

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING **-APPROVED-**
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198
517-349-1232, Virtual Meeting via Zoom
TUESDAY, May 5, 2020 **6:00 pm.**

PRESENT: Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Wisinski

ABSENT:

STAFF: Township Manager Walsh, Director of Public Works Perry, Fire Chief Hamel, Police Chief Plaga, Community Planning Director Kieselbach, Information Technology Director Gebes, Principal Planner Menser, Human Resources Director Marx, Parks and Recreation Director Maisner

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Styka called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor Styka led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Clerk Dreyfus called the roll of the Board.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Coronavirus Task Force Update

B. Celebrate Meridian: options for Fall 2020 event, activities, focus on Meridian restaurants

5. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Styka opened public remarks at 6:16 pm.

Supervisor Styka closed public remarks at 6:18 pm.

6. TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT

Manager Walsh reported: Farmers Market update, revenue loss through the end of the year, staffing, hotline calls. Police Chief Plaga announced new canine police officer – Aries.

A. Communications

Treasurer Deschaine 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 Opsommer.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Deschaine,
Trustees Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Wisinski

NAYS:

Motion carried 7 - 0

B. Approval of Minutes – April 14 Regular Meeting

Treasurer Deschaine moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the Virtual Board Meeting of April 14, 2020 as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Opsommer.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Deschaine,
Trustees Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Wisinski

NAYS:

Motion carried 7 - 0

C. Bills

Treasurer Deschaine moved to approve that the Township Board approve the Manager’s Bills as follows, seconded by Trustee Opsommer:

Common Cash		\$	337,434.88
Public Works		\$	493,141.76
Trust & Agency		\$	4,822.51
	Total Checks	\$	835,399.15
Credit Card Transactions		\$	4,917.08
April 7 - April 29, 2020			
	Total Purchases	<u>\$</u>	<u>840,316.23</u>
ACH Payments		<u>\$</u>	<u>961,729.24</u>

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Deschaine,
Trustees Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Wisinski

NAYS:

Motion carried 7 - 0

10. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY – NONE

11. HEARINGS

A. Newton Road Sanitary Sewer Public Improvement SAD #54 Resolution #4

Supervisor Styka called the public hearing to order at 6:39 pm.

Public Works Director discussed details of sanitary sewer improvement, approval of Special Assessment District #54, public hearing to comments in favor of or objections to the proposed SAD. Total final assessment is \$87,895.12

No public comments.

Supervisor Styka closed the public hearing at 6:43 pm.

12. ACTION ITEMS

A. Rezoning #20020 (Township Board) Multiple Family Zoning Districts – **Final Adoption**

Trustee Opsommer moved to adopt the resolution approving Zoning Amendment #20020 to allow a mix of single family detached and multiple family dwellings in the RDD, RD, RC and RCC Multiple Family zoning districts. Seconded by Trustee Wisinski.

Community Planning Director provided summary overview.

Board discussion: Provides better diversity of housing options.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Wisinski

NAYS:

Motion carried 7 – 0

B. Medical Marijuana Ordinance Amendment – **Introduction**

Trustee Opsommer moved to adopt the resolution approving the amendment to Chapter 40 of the Code of Ordinances, Commercial Medical Marihuana Facilities. Seconded by Trustee Jackson.

Board discussion: timeframes for applicants to overcome deficiencies in Special Use Permit application, multiple applications and lottery results/timeframes, other marihuana facilities.

Trustee Opsommer moved to amend Sub item 4 on page 7 (of draft ordinance) to provide that the lottery results shall not expire till 14 months after the first Special Use Permit is approved within an overlay district. Seconded by Trustee Sundland.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Wisinski

NAYS:

Motion carried 7 – 0

C. Special Use Permit #19141 (The Cured Leaf TC, Inc.)

Trustee Jackson moved to adopt the resolution approving Special Use Permit #19141 to establish a commercial medical marihuana provisioning center at 3520 Okemos Rd. Seconded by Clerk Dreyfus.

Board discussion: Planning Commission recommended approval, extensively discussed.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Wisinski

NAYS:

Motion carried 7 - 0

D. Hazard Pay

Trustee Sundland moved to adopt a one-time \$1,000 hazard payment, in June, to Meridian Township front line emergency responders. Seconded by Trustee Wisinski.

Board discussion: Manager reported \$100K set-aside for contract negotiations that can be used for this, discussed extensively at last meeting, importance and risk of front line responders.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Wisinski

NAYS:

Motion carried 7 - 0

E. Newton Road Sanitary Sewer Public Improvement SAD #54 Resolution #4

Clerk Dreyfus moved to approved the Newton Road Public Sanitary Sewer Improvement Special Assessment District #54, Resolution #5, which approves the special assessment roll; designates the project as “Newton Road Public Sanitary Sewer Improvement Special Assessment District No. 54”, the assessment roll as the assessment roll as the “Newton Road Public Sanitary Sewer Improvement Special Assessment District No.54 Assessment Roll”; and the district as the “Newton Road Public Sanitary Sewer Improvement Special Assessment District No. 54”; adopts the amount of \$87,895.12 as the final amount for the assessment roll; and orders and directs the assessment roll to be paid and collected.

Board discussion: Discussed during Public Hearing.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Wisinski

NAYS:

Motion carried 7 - 0

F. Ratification of Police Patrol Unit Labor Agreement 2020 – 2024

Treasurer Deschaine moved to authorize Supervisor Ron Styka and Clerk Brett Dreyfus to sign the five year agreement with the Meridian Township Police Patrol Unit and hereby express our utmost appreciation to our negotiating team. Seconded by Trustee Wisinski.

Board discussion: Manager discussed 5 year contract, changes in contract include 2% wage increase each year, new officers get 1.75 multiplier, Township contribute 10% of wages, no retiree health care coverage, other changes.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Wisinski

NAYS:

Motion carried 7 – 0

G. Resolution Commemorating Older Americans Month

Trustee Deschaine moved to approve the resolution commemorating older Americans month. Seconded by Trustee Wisinski.

Board discussion: Annual commemoration in May, acknowledge the contributions of older Americans.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Wisinski

NAYS:

Motion carried 7 – 0

13. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Mixed Use Planned Unit Development #19034 (Hudson Senior Living) Pine Village
- B. Special Use Permit #19181 (Hudson Senior Living) Pine Village

Community Planning Director Kieselbach provided an overview of the proposal. Applicant has submitted new site plans. Residential facility for senior citizens, located on west end of Haslett & Marsh Rd in Haslett Shopping Center. 133 unit building, 4 stories, 147,721 square feet, 7,620 square feet of commercial space for 7 tenants, 139 parking spaces.

Board discussion: location of facility, building orientation, aesthetics, tenants, revised proposal, belief that it is a downtown feel, different bedroom mix, wetland left intact, imperviousness, parking, access points to interurban pathway, wall signs, financing questions, greenspace, increased height of first floor to 14 feet, building facades variety desirable, questions towards developer about types of businesses targeted for commercial aspect of MUPUD, elevations, windows, applicant revisions are satisfying to some Board members.

Board consensus to place this item up for action at a future meeting.

14. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Supervisor Styka Opened Public Remarks at 7:58 pm.

Bill McConnell, 4376 Manitou, Okemos; Commenting on Pine Village Senior Living MUPUD, wondering how residents without cars will get from that site to adjoining properties. Intersections can be improved to improve mobility.

Supervisor Styka Closed Public Remarks at 8:01pm.

15. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Treasurer Deschaine provided a report. Road bond proceeds have been invested in CDs at 12 banks. Interest rates have dropped, Township receive less interest revenue. Outdoor kiosk or set up for tax and other payment options.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Opsommer moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Wisinski.

VOICE (by hand) VOTE: Motion carried 7 - 0

Supervisor Styka adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

RONALD J. STYKA,
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

BRETT DREYFUS,
TOWNSHIP CLERK