

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED** -  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198  
853-4000, Town Hall Room  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2010 **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie, Trustees Dreyfus (6:10 P.M.), LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra (6:09 P.M.)  
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, Assistant Manager/Human Resources Director Paul Brake

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor McGillicuddy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

The secretary called the roll of the Board.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

Will Tyler White, 2142-1/2 Hamilton Road, Okemos, reported his attendance at the Summit Agenda held at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing, spearheaded by the Business Leaders for Michigan and A Center for Michigan organizations. He noted the Speaker of the House Elect, Minority Leader Elect as well as the Governor Elect were also in attendance. Mr. White stated benchmarking data was included in the hand out information which will be compared against future improvements relative to state government function. He indicated key points which came out of the meeting (information contained in the business report from the companies in the business plan was very similar to the citizens report voiced by 10,000 residents over the past two (2) years) called for more effective, efficient government, increased competitiveness as a state, repeal of the Michigan Business Tax, intergovernmental cooperation and a regional economic development effort. Of specific note, Mr. White stated Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) was well represented and expressed his appreciation for efforts by Meridian Township's Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to work with LEAP, Inc. on regional economic development.

[Hand out information on file in the Clerk's Office].

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

5. REPORTS/BOARD COMMENT/NEW WORRIES

Treasurer Brixie reported her attendance at last week's Pension Board meeting where the action taken at that meeting is on tonight's consent agenda, the Heart Act Amendment. She announced her attendance at the EDC and MABA meetings as well. Treasurer Brixie reported that at the EDC meeting, the Meridian Asset Resource Center (MARC) announced it is seeking applications for the 2011 Entrepreneur Awards in both the Emerging Entrepreneur Award and the Meridian Heritage Entrepreneur Award. She added the deadline for applications is Friday, January 7, 2011.

Supervisor McGillicuddy reported her attendance, as the Township's representative, to the last Capital Area Transportation Authority's Regional Steering Committee meeting where a vote was taken to move forward with the Steering Committee's recommendations on the bus rapid transit system. She indicated she will be providing a resolution to the Board in the future urging support for those recommendations. Supervisor McGillicuddy noted a letter of appeal handed out at Board

members' chairs from L. M. Patterson regarding Special Use Permit #10111 (Consumers Energy), requesting the portion of the pedestrian bicycle pathway along the west side of Okemos Road, south of Raby Road, in front of Consumers Energy substation be constructed.

Township Manager Richards reminded residents and the Board that the Ingham County Road Commission (ICRC) is responsible for the condition of Meridian Township's road. He pointed out that funding for the ICRC and its projects comes from a variety of sources, with specific conditions placed on how the funds can be expended. He stated the last Board packet contained a letter from the St. Paul Lutheran Church's Council President requesting two properties owned by the church be annexed to the City of East Lansing, noting the Township does not currently collect taxes on these parcels. He indicated the Board needs to respond to the request.

Trustee Ochberg asked what action the Board would be taking tonight on the proposed Police Services Agreement with Williamstown Township.

Township Manager Richards responded the proposed police services agreement was previously e-mailed to Board members and has been handed out at their chairs tonight. He explained options for Board action based on terms of the agreement.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Trustee Ochberg moved to approve the agenda amended as follows:**

- **Move Agenda Item #11B to Agenda Item #10 A**
- **Move Agenda Item #11A to Agenda Item #10E**
- **Reletter the remaining action and discussion agenda items accordingly**

**Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.**

**Trustee Veenstra moved to separate the question. Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.**

**Without objection, the Supervisor separated the question.**

VOICE VOTE on moving Agenda Item #11B to Agenda Item #10A: Motion carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL VOTE YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Supervisor McGillicuddy  
on moving Agenda NAYS: Trustee Veenstra, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
Item #11A to #10E: Motion carried 4-3.

**Treasurer Brixie moved to amend the agenda as follows:**

- **Add Agenda Item #10F: Medical marihuana moratorium**

**Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.**

Board member discussion:

- Request from the Planning Commission asking the Board to enact a medical marihuana moratorium to enable the Planning Commission to work on a medical marihuana ordinance
- Letter from the Superintendents of Okemos Public Schools and Haslett Public Schools requesting the Board enact a medical marihuana moratorium
- Request from an Okemos School Board member asking the Board to enact a medical marihuana moratorium
- Request from the President of the Okemos High School Parent Group asking the Board to enact a medical marihuana moratorium
- Request from the President of the Briarwood Homeowner's Association asking the Board to enact a medical marihuana moratorium
- Five (5) requests received in the current Board packet asking the Board to enact a medical marihuana moratorium

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
NAYS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra

Motion failed 3-4.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Supervisor McGillicuddy  
ON THE MAIN NAYS: Trustee Veenstra, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
MOTION: Motion carried 4-3.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor McGillicuddy reviewed the consent agenda.

**Treasurer Brixie moved to adopt the Consent Agenda amended as follows:**

- **Move Agenda Item #7E to Agenda Item #10F**

**Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

The adopted Consent Agenda items are as follows:

A. Communications

**Treasurer 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 Ochberg.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

B. Minutes

**Treasurer Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the December 7, 2010 Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

C. Bills

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

Common Cash	\$ 167,954.79
Public Works	\$ 315,455.71
Total Checks	\$ 483,410.50
Credit Card Transactions	\$ 2,642.65
Total Purchases	<u>\$ 486,053.15</u>
ACH Payments	<u>\$ 329,516.14</u>

**Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

[Bill list in Official Minute Book]

- D. Employee Pension Plan, Heart Act Amendment  
**Treasurer Brixie moved approval of the Heart Act Amendment to the Meridian Township Employee Pension Plan as enumerated in the staff report dated December 10, 2010. Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor  
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

- F. 2010 Order to Maintain Sidewalk, Special Assessment District, **Resolution #4**, Set Public Hearing Date (January 18, 2011)  
**Treasurer Brixie moved to approve the 2010 Order to Maintain Sidewalk Special Assessment District #11, Resolution #4, which files the proposed final special assessment roll with the Township Clerk and sets the date for a public hearing on January 18, 2011. Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor  
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

- G. Georgetown Amended Streetlighting District, **Resolution #3 and Resolution #4**  
**Treasurer Brixie moved to approve Georgetown Amended Streetlighting Special Assessment District No. 317, Resolution #3, which approves the construction of the public improvement, the estimate of cost, and defraying the cost by special assessment; determines the special assessment district and directs the making of an assessment roll; and to approve Resolution #4, which files the proposed final special assessment roll with the Township Clerk and sets the date for a public hearing on January 18, 2011. Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor  
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

8. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY (None)

9. HEARINGS (None)

10. ACTION ITEMS/ENDS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened and closed public comment.

- A. Proposed Police Services Agreement with Williamstown Township  
Manager Richards summarized the proposed police service agreement with Williamstown Township. Of note, he indicated this is a two (2) year agreement which will automatically renew unless the parties decide to renegotiate or terminate with a 180 day notice.

Mickey Martin, Williamstown Township Supervisor, 4990 Zimmer Road, Williamston, believed this agreement shows great intergovernmental cooperation and will be a plus for both communities.

Board members and staff discussed the following:

- Ingham County no longer servicing the rural communities with police protection
- Benefit of Williamstown Township residents attending the Citizens Police Academy
- Financial ramifications for the Township outside of the agreement
- Providing 80 hours of patrol service is two officers and is approximately 8-10% of our current police patrol
- Township Manager recommendation to hire at least one additional police officer to supplement the current force

- Compensation rate is at the experienced officer level
- Potential for two current police officers to retire within the next 12 to 15 months
- Ingham County Sheriff's Department will be laying off some of its experienced officers
- Estimate of a \$100,000 net revenue increase
- If the agreement is terminated and an additional officer has been hired, Meridian Township will be responsible for the cost of subsequent unemployment benefits
- Williamstown Township has the potential to raise \$300,800 through the millage approved and levied on Williamstown Township residents' winter tax bill
- Costs will be monitored over the two-year period
- Board authorization for hiring an additional officer will be in January, 2011

**Trustee Ochberg moved to approve the agreement of law enforcement services with Williamstown Township and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign said agreement. Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

B. 2011 Non-Union Wage Schedule

**Treasurer Brixie moved approval of the 2011 non-union wage scale as proposed by the Township Manager in a memorandum to the Board dated December 10, 2010. Seconded by Trustee LeGoff.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

C. Zoning Amendment #10050 (Planning Commission), a request to amend sections of Chapter 86 Zoning, Article VII, Signs and Advertising Structures, of the Code of Ordinances to permit signs designating parking spaces reserved for "take-out" patrons parking at restaurants in commercial zoning districts, **Final Adoption**

**Trustee Ochberg 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. 2010-15, entitled "Ordinance Amending the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, Chapter 86, Article VII, Section 86-687, by amending Section 86-687(4)j., and by adding Section 86-687(4)k. and Section 86-687(14)."**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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 Supervisor McGillicuddy.**

Board members discussed the following:

- Resolution of an issue brought by staff to the Zoning Board of Appeals
- Proposed zoning amendment is too detailed and does not allow sufficient flexibility

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

D. CIP to Planning Commission for Section 61 Review

**Clerk Helmbrecht moved to refer all applicable projects listed in the 2011-2016 Capital Improvements Program for purchase or construction in 2011 to the Planning Commission to**

**to conduct a Section 61 Review for character, location and extent. Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy,  
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
NAYS: Trustee Ochberg  
Motion carried 6-1.

- E. Appointments to Board and Commissions  
Supervisor McGillicuddy summarized recommended appointments.

Board members discussed the following:

- Excellent recommendations by the Supervisor
- Board appoints members to the Board of Review, Cable Communications Commission, Environmental Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals
- Remaining positions are appointed by the Supervisor and ratified by the Township Board
- Packet piece (and list of open/expiring appointments in 2010) stated Board member input was being sought until December 30, 2010
- Concern Board members have not had sufficient time to solicit other interested applicants
- Need for a cooperative effort between the Supervisor and the other Board members
- Reminder that these are political appointments and appointees make important policy decisions for the Township
- Need for serious consideration of younger applicants
- Necessity for representation of the business community

**Trustee Ochberg moved to approve the appointments to our boards and commissions as presented by the Supervisor. Seconded by Supervisor McGillicuddy.**

Continued Board member discussion:

- Concern with the continued existence of the Elected Officials Compensation Commission (EOCC)
- EOCC has the power to set wages of elected officials
- Elimination of the EOCC allows the Board to adjust the amount it spends on itself
- Appointments should have remained on the agenda as a discussion item
- Suggestion for the Board to develop a process to interview applicants for various boards and commission to “get to know” prospective applicants
- Request for a separate vote on each appointment
- Rationale for appointments being made by the end of the year
- Preference for the newly appointed members to have the ability to attend the January 4, 2011 Joint Boards and Commissions meeting
- Suggestion to have appointments on as a discussion item the first meeting in December followed by a vote the last meeting in December
- Role of the Supervisor in making appointments
- Role of the other Board members in making appointments

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, Ochberg, Supervisor McGillicuddy  
NAYS: Trustees LeGoff, Veenstra, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
Motion failed 3-4.

**Clerk Helmbrecht moved to make these appointments at the January 4, 2011 Board meeting. Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Clerk  
Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
NAYS: Supervisor McGillicuddy  
Motion carried 6-1.

Continued Board member discussion:

- Request for additional information on applicants' qualifications
- Four (4) members of the Board of Review have served at least 6 years
- Board of Review is a difficult appointment to "fill"
- Supervisor's intent to look at alternates for the Board of Review
- Classes provided by the County in January and February for new Board of Review appointees to ready members for the March Board of Review
- Suggestion for the Board to move only on reappointments this evening

**Trustee Veenstra moved to reappoint Arthur Andrews, Greg Basolo, Charles Hagen, and Suzanne Rebeck to the Assessing Board of Review for two (2) year terms expiring December 31, 2012. Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor  
McGillicuddy, Treasurer Brixie  
NAYS: Clerk Helmbrecht  
Motion carried 6-1.

**Trustee Dreyfus moved to reappoint Walter Benenson to the Cable Communications Commission for a three (3) year term expiring December 31, 2013. Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.**

Board members discussed the following:

- Inappropriateness of making reappointments after a majority of the Board voted to make all appointments at the January 4, 2011 Board meeting
- Additional applications being sent to the Board from its solicitations to members of the community
- Concern with the Board's image when it makes appointments prior to the December 30, 2010 application deadline

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy  
NAYS: Trustee LeGoff, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
Motion carried 4-3.

**Trustee Dreyfus moved to reappoint Sharon Theroux to the Community Resources Commission for a two (2) year term expiring December 31, 2012. Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor  
McGillicuddy  
NAYS: Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
Motion carried 5-2.

**Trustee Dreyfus moved to reappoint Georgia Carpenter and Sherry Fisher to the Downtown Development Authority for four (4) year terms expiring December 31, 2014. Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.**

Board members discussed the following:

- No application in the Board packet for Sherry Fisher

**Trustee Veenstra offered the following amendment:**

- **Separate the names for voting purposes**

**The amendment was accepted by the maker.**

**The maker withdrew the name of Sherry Fisher from the main motion.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy  
NAYS: Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
Motion carried 5-2.

**Trustee Veenstra moved to reappoint J. James Kielbaso to the Environmental Commission for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2013. Seconded by Trustee Dreyfus.**

Board members discussed the following:

- Application of Park Commissioner Eckhart Dersch to serve on the Land Preservation Advisory Board
- Ordinance prohibition that a resident member cannot be an elected official and serve on another board or commission
- Park Commissioner Dersch excellence service on the Land Preservation Advisory Board as the Park Commission representative

**Without objection, the Supervisor appointed J. James Kielbaso to the Environmental Commission for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2013.**

**Trustee Ochberg moved to reappoint Richard Honicky to the Planning Commission for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2013. Seconded by Trustee LeGoff.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy  
NAYS: Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
Motion carried 5-2.

**Treasurer Brixie moved to appoint Brian Beauchine to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2013. Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Treasurer Brixie  
NAYS: Clerk Helmbrecht  
Motion carried 6-1.

- F. Resolution Objecting to Transfer of All Unsold Tax Reverted Properties from Ingham County Treasurer  
Manager Richards summarized the transfer of unsold tax reverted properties from the Ingham County Treasurer.

Board members discussed the following:

- Concern with the loss of tax revenue on this property
- Lack of Board action tonight will revert the property (Ponderosa Pond) back to the Township
- No public access to the pond
- The Township would pay delinquent taxes in the event it becomes owned by the Township
- A drain assessment is associated with the pond
- Ingham County Treasurer would include this property as part of a drainage district
- Possible formation of an assessment district which would be created for the 10-15 homeowners whose property abuts the pond

**Trustee Ochberg moved that the Township Board wishes to exercise its option under the Act to object to the transfer of Tax Parcel No. 33-02-02-35-476-001, commonly referred to as Ponderosa Bond, property foreclosed upon by the Treasurer but not sold that are contained on the list thereof filed with the Charter Township of Meridian Clerk and said transfers are, therefore, refused. Seconded by Supervisor McGillicuddy.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS/ENDS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened and closed public comment.

A. Mixed Use Planned Unit Development (MUPUD) Ordinance Amendments

Director Kieselbach summarized the changes made as a result of Board discussion during the November 16, 2010 Board meeting as outlined in staff memorandum dated December 9, 2010.

Board members and staff discussed the following:

- Staff explanation of language regarding phasing
- Terminology in the phasing section is overly rigid and not business friendly as each phase must be anchored in a use permitted by right in the district
- Preference for language which would require a guarantee for the office portion to be built within a reasonable amount of time
- Concern the language insinuates residential use is undesirable in the commercial district
- If a developer wants to have residential only as the first phase, a rezoning should be requested
- Less expensive to request a rezoning for the residential portion than to develop a MUPUD
- Concern that each phase must incorporate the underlying zoning
- Draft document is business friendly
- Approving a MUPUD which is actually only a single use could give the Board's zoning power away
- Need for specificity for the purposes of a MUPUD
- Ability to "lift" all the setback requirements is very business friendly
- Consensus to incorporate (d) phasing on page 4 of the draft
- Consensus to adopt new language contained in (g) 7 regarding the effective date of an approved MUPUD
- Suggestion to change language in (g) 8 from five (5) years to ten (10) years after the effective date of the MUPUD
- Suggestion to change language in (g) 8 from five (5) years to three (3) years
- Consensus to change language in (g) 8 from five years to four (4) years with the option of a two (2) year extension
- (g) 9 deals with a phased project that commenced within the first four (4) years and needs an extension of the time period
- Concern the language in (g) 9 allows a three (3) phase project to theoretically take 18 years to complete
- Reminder that the Township has a 20 year Master Plan for a reason
- Benefits received from the business community in exchange for the latitude afforded them through the MUPUD should be acquired within a "reasonable" period of time
- Consensus to amend (g) 9 by inserting "for the later phases" after "under construction and the extension"
- Consensus to add the third and fourth bullet contained in the staff memorandum dated December 9<sup>th</sup> regarding a setback standard for projects adjacent to railroad tracks in (a) (2), after b.

**It was the consensus of the Board to place this item on for action at the January 18, 2011 Board Meeting.**

- B. Request by St. Paul Lutheran's Church to Transfer Jurisdiction of Parcel #22-02-02-06-352-012 to the City of East Lansing

Township Manager Richards summarized the request as proposed in a letter dated November 18, 2010.

Board members and staff discussed the following:

- Township Manager's recommendation to allow the transfer of this parcel to the City of East Lansing
- The church and its parking has already been annexed to the City of East Lansing
- Subject property has a single family home to be used as an office, for bible studies, etc.
- Feasibility of negotiating language for inclusion in the intergovernmental agreement in the event the property is sold in the future and it becomes active taxable property
- No remaining challenge on the annexation

**It was the consensus of the Board to allow the transfer to be written into an intergovernmental agreement.**

12. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

Paula Johnson, 3758 Chippendale Circle, Okemos, expressed her concerns with the draft wind energy ordinance and requested the Board make the ordinance more user friendly.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

13. FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Treasurer Brixie requested the Board set the Joint Meeting with Local Governments and Schools for the first meeting in February.

Supervisor McGillicuddy indicated due to pending agenda items, it would be more beneficial to have the Joint Meeting with Local Governments and Schools for the second meeting in February.

Trustee Veenstra expressed support for points made in an e-mail from Scott Eisensmith objecting to the requirement in the draft wind energy ordinance that the pole for any wind device must be ten (10) feet from the building. He announced the next regular meeting of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) will be held Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Ochberg reported she sent the most recent draft wind energy ordinance to the Township's Recycling Coordinator, Leroy Harvey, who passed it on to members of the Green Meridian Committee for input.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy adjourned the meeting at 10:04 P.M.

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SUSAN MCGILLICUDDY  
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

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MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT, CMC  
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Sandra K. Otto, Secretary