

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES - **APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
349-1200, Town Hall Room
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 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, Attorney Stephen Schultz, Clerk-Typist Tumai Burris

1. CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER

Supervisor Little called the Work Session to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. QUESTIONS FOR ATTORNEY

Expansion of Local Phone Service (BI-9):

Trustee McGillicuddy asked Attorney Schultz about the Phone Michigan Communications (BI-9) and how many companies the Township would have to permit to expand into the area and disturb our residents. Attorney Schultz stated this matter was being looked into and that if a company obtains a Certificate of Convenience and Public Necessity from the Public Service Commission the company would have the right to do business within the Township pending obtaining the necessary right-of-ways and meeting local requirements. Attorney Schultz stated the same request was submitted to Williamstown and Leroy Townships. Attorney Schultz stated this is an issue likely to come up in the future with deregulation of electrical power and local phone services. Trustee McGillicuddy asked if the Township could require underground lines. Attorney Schultz stated there is not necessarily a way to have the company do the lines all underground, but where there are poles there may be an ability to co-locate the lines on the poles.

Trustee Such asked Attorney Schultz if the Township could require the phone companies to run their cabling underground just as the Township will likely require the Board of Water and Light to run cables underground cables. Attorney Schultz stated the issues involved are the separation factor between power lines and the nature of the request. Attorney Schultz stated there are potential issues of discrimination in treating like utilities any differently from one another.

Rezoning #98170 (North American Equities):

Trustee McGillicuddy asked Attorney Schultz if the Township could condition the rezoning of the single-family developments on the construction of the golf course. Trustee McGillicuddy stated she is concerned about the final adoption of this rezoning in that the density could be changed at a later date. Director Kieselbach stated Attorney Goodenough had previously mentioned that if the Board imposes conditions on a rezoning, there must be a connection between the condition and the reason for imposing the condition. Director Kieselbach stated the reason must be directly related to public health, safety and welfare. Director Kieselbach stated the majority of the Golf Course would not need to be rezoned.

3. DISCUSSION ON 7:00 AGENDA ITEM TOPICS

The following 7:00 p.m. agenda items were discussed:

- * Communications (BI-4)
- * Communications (BI-11)
- * Consent Agenda
- * Minutes
- * Manager's Bills
- * Bass Street Public Road Improvement District #30
- * Full-Time Assessor Employment Agreement

Supervisor Little asked Manager Richards if the new Assessor will be allowed to do work outside of the Township. Manager Richards stated Mr. Cunningham's only employment would be here at Meridian

Township.

- * Addition of Item #16.G. to compensate Supervisor Little for assessing services through January 18, 1999
- * Addition of Item #16.H. to appoint Mary Helmbrecht to fill the Clerk's Position for the remainder of the term.
- * Rezoning #98170 (North American Equities)
- * Rezoning #98180 (David Industries)
- * Veterans Preference Hearing

4. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Meridian Band Shell

Manager Richards introduced the status of the Meridian Band Shell. Manager Richards stated Mr. Gillespie's group is seeking approval from the Township Board. Manager Richards stated several things would have to be approved. Manager Richards stated the Park Commission has reviewed the information on the Band Shell. Supervisor Little recommended this matter be given to the Infrastructure Committee. Trustee McCullough recommended Director Kieselbach be involved in the Meridian Band Shell project. Mr. Gillespie stated the project is before the Board because Parks Coordinator Wendy Longpre has been hesitant to work on the project until Board approves the concept.

B. East Lansing/Meridian Fire Merger Report

Chief Cowper spoke on the East Lansing/Meridian Fire Merger Report. Clerk Helmbrecht stated the East Lansing City Council picked Monday, March 1, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Lansing City Hall. Clerk Helmbrecht asked when the Board would sit down together to discuss the possible merger. Supervisor Little stated the Board should not make a decision on this matter until after the meeting with the City of East Lansing. Trustee McCullough asked to have more information on Michigan State University's funding of fire protection.

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor Little opened Public Remarks.

Carla Clos, President, Friends of Hope Borbos Okemos Library invited the Township Board and the Community to the Opening Reception/Art Show at the Okemos Library on February 6, 1999, at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. She thanked the Township Board for helping with the banner for Hamilton Rd. and Paul Brake for his assistance in handling the red tape.

Charles Willems, 1387 Hickory Island Drive, Haslett thanked the Township Government and Chief Gibbons in fixing the railroad crossing arms on Carlton Road. He stated the fence on the corner of the southwest Corner of Carlton and Hickory Island Drive was put back together with a cord. He stated he believes the fence is in the right-of-way.

Supervisor Little closed Public Remarks.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Little adjourned the Work Session at 7:05 p.m.

BRUCE A. LITTLE
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Paul J. Cassidy, Secretary

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
349-1200, Town Hall Room
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1999, **7:20 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,
Clerk-Typist Tuma Burris

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Little called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA — OR CHANGES

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AMENDED AS
FOLLOWS: 1) THE ADDITION OF ITEM #16.G. LEVEL IV ASSESSOR CERTIFICATION
FOR JANUARY 1999; 2) THE ADDITION OF ITEM #16.H. APPOINTMENT OF CLERK; 3)
MOVE ITEM #12.A. TO ITEM #19.A.; 4) AND DELETE ITEM #24. SECONDED BY
TRUSTEE SUCH.

Voice Vote: Motion carried 6-0.

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

- A. January 18, 1999, Work Session
- B. January 18, 1999, Regular Meeting

4. COMMUNICATIONS (See Consent Agenda)

- A. Application for Public Service (APP)
 - EC-3 Harold H. Prince, 4163 Naubinway Road, Okemos; RE: Environmental Commission
 - OTH-4 Frank Venuto, 1186 Teakwood, Haslett; RE: Elected Officials Compensation Commission
 - OTH-5 Martha J. Sawdy, 5588 Marsh Road, Haslett; RE: Elected Officials Compensation Commission
 - OTH-6 Carlene Webster-Maier, 2247 Kenmore Drive, Okemos; RE: Elected Officials Compensation Commission
 - PC-4 Thomas E. Maier, 1270 Leeward Dr., Okemos; RE: Planning Commission
- B. Board Deliberation (BD)
 - BD-1 Joan S. Guy, 1083 Woodside Drive, Haslett; RE: Resignation from Planning Commission
- C. Board Information (BI)
 - BI-1 Loretta M. Nichols, 2862 Bennett Road, Okemos; RE: the January 18, 1999, Board Meeting
 - BI-2 Alford J. & Ruth Rarick, 5717 Pine Ridge Drive, Haslett; RE: Haslett and Okemos Branch Libraries
 - BI-3 Jerry Richards; RE: Thank you to the Board.
 - BI-4 Carla Clos, 2669 Linden Drive, East Lansing; RE: Notification of new position
 - BI-5 Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, Execufax, January 25, 1999, edition
 - BI-6 Tricia Stehle, Tournament Administrator; RE: 1999 Oldsmobile Classic
 - BI-7 Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce; RE: 87th Annual Dinner
 - BI-8 Tom Coens, President, Capital Quality Initiative; RE: C.Q.I. Community Day
 - BI-9 Gary R. Jones, Municipal Relations, Phone Michigan; RE: Expansion of Local Phone Service into Meridian Township
 - BI-10 M.M.L. Educational Programs - February and March 1999
 - BI-11 Don & Ellen Foster, 1526 Downing Street, Haslett; RE: Old English Estates Lot #48 Drainage Problem

- D. Freedom of Information (FOI) [On file in Clerk's Office]
- FOI-1999-02 Joedy Patrick, 2672 Dobie Road, Mason; RE: Meridian Township services to Alaiedon Township
 - FOI-1999-03 Michael D. Gresens, 1194 Academic Way, Haslett; RE: 1998 Real Property Tax Bills
 - FOI-1999-04 David John Masud, Masud Gilbert & Patterson, P.C., 4449 Fashion Square Blvd, Saginaw; RE: Collective Bargaining Agreements for Patrol Officers and Command Officers
 - FOI-1999-05 Stacy A. Hickox, Hankins & Flanigan, P.C., Okemos; RE: Michael G. Grant
- E. On File in Clerk's Office (OF)
- OF-1 Jack Down, Ph.D., President, Citizens Against Repressive Zoning; RE: Breadsmith
 - OF-2 State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality; RE: Public Notice of an application from Gene Turnwald for permit to authorize work in wetlands
 - OF-3 Okemos Public Schools Board of Education January 25, 1999 Meeting Packet
 - OF-4 Ingham County Board of Commissioners January 26, 1999 Meeting Packet

5. QUESTIONS OF ATTORNEY (None)

6. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor Little opened Public Remarks.

Tim Reid, 200 N. Washington Sq., Lansing spoke on behalf of Lake Hills Estates/David Industries in support of Rezoning #98180 (David Industries). He stated the Planning Commission approved the rezoning from RR (Rural Residential) to RAAA (Single Family-Low Density). He stated when the original request was made a drawing was submitted for thirty-nine (39) single-family units. He stated the original drawing was for thirty-nine (39) single-family units that would be RAA (Single Family-Low Density). He stated David Industries was unsure of how many homes they were going to build. He stated David Industries would need to have the rezoning changed to RAA (Single Family-Low Density) instead of RAAA (Single Family-Low Density). He stated David Industries would like to build ten (10) single-family units and twenty-one (21) duplex units (31 Total Units) on twenty (20) acres. He stated with the twenty-one (21) duplex units there would be a total of fifty-two (52) homes. He stated David Industries has spent time on conserving the Wetlands that cover five (5) acres. He stated RR (Rural Residential) is not logical, but the RAA (Single family-Low Density) rezoning would be more beneficial to David Industries. He asked the Township Board to refer this matter back to the Planning Commission.

Ruth Varner, 2643 Bennett Road, Okemos, spoke in opposition to Rezoning #98170 (North American Equities). She stated she is not opposed to the concept plan but to rezoning that would give the developer the opportunity to build many more houses than reflected on the concept drawings. She stated the developer has made many efforts of good faith to satisfy the concerns of the property owners and other members of the Township. She stated if something goes wrong with North American Equities, then a second developer could develop the property at a greater density.

Tom Miller, 2853 W. Jolly Rd., Okemos, spoke on behalf of North American Equities in support of rezoning #98170. He stated over the last week that he has met with the homeowners regarding their opinions on this project. He stated:

Within the next couple of weeks, when final engineering is complete on identifying these residential pockets, ... we are voluntarily going to deed restrict any and all open space beyond that platted surface of those lots. We want to be on the record of that. That's a commitment on our part to the neighboring homeowners and to this community.

We have been in touch with the Department of Natural Resources, well as the Traverse Conservancy who has approached us as Trusteeship for that open space. That's still an open issue. We hope to obtain a local trusteeship that would supervisor and monitor those open spaces. But, we want to be on record as being committed to our neighbors and to this board,

to preserving those open spaces in perpetuity.

Albert Powis, 5673 Woodside Drive, Haslett stated he was present on behalf of a Veteran. He stated his belief that the Freedom of Information Act has been violated and his belief that Mr. Grant has not received all of the information requested from his requests. He stated the Personnel Policy has not been properly researched because it does not include the Veterans' Act. He stated the Township Board should direct Manager Richards to revise and include all provisions of the Veterans' Law.

Supervisor Little closed Public Remarks.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA TO INCLUDE ITEMS # 3 (Minutes), 4 (Communications), 16.A. (Manager's Bills), 16.C. (Bass Street Public Road Improvement District), 16.D. (Vacating of Sanitary Sewer Easement), 16.E. (Baker Street Public Road Improvement District), 16.F. (Full-Time Assessor Employment Agreement), 17.A.(6).a. (Fire Lane #53). SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

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

A. MINUTES (Agenda Item #3):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO APPROVE AND RATIFY THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 1999 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS:

Page 10, para 9, line 2 ... Item #15.A.(1):

Strike: She stated support for a public hearing on this rezoning at the next Board Meeting.
Add:

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.

Page 15, para 1, line 1 ... Item #17.A.(1):

Strike: with

Add: ...doing part of the library assessment study, and

To read: 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.

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

B. COMMUNICATIONS (Agenda Item #4):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER 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 TRUSTEE SUCH.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

C. MANAGER'S BILLS (Agenda Item #16.A.):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVE THE MANAGER'S BILLS AS FOLLOWS:

General Fund/Special Revenue	\$283,045.24
Public Works	\$196,663.49
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Total	<u>\$479,708.73</u>

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

[Bill list for 2/2/99 in Official Minute Book]

D. BASS STREET PUBLIC ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #30 (Agenda Item #16.C.):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

**BASS STREET PUBLIC ROAD IMPROVEMENTS
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT #30**

RESOLUTION NO. 4

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted November 5, 1997, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, determined to construct the more particularly hereinafter described public road improvements and assess the cost thereof, to the property deemed benefitted by said improvements, all in accordance with Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor has prepared and reported to the Township Board a special assessment roll assessing the cost of said improvements to the property benefitted thereby with the proper certificate attached thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Said special assessment roll shall be filed with the Office of the Township Clerk and shall be available for public examination during regular working hours on regular working days.
2. The Township Board shall meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, the 2nd day of March, 1999, at the Meridian Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan, in the Charter Township

of Meridian, for the purpose of reviewing and hearing objections to the special assessment roll.

- 3. The Township Clerk shall cause notice of such hearing and the filing of the assessment roll to be published twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township, prior to the date of the hearing. The first publication shall be at least ten (10) days before the hearing pursuant to Act 162, Public Acts of 1962. The Clerk shall also cause notice of such hearing to be mailed by first class mail to all property owners in the special assessment district shown on the current assessment rolls of the Township, at least ten (10) full days before the date of said hearing. Said notice as published and mailed shall be in substantially the following form:

**MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS
 NOTICE OF REVIEW OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL
 FOR BASS STREET PUBLIC ROAD IMPROVEMENTS
 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT #30**

By Charter Township of Meridian
 Ingham County, Michigan

**TO THE RECORD OWNERS OF, OR PARTIES IN INTEREST IN, THE FOLLOWING
 PROPERTY CONSTITUTING THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT:**

(SEE ATTACHED DESCRIPTIONS)

and excluding all streets and other land deemed not benefitted.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a special assessment roll has been prepared and is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk for public examination. Said special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing a portion of the cost of the following described public road improvements to the property benefitted therefrom:

Grade, gravel and pave Bass Street, from Columbia Street west 290';

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet on Tuesday, March 2, 1999 at 7:00 p.m., at the Meridian Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198, (517) 349-1200, for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing and objections thereto.

Appearance and protest at the hearing in the special assessment proceedings is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. Your personal appearance at the hearing is not required, but you or your agent may appear in person at the hearing and protest the special assessment. To make an appearance and protest, you must file your written objections by letter or other writing with the Township Clerk before the close of this hearing. The owner or any person having an interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the state tax tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll if that person appeared and protested the special assessment at this hearing.

Your special assessment is proposed to be \$194.89.

DATED: _____

 Mary M.G. Helmbrecht, Clerk

BASS STREET PUBLIC ROAD IMPROVEMENTS DISTRICT NO. 30
PROPERTY DESCRIPTIONS

3302-03-454-008 1606 Bass St.
Lot 6, Block 5, Lakeview Subd.

3302-03-454-009 1602 Bass St.
Lot 7, Block 5, Lakeview Subd.

3302-03-454-010 1600 Bass St.
Lot 8, Block 5, Lakeview Subd.

3302-03-454-013 1596 Bass St.
Lots 9 & 10, Block 5, Lakeview Subd.

3302-03-454-014 1608 Bass St.
Beg @ SW cor of Lot 6, Blk 5, Lakeview Subd, W on N ln Bass St & its ext 190 ft, NW'ly pll to W'ly ln of plat 123 ft, E 190 ft to NW cor lot 6, Blk 5 said plat, SE'ly along lot ln 123 ft to POB (incl part of private Lakeview St), Sec 3, T4N, R1W.

3302-03-478-001
Beg at NW cor of Lot 5, Blk 4, Lakeview W 50 ft SE'ly pll. with W plat line 125 ft E 50 ft NW'ly on W line of Plat 125 ft to beg on SE 1/4 of Sec 3, T4N, R1W.

3302-03-478-002 1605 Bass St.
Lot 5, Block 4, Lakeview Subd.

3302-03-478-003 1597 Bass St.
Lot 3, Exc. beg at NE cor - S'ly to SE cor - W'ly 5 ft. on S'ly line - N'ly to beg Block 4, also Lot 4, Block 4, Lakeview Subd.

3302-03-452-006 1617 Bass St.
Com @ pt 90 ft W of SW cor of Lot 6, Blk 4, Lakeview NW'ly pll with W plat line 246 ft W 50 ft SE'ly pll with W line of Lot 246 ft E 50 ft to beg, on SE 1/4 line of Sec A3, T4N, R1W.

3302-03-478-013 1593 Bass St.
Lots 1 & 2, Block 4, also that part of Lot 3, Blk 4, desc as beg @ NE cor Lot 3 - S'ly to SE cor Lot 3 - W'ly 5 ft on S lot ln - N'ly to POB all in Block 4, Lakeview Subd, Sec 3, T4N, R1W.

4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Such, Supervisor Little,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

Resolution declared adopted.

E. VACATING OF SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT (Agenda Item #16.D.):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR AND CLERK TO SIGN A RELEASE OF EASEMENT, IN A FORM APPROVED BY THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY, FOR THE VACATION OF A SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT AT THE MICHIGAN ATHLETIC CLUB, EASEMENT RECORDED IN LIBER 1863, PAGE 642 (As this sewer system was abandoned in 1996 when an addition to the building was constructed over the easement). SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

F. BAKER STREET PUBLIC ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #31 (Agenda Item #16.E.):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

**BAKER STREET PUBLIC ROAD IMPROVEMENTS
DISTRICT NO. 31**

RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS, a petition has been filed with the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, pursuant to Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, signed by the record owners of more than fifty-percent (50%) of the total frontage upon Baker Street in Section 3, T4N, R1W, Meridian Township, Ingham County, MI;

WHEREAS, said petition of landowners requests the improvement of Baker Street, between High Street & Marsh Road, by grading, graveling, and paving; and

WHEREAS, said petition has been verified as to signature, ownership and percentage of ownership and frontage; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board desires to proceed on said petitions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Township Engineer is hereby ordered to prepare plans showing the improvements, the location thereof and estimates of the cost thereof, pursuant to the project as set forth in the petition of landowners and as previously set forth in this resolution.

**BAKER STREET PUBLIC ROAD IMPROVEMENTS
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 31**

RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian deems it advisable and necessary for the public health, safety, and welfare of the Township and its inhabitants to construct the following described public road improvements:

Grade, gravel and pave Baker Street, between High Street and Marsh Road;

and to defray a portion of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties specially benefitted thereby.

WHEREAS, the Township Board has caused to be prepared by the Township Engineer, plans showing the improvement and location thereof and an estimate of the cost thereof; in accordance with a resolution of the Township Board pursuant to Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the same has been received by the Township Board; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board desires to proceed further with the improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The plans showing the improvement and location thereof and an estimate of the cost thereof be filed with the Township Clerk and be available for public examination.
2. The Township Board tentatively declares its intention to make the public road improvements previously listed in this resolution.
3. There is hereby tentatively designated a special assessment district against which the cost of said improvement is to be assessed, consisting of the lots and parcels of land described as:

(SEE ATTACHED PROPERTY DESCRIPTION)

4. The Township Board shall meet in the Meridian Township Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI on Tuesday, March 2, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at which time and place the Township Board will hear objections to the improvement and to the special assessment district therefore. All objections must be filed in writing.
5. The Township Clerk is hereby ordered to cause notice of such hearing and the fact that the Township Board is proceeding on a proper petition to be published twice prior to said hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township, the first publication to be at least ten (10) days before the time of the hearing, and pursuant to Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, shall cause said notice to be mailed by first class mail to all record owners of, or parties in interest in, property in the special assessment district, at the addresses shown on the current tax records of the Township, at least ten (10) full days before the date of said hearing.
6. Said notice shall be in substantially the attached form.
7. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

**BAKER STREET PUBLIC ROAD IMPROVEMENTS
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 31**

NOTICE OF HEARING

**TO THE RECORD OWNERS OF, OR PARTIES IN INTEREST IN, THE FOLLOWING
PROPERTY CONSTITUTING THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT:**

(SEE ATTACHED PROPERTY DESCRIPTION)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, acting on a proper petition signed by the record owners of more than fifty percent (50%) of the total frontage above described, has determined to make the following described public road improvements:

Grade, gravel and pave Baker Street, between High Street & Marsh Road;

and to defray a portion of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties specially benefitted thereby.

Plans and estimates have been prepared and are on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet Tuesday, March 2, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. at the Meridian Township Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864-1198, for the purpose of hearing objections to the petition, the improvement and the special assessment district therefore. The Township Board is also interested in hearing those that favor the proposed project.

Appearance and protest at the hearing in the special assessment proceedings is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. Your personal appearance at the hearing is not required, but you or your agent may appear in person at the hearing and protest the special assessment. To make an appearance and protest, you must file your written objections by letter or other writing with the Township Clerk before the close of this hearing. The owner or any person having an interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the state tax tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll if that person appeared and protested the special assessment at this hearing.

"FOR PURPOSES OF THIS HEARING, THE AMOUNT TO BE ASSESSED AGAINST YOUR PROPERTY IS ESTIMATED TO BE \$1,256.00."

Dated: _____

Mary M.G. Helmbrecht, Township Clerk
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN

BAKER STREET PUBLIC ROAD IMPROVEMENTS DISTRICT NO. 31

PROPERTY DESCRIPTIONS

3302-03-180-002 1796 Baker St.
Lot 4, Logel Subd.

3302-03-180-003 1788 Baker St.
Lot 3, Logel Subd.

3302-03-180-004 1780 Baker St.
Lot 2, Logel Subd.

3302-03-180-005 1772 Baker St.
Lot 1, Logel Subd.

3302-03-180-008 6309 Marsh Road
M 3-11-10 Beg at pt 789 ft N of cen of Sec - W 183 ft - N 60 ft - E 183 ft - S 60 ft to Beg on
NW 1/4 of Sec 3, T4N, R1W.

3302-03-181-002 1791 Baker St.
Lot 7, Logel Subd.

3302-03-181-003 1783 Baker St.
Lot 8, Logel Subd.

3302-03-181-004 1779 Baker St.
Lot 9, Logel Subd.

3302-03-181-005 1771 Baker St.
Lot 10, Logel Subd.

3302-03-181-011 1763 Baker St.
M 3-11-8 Beg. at pt 669 ft N of cen of Sec - W 183 ft - N 60 ft - E 183 ft - S 60 ft to pt of beg
on NW 1/4 of Sec 3, T4N, R1W.

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Such, Supervisor Little,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

Resolution declared adopted.

G. FULL-TIME ASSESSOR EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (Agenda Item #16.F.):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD RATIFIES THE APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT CUNNINGHAM TO THE POSITION OF ASSESSOR UNDER THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OUTLINED IN AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT AND THAT THE SUPERVISOR AND CLERK BE AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Such, Supervisor Little,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

H. FIRE LANE #53, BARNES & NOBLE (Agenda Item #17.A.(6).a.):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Meridian Fire Lane Ordinance has been passed by the Township Board on February 5, 1974, with an effective date of February 13, 1974, and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 32 of the Code of Ordinances is to be implemented by resolutions establishing specific locations of the fire lanes as recommended by appropriate members of the Township staff, upon filing with the Township Clerk and the erection of appropriate signs giving notice of the existence of such regulations; and,

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian that the following Traffic Control Orders under the heading of Fire Lanes are necessary to further the public interest and implement Chapter 32 of the Code of Ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, as it follows:

1. Pursuant to the Section 32-1 and Section 32-2 of the CODE OF ORDINANCES and upon the recommendation of the Fire Department, the Township Board hereby issues the following TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDERS under the heading of FIRE LANES:

#53 Barnes and Noble Book Store
2299 Grand River Avenue
Okemos, Michigan 48864

NO PERSON SHALL PARK A VEHICLE AT ANY TIME IN THE FOLLOWING DESIGNATED FIRE LANE:

1. Starting at the northwest corner of the building and traveling southeast (along the front of the building) for 257 feet to the southeast corner. No parking both sides of lane.

Starting again on the southwest corner of the building, going southeast 104 feet, starting a fire lane at this point and going southeast for 20 feet (area of the fire department connection) no parking from the building to Hamilton Road.

2. The Township Clerk is herewith directed to enter the foregoing TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER FIRE LANE #53 and the attached map, under the heading of Fire Lanes in the Traffic Control Order Book, Said book is to be kept and maintained by the Clerk.
3. The Fire Chief is herewith directed to order and place the appropriate signs.

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried 6-0.

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee McGillicuddy stated she received a letter from Richard and Beth Hubbell regarding the library situation. Trustee McGillicuddy asked Clerk Helmbrecht to place this letter on public record.

[Communication in Official Minute Book]

Clerk Helmbrecht thanked Tumai Burris for acting as the recording secretary for this Township Board Meeting.

9. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Elected Officials Compensation Commission:

Supervisor Little appointed Frank Venuto and Martha Sawdy to the two (2) vacant positions on the Elected Officials Compensation Commission.

TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED TO APPROVE THE SUPERVISOR'S APPOINTMENTS OF FRANK VENUTO AND MARTHA SAWDY TO THE TWO (2) VACANT POSITIONS ON THE ELECTED OFFICIALS COMPENSATION COMMISSION. SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

Treasurer Klunzinger asked Supervisor Little if the appointments to the Elected Officials Compensation Committee could be voted on separately.

TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED TO APPROVE THE SUPERVISOR'S APPOINTMENT OF FRANK VENUTO TO THE ELECTED OFFICIALS COMPENSATION COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2002. SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

Treasurer Klunzinger stated he would not support this appointment for reasons of "gender equity."

ROLL CALL VOTE:YEAS: Trustees McCullough, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht,
NAYS: Treasurer Klunzinger, Trustee McGillicuddy
Motion carried 4-2.

Supervisor Little appointed Martha Sawdy to the Elected Officials Compensation Committee.

TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED TO APPROVE THE SUPERVISOR'S APPOINTMENT OF MARTHA SAWDY TO THE ELECTED OFFICIALS COMPENSATION COMMITTEE TO A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2003. SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

Trustee McCullough asked if there is any conflict of interest in the appointment of Martha Sawdy as her husband is a compensated member of the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Attorney Schultz stated there is not a conflict as the Commission only considers compensation for elected officials rather than appointed officials.

ROLL CALL VOTE:YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger,
NAYS: None.
Motion carried 6-0.

Planning Commission:

Supervisor Little appointed Julie Brixie to the Planning Commission to fill the expired term of Joan Guy.

TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED TO AFFIRM THE SUPERVISOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JULIE BRIXIE TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO FILL THE EXPIRED TERM OF JOAN GUY FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2001. SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

ROLL CALL VOTE:YEAS: Trustees McGillicuddy, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger,
NAYS: Trustee McCullough
Motion carried 5-1.

Clerk Helmbrecht thanked Joan Guy for her years of valuable service on the Planning Commission.

10. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Helmbrecht reported the Planning Commission would be receiving the results of the Community Attitude Survey on February 22, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. She stated the Township Board is invited to this meeting.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Klunzinger reported Sunday, February 14, 1999 is the deadline for property tax payments

without penalties or interest. He stated he would be accepting tax payments in the Treasurer's Office from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on February 14, 1999. He stated any tax payments received or postmarked after February 14, 1999 would incur an additional interest penalty.

Treasurer Klunzinger reported reminder notices have been sent out on past due personal property taxes. He stated approximately \$200,000 in past due taxes were billed through these notices.

Treasurer Klunzinger reported the Community Center Survey was conducted last week. He stated he would share the results at the next Township Board meeting.

The Treasurer reported the Township has been able to acquire good interest rates for C.D.'s within the last few months.

12. TOWNSHIP BOARD

B. Appointments

Treasurer Klunzinger asked if Julie Brixie would have to resign from the Zoning Board of Appeals because of her new appointment to the Planning Commission.

Supervisor Little suggested Julie Brixie resign from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Environmental Commission:

CLERK HELMBRECHT MOVED THAT HAROLD PRINCE BE APPOINTED TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MCGILLICUDDY.

Supervisor Little asked if this appointment fills the expired term of Eckhart Dersch.

Treasurer Klunzinger stated the Environmental Commission has two (2) appointments: (1) one term to expire on 12/31/2001; (2) one vacant term to expire on 12/31/99.

TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO APPOINT HAROLD PRINCE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION TO A THREE (3) YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2001 TO FILL THE EXPIRED TERM OF ECKHART DERSCH. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH.

MOTION TO AMEND

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger
NAYS: McGillicuddy,
Motion carried 5-1.

MOTION TO APPOINT

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

13. SPECIAL HEARINGS/APPEALS (None)

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (None)

15. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

A. Unfinished Business

(1) Rezoning #98170 (North American Equities) - Final Adoption

Director Kieselbach introduced the request to rezone five (5) areas totalling 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; and

WHEREAS, Rezoning #98170 (North American Equities) was introduced for publication and subsequent adoption by the Township Board on January 18, 1999.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, the Township Board hereby **FINALLY ADOPTS** Ordinance No. 1999-03, 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 finally adopted at least once prior to the next regular meeting of the Township Board.

ORDINANCE NO. 1999-03

**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 a notice of intent to file a petition for a referendum.

MOTIONED SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

Trustee McGillicuddy stated she opposes the rezoning as it should have been done through a

Planned Residential Development (P.R.D.)

Clerk Helmbrecht thanked Mr. Miller for his comments and work with the neighbors.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustee McCullough, Such, Treasurer Klunzinger, Clerk Helmbrecht, Supervisor Little
NAYS: Trustee McGillicuddy
Motion carried: 5-1.

(2) Rezoning #98180 (David Industries) - Final Adoption

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 REFER REZONING #98180 (DAVID INDUSTRIES) TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT AND TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD. SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Such, McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger
NAYS: Trustee McGillicuddy, Supervisor Little
Motion carried 4-2.

16. MANAGER'S REPORT, INVOICES & BILLS

- A. Bills (See Consent Agenda)
- B. Set Public Hearing for 1998 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant

Chief Gibbons stated these funds are provided for law enforcement through the Federal Government. He stated the Township's grant award is \$14,266.00. He stated a few requirements were placed upon the Township: (1) any grant money spent requires a ten percent (10%) match from the community; (2) An advisory board will be set up to make suggestions on the use of the funds; (3) The main idea of this grant is get more community involvement. Chief Gibbons stated new radios for the Police department could be bought with the grant money.

Supervisor Little asked if a public hearing date should be set for the Law Enforcement Block Grant. Chief Gibbons stated there should be a chance for the public to comment on the Law Enforcement Grant. Clerk Helmbrecht stated the Law Enforcement Block Grant Hearing is to give the public a chance to speak on this matter. Treasurer Klunzinger asked if any more of the public expressed an opinion on this matter. Chief Gibbons stated the Advisory Board is in favor of the Law Enforcement Block Grant.

- C. Bass Street Public Road Improvement District #30, Resolution #4 (See Consent Agenda)
- D. Vacating of Sanitary Sewer Easement (See Consent Agenda)
- E. Baker Street Public Road Improvement District #31, Resolutions #1 & 2 (See Consent Agenda)
- F. Full-Time Assessor Employment Agreement (See Consent Agenda)
- G. Compensating Supervisor Little For Assessing Duties Through January 18, 1999.

TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD CONFIRMS THAT THE SUPERVISOR HAS SERVED AS THE LEVEL IV ASSESSOR FROM JANUARY 1, 1999 THROUGH JANUARY 18, 1999 AND HAS PERFORMED THE DUTIES REQUIRED OF THE

POSITION. BOARD CONFIRMATION IS A REQUIREMENT ESTABLISHED BY THE ELECTED COMPENSATION COMMISSION PRIOR TO PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION FOR THE ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF LEVEL IV ASSESSOR. SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

Supervisor Little asked to be permitted to abstain from this vote.

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO PERMIT THE SUPERVISOR TO ABSTAIN FROM VOTING ON THE CONFIRMATION VOTE. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

MOTION TO ABSTAIN

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Such, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger, Supervisor Little
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION TO CONFIRM

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Such, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger,
NAYS: None
Motion carried 5-0.

[Trustee Squiers entered at 7:55 p.m.]

H. Appointment of Mary Helmbrecht as Township Clerk

TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED THAT MARY HELMBRECHT BE APPOINTED TO CONTINUE TO FILL THE POSITION OF TOWNSHIP CLERK. MOTION SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED TO PERMIT THE CLERK TO ABSTAIN FROM VOTING ON THE APPOINTMENT. SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

MOTION TO ABSTAIN

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO APPOINT

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

17. BOARD MEMBER, BOARD COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Standing Committee Reports

(1) Physical Operations & Activities

Trustee McGillicuddy reported on her time spent with Mr. Dahlgren. She reported on the public meeting Monday, January 25th. She reported Mr. Dahlgren would be returning February 25th, and would give a final report to the Board March 30th.

Trustee McGillicuddy reported the next Meridian Volunteer Council meeting is scheduled for February 3, 1999 at noon in the Town Hall Room.

(2) Financial Planning and Budgeting

Treasurer Klunzinger reported the next committee is scheduled for February 3, 1998 at 8:30 a.m.

He reported the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the financial implications of certain goals from the Meridian 2000 Report. (See Item #21)

(3) Personnel

- a. Ratification of Labor Agreement/Professional Supervisory Association
Trustee Squiers reported on the status of the Labor Agreement with the Professional Supervisory Association.

Trustee McCullough stated there were questions about the Labor Agreement such as the Family Medical Leave Policy. He stated he feels there are some areas that still need to be reviewed.

TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD REFER THE PROFESSIONAL SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION LABOR AGREEMENT FOR 1999-2000 TO THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SQUIERS.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Vehicle Use Policy

TRUSTEE SQUIERS MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVE THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S PROPOSED VEHICLE USE POLICY. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

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

- * Trustee Squiers stated the next committee meeting would have to be the week of February 21st.

(4) Planning and Development

Trustee McCullough reported the committee is reviewing Chapter 81.

(5) Infrastructure

Trustee Such reported the next committee meeting would be held on February 18, 1999. He stated he would be presenting a report to the Board at its March 2nd Regular Meeting on the anticipated costs for the Meridian Band Shell project.

(6) Public Safety

- a. Fire Lane #53, Barnes & Noble (See Consent Agenda)

(7) Recreation

Trustee McCullough reported the Recreation Committee held its first meeting to discuss the Five (5) Year Park and Recreation Plan.

B. Special Committees (None)

C. Liaison Representative Reports (None)

18. OTHER REPORTS (None)

19. NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Little recessed the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Supervisor Little reconvened the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

A. Veterans Preference Hearing (Michael Grant)

Veteran's Preference Hearing

Attorney Schultz explained the process of the Veterans Preference Hearing. He informed the Township Board that it was their job to view the evidence and apply the standards in making a decision. He stated the standard by which the Board is to use in its decision is the preponderance of the evidence.

Township Administration - Paul Brake (Personnel Director)

Mr. Brake called the following witnesses:

- (1) **Fire Chief Cowper**
- (2) **Lori Schaffer, Firefighter/Paramedic**
- (3) **Steve Schlachter, Fire Marshall of Meridian Township**
- (4) **Scott Baldwin, Firefighter/Paramedic at Meridian Township**
- (5) **Greg Hammond, Firefighter/Paramedic at Meridian Township**

Michael Grant's Council - Stacy Hickox, Attorney

Ms. Hickox call the following witnesses:

- (1) **Trenton Taylor, Retired Paramedic-Police Officer with Ingham County Sheriff's Office**
- (2) **Dr. Ronald Rhule, Chairman & Medical Director at Sparrow Hospital**
- (3) **Ken Finney, Firefighter/Paramedic at Meridian Township**
- (4) **Michael Grant, Former Paramedic at Meridian Township**

TRUSTEE SQUIERS MOVED TO UPHOLD THE TERMINATION COMPLETELY AND WITHOUT COMPROMISE IN ITS ENTIRETY BASED ON THE DEFENDANT HAVING DEMONSTRATED A LACK OF COMPETENCE PUTTING THE HEALTH SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC AT RISK. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH.

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

Attorney Schultz suggested that the Township Board draft a letter that communicates the results of tonight's hearing to Michael Grant.

Supervisor Little directed Manager Richards to ensure this letter is sent.

20. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

Supervisor Little opened Public Remarks.

Fred "Sonny" France, 4932 Grandview Ave, Okemos, expressed his disappointment with the Township Board's decision to uphold the termination of Michael Grant.

Mac Bates, 1433 Franklin Street, Haslett, stated Veterans Preference is a federal law and he believed

charges would be filed against the Township under the Federal Employment Act.

Albert Powis, 5673 Woodside Drive, Haslett, stated he disagrees with the Township Board's decision on the Veterans Preference Hearing.

Trenton Taylor, resident of Delhi Township stated he disagrees with the Township Board's decision on the Veterans Preference Hearing.

Kirk Schalau, Meridian Township Firefighter/Paramedic, expressed concern about whether the Personnel policy would be enforced to protect the rights of Township employees.

Wayne McLellen, 1459 Cheboygan Road, Okemos, stated he believed the Township Board made the wrong decision in Michael Grant's case.

Supervisor Little closed Public Remarks.

21. FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Treasurer Klunzinger stated the Financial Planning & Budgeting meeting for February 3, 1999 at 8:30 a.m. is canceled. (See Item #17.A.(2).)

Trustee Squiers stated the vote on the Veterans Preference Hearing was not about veterans. He stated the Board is supporting the Staff it has hired to implement policy. He stated the Board did not fire Mr. Grant this evening, but upheld the policy and decision of the staff hired to run the Township.

22. POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION - TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S EVALUATION (None)

23. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Little adjourned the meeting at 2:10 a.m.

BRUCE A. LITTLE
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Paul J. Cassidy, Secretary