validity and Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and the invalidity of any phrase, clause or part of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of the Ordinance.

Section 3. Repealer Clause. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 4. Savings Clause. This Ordinance does not affect rights and duties matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun, before its effective date.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective seven (7) days after its publication or upon such later date as may be required under 1996 Public Act 297 after filing or a notice of intent to file a petition for a referendum.

SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

Trustee McCullough stated this zoning is a good compromise.

Treasurer Klunzinger stated there is an adjoining parcel to the west zoned (I) Industrial and asked if it has been developed.

Director Kieselbach stated the parcel is mostly wetland and undeveloped.

Treasurer Klunzinger stated it would be prudent to look at rezoning the adjacent I (Industrial) zoned parcel.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

(3) Final Plat #98012 (Whitehills Development Corp.)

Director Kieselbach introduced Whitehills Woods #5, a single-family subdivision of twelve (12) lots located west of Newton Road and south of Pine Hollow Drive

TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH MOVED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Whitehills Development Corporation requested final plat approval for a single family subdivision of 12 lots located west of Newton Road and south of Pine Hollow Drive, commonly known as Whitehills Woods No. 5; and

WHEREAS, the planning staff has reviewed the final plat and found it consistent with the preliminary plat approved by the Township Board on September 15, 1998; and

WHEREAS, a financial guarantee has been deposited with the Township Treasurer to cover the cost of incomplete public improvements (street trees, water, sanitary sewer, lot irons, and monuments); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission approved the final plat at its regular meeting held on January 11, 1999; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has carefully reviewed the materials forwarded under cover memorandum dated January 12, 1999.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN that the Township Board approves the Final Plat of Whitehills Woods No. 5.

SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

Trustee McCullough stated he would not support the resolution, as he believes there should be sidewalk on both sides of the street.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-1 (McCullough).

16. MANAGER'S REPORT, INVOICES & BILLS

- A. Bills (See Consent Agenda)
- B. Procedure on Referring Material to the Environmental Commission

TRUSTEE MCGILLICUDDY MOVED TO ADOPT THE PROCEDURE ON REFERRING MATERIAL TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AS OUTLINED IN A MEMORANDUM TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD DATED JANUARY 14, 1999, ELIMINATING BULLETS 3 AND 4. SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

Trustee McGillicuddy stated in the 1993 survey 92% of residents said developers should be

required to protect natural features in their developments. She stated the Environmental Commission has helped the Township Board and Planning Commission to do this as an advisory body.

SUPERVISOR LITTLE CALLED THE QUESTION.

VOICE VOTE: Motion failed 3-4 (McGillicuddy, Helmbrecht, and Klunzinger)

- C. Harris Center Trail Contract Award (See Consent Agenda)
- D. Proposed Contract for Level IV Assessor Services

TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR ASSESSING SERVICES WITH LARRY L. JACOBS AS OUTLINED IN A MEMORANDUM TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD DATED JANUARY 15, 1999 AND THAT THE APPROPRIATE TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE DOCUMENT. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

Trustee McCullough asked Manager Richards to summarize Mr. Jacobs' qualifications.

Manager Richards outlined Mr. Jacobs' qualifications.

Treasurer Klunzinger stated he would not support the motion for reasons unrelated to Mr. Jacobs' qualifications. He stated an objection to the cost of the contract. He stated he is concerned that although there is a candidate interested in the position of Assessor, there is a history of candidates withdrawing from positions offered them. He stated such a withdrawal would leave the Supervisor in the same situation as Township Assessor with little compensation.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht
NAYS: Treasurer Klunzinger
Motion carried 6-1.

- E. State Tax Commission Requirements for Board of Review Members
Manager Richards introduced the requirements for Meridian Township Board of Review Members.

TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED THAT ALL BOARD OF REVIEW MEMBERS BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING TASKS PRIOR TO PERFORMING THEIR DUTIES AS A MEMBER OF THE MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW IN 1999.

1. ATTEND A 1999 BOARD OF REVIEW TRAINING SESSION.
2. SUBMIT A STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE DETERMINATION OF ASSESSED VALUES

SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

Supervisor Little stated he believes the Township has a very good Board of Review, who have done an excellent job. He stated he believes the State Tax Commission has picked Meridian Township as an easy target as they have in the past.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Klunzinger asked if the above motion has any financial implications such as the payment of registration fees.

Supervisor Little stated if the Members attend the Ingham County Assessors' Association, there will be no cost involved.

17. BOARD MEMBER, BOARD COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Standing Committee Reports

(1) Physical Operations & Activities

- a. Liquor License Transfer, Libby's Lite-R-Side Cafe, Inc. (See Consent Agenda)

* Trustee McGillicuddy reported Mr. Dahlgren will be here January 25th and 26th ~~with~~ doing part of the library assessment study, and a public meeting January 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the Nelson Room for interested citizens.

(2) Financial Planning and Budgeting

- a. Proctor Drain Bond Repayment Plan

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THAT THE NECESSARY FUNDING OF APPROXIMATELY \$92,000 PER YEAR BE PROVIDED IN EQUAL PORTIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND THE T.I.R.F. FUND ANNUALLY THROUGH THE YEAR 2003. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

Treasurer Klunzinger stated he asked Superintendent Wertz if the Okemos School District had any interest in assisting the Township financially to cover the cost of their original share of this assessment. He stated Superintendent Wertz stated the Okemos School District at that time constructed its own sewer on its own property at its full expense, which it considered a "trade-off", and as such declined the offer.

Supervisor little asked if the option of reassessing the special assessment has been analyzed.

Manager Richards stated it is possible to reassess the cost. He stated reassessment would require going back through the original process of assessing the costs. He stated some considerations are the number of years and changes of property ownership since the original assessment. He stated the committee determined the most equitable way to cover the debt was to pay it out of the General Fund and T.I.R.F. Fund.

Treasurer Klunzinger stated Treasurer Minter recommended in 1990 to expend approximately \$26,000 per year to meet the shortfall. He stated he does not know why this recommendation was never put into the budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger

NAYS: Supervisor Little

Motion carried 6-1.

* Treasurer Klunzinger reported the committee discussed the Meridian 2000 Report, and at its next meeting will look at recommended projects and determine feasibility of uncompleted projects.

- b. Utility Bill Credit Card Payment Option (See Consent Agenda)

(3) Personnel (No Report)

(4) Planning and Development (No Report)

(5) Infrastructure

Trustee Such reported the committee discussed the Sidewalk Policy. He stated the Engineering

Department would provide a compilation of current sidewalk statutes regarding the maintenance and special assessment processes. He reported the committee met with the owner of Paul Reveres Bar and could not resolve the sidewalk issue. He stated this case was referred to staff for resolution.

Supervisor Little asked Manager Richards to discuss the status of the sidewalk along Paul Reveres Bar.

Manager Richards stated the Township would approve the plan as proposed without requiring the moving of the pedestrian/bicycle pathway.

Supervisor Little asked if there has been further discussion of the water tank issue.

Trustee Such stated there has not been discussion on this issue.

(6) Public Safety

a. Police Services Mutual Aid Agreements

CLERK HELMBRECHT MOVED ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSED MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN AND THE CITY OF EAST LANSING AND THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; AND TO AUTHORIZE TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS TO SIGN THE WRITTEN AGREEMENTS. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

Clerk Helmbrecht asked Chief Gibbons to discuss this agreement.

Chief Gibbons made himself available for questions.

Supervisor Little referring to Section 2, page one, asked if the Chief of Police/Sheriff of the Employing Agency should have the discretion to remove "any or all" personnel or equipment rather than "all personnel or equipment."

Chief Gibbons stated if a disagreement arises should he determine a partial withdrawal is necessary, he would be permitted to withdraw all personnel or equipment; as would the other participants in this agreement.

Supervisor Little stated this agreement seems one-sided. He stated the Township's Police Department has grown to forty-two personnel, with the biggest reason for this staffing level being to protect East Lansing and M.S.U. He asked what Meridian Township residents get from this agreement.

Chief Gibbons stated the Township is at median staffing levels for comparably sized communities. He stated the department is staffed based on population. He stated a need to look at day-to-day operations with neighboring jurisdictions to judge the benefit of benefits of this agreement. He stated the Township benefits from this agreement in the following ways: the use of M.S.U.'s range facility on an regular basis; the continuation of the cooperative dispatch if run individually would be cost prohibitive; a software system enabling sharing of records and a database of records without cost to the Township; the cooperative operations in the area of P.A.C.T. (Proactive Anti-Crime Team); the cooperative tactical operations; a cooperative training retreat to develop managers and staff; the use of the East Lansing City Jail to handle the overflow from the Ingham County Jail. He stated if one considers only the out of jurisdiction deployments, the Township probably goes outside of the community more often than it receives reciprocal benefit. He

stated, however on a day-to-day basis the benefits balance out. He stated the agreement establishes protections and clarifications ahead of time as to costs and operations ahead of time versus waiting until after an event occurs. He stated there are benefits, but he can not predict which jurisdiction will ultimately benefit the most from the agreement. He stated should a large-scale event occur in the Township that it would be difficult to provide an adequate response with current staff, which is typical of any jurisdiction of this size.

Supervisor Little stated many of the stated benefits are things already being done without this agreement.

Chief Gibbons stated the agreement establishes the following guidelines: how to respond, on-site chain-of-command, withdrawal of personnel or equipment, release from liability should the Township be unable to respond to a request for support, and protection from requests for reimbursements for expenses incurred by the other agency.

Supervisor Little asked in the time the Chief has worked for the Township, has there been an occasion for the Township to use the M.S.U. or East Lansing Police Department(s).

Chief Gibbons stated the Township has not needed these other police departments on a large-scale response. He stated the Township has used the support of these other departments on a smaller scale, such as the Club Meridian Homicide response in which East Lansing and M.S.U. assisted in controlling the crime scene.

Manager Richards stated this mutual aid agreement was part of the Public Safety recommendations.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-1 (Little).

Supervisor Little stated his vote is not reflective of his confidence in the Police Chief, his officers, or the Department.

- * Clerk Helmbrecht reported the next committee meeting is scheduled for February 8th at 5:30 p.m.
- * Clerk Helmbrecht reported Thursday, January 21st, the Meridian Township Police Citizens Academy starts. She stated it is open to the public and lasts nine (9) weeks every Thursday night for three (3) hours.

(7) Recreation

Trustee McCullough reported the next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 25th at 12:00 noon to discuss the Five- (5) Year Community Park and Recreation Plan.

B. Special Committees
Community Center Committee (See Item #11)

C. Liaison Representative Reports

18. OTHER REPORTS (None)
19. NEW BUSINESS (None)
20. PUBLIC REMARKS (None)
21. FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

22. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Little adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

BRUCE A. LITTLE
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Paul J. Cassidy, Secretary