

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LOCAL OFFICIALS COMPENSATION COMMISSION MINUTES – APPROVED
Meridian Municipal Building - Administrative Conference Room
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198
Monday January 30, 2017 – 4:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Doyle, Patrick Boog, Stacy Hickox, Amy Holda

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Huerta

STAFF PRESENT: Joyce Marx, Human Resources Director

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Joyce Marx called the meeting to order at 4:06pm.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

VOICE VOTE APPROVAL.

4. SELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIR

MEMBER HOLDA NOMINATED JIM DOYLE AS CHAIR. SECONDED BY MEMBER HICKOX.

VOICE VOTE. Motion approved unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (MARCH 2, 2015)

MEMBER HOLDA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 2015. SECONDED BY MEMBER BOOG.

VOICE VOTE. Motion approved unanimously.

6. DISCUSS ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMPENSATION FOR 2017-2018

Ms. Marx distributed a "Salary Data as Received January 2017" handout, which showed jurisdictions within a range of 30,000-50,000 population. She said we are one of the first jurisdictions to inquire about comparisons. The MTA comparison will be available very soon.

Chair Doyle asked if the unions received a salary increase of 2%. Ms. Marx responded that the nonunion employees received a 2% increase. Two unions ratified Tentative Agreements for 3 year contracts effective January 1, 2017, with 2% increases for 2017, 2018 and 2019 respectively.

Chair Doyle distributed a "Meridian Township Elected Officials' Compensation History" handout. Discussion followed on past salaries. Chair Doyle gave rough estimates of each Township Board member's salary for 2017 if they were given a 2% increase.

Member Holda inquired if the 2% increase was budgeted for 2017. Ms. Marx answered in the affirmative.

Member Boog asked if a replacement for the fifth commissioner could be appointed to handle the situation of the current fifth commissioner not attending meetings. Discussion followed on how to handle this matter. Ms. Marx will proceed on this issue by contacting the person involved.

Member Boog asked if attendance was a problem at the Township Board meetings. He mentioned it in reference to setting a per meeting stipend instead of a set salary. Ms. Marx answered that attendance

was not an issue except for one past Trustee and the previous Clerk who were both handling major medical issues.

Chair Doyle requested more data to compare Meridian Township to other jurisdictions. Ms. Marx stated she will obtain more information in a timely manner.

The next meeting was set for February 13, 2017 at 4:00pm in the Administrative Conference Room.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Doyle adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

James Doyle, Chair