

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
853-4000, Town Hall Room
Tuesday, February 06, 2018 **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Brixie, Trustees Deschaine, Jackson,
Opsommer, Sundland
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Township Manager Frank Walsh, Director of Public Works and Engineering Derek
Perry, Director of Community Planning Mark Kieselbach, Police Chief David Hall.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor Styka led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

The secretary called the roll of the Board.

4. PRESENTATION

A. 2017 Annual Report

Manager Frank Walsh discussed the Annual Report. The document is available to the public on the Township Website – meridian.mi.us – and a copy will be placed in both libraries.

5. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Styka opened Public Remarks.

Bob Piontkowski, 5906 W. Sleepy Hollow Ln, East Lansing; Sleepy Hollow SAD cost to the homeowners too high, working with other neighbors, would like the Township to not proceed with the water and sewer project.

Tom Pinnavaia, 5901 E. Sleepy Hollow Ln, East Lansing; dramatic escalation in costs concerning to neighbors, reversal of opinions on the affordability of the project. Asking the Board to terminate the project.

Bill Weston, 5931 W. Sleepy Hollow Ln, East Lansing; reaffirmed position that he originally opposed the project.

LaNita Campbell, 6049 Skyline Dr., East Lansing; President of Skyline Hills Association, Township should not mediate with Summer Park Reality, want no more than 262 homes built.

Supervisor Styka closed Public Remarks.

6. TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT

Manager Walsh reported he met with Former Fire Chief Cowper regarding the warning signs expansion issue. Wonch Park will have one installed in the next 100 days. \$22,000 is included in 2018 budget for the signs. Potential for renewing the mutual aid agreement with Alaiedon Township. Met with property owner of lot between Fifth/Third Bank and Walgreens, there are development issues with the property, possible rezoning of property in the next 60 days.

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Sundland reported:

- January 31, 2018, Communications Commission meeting, reviewed annual report and statistics, touring the facilities at Township Hall.

Trustee Jackson reported:

- January 31, 2018, MTA Capital Conference; annual meeting with lobbyists of MTA to about review Legislative and Governor’s agendas.
- Discussed public right of way, medical marijuana, and local revenue sharing.

Trustee Deschaine reported:

- February 1, 2018, EDC meeting. Discussed goals, redevelopment fund.
- Friends of Meridian Township Parks Recognition night. 1,217 Volunteers and 32,517 hours worked. Praised volunteers making a huge difference in the Township.

Clerk Dreyfus reported:

- Election training for staff of the Clerk’s Office for 2018 election cycle, New Bureau of Elections Voter database: QVF refresh.

Treasurer Brixie reported:

- Tri-County Planning Commission elected chair Shanna Draheim, an East Lansing City Council member.
- Winter Property taxes due Wednesday, February 14th, 2018. Residents encouraged to get tax payments in the mail or utilize the 24 hour drop box in front of the municipal building.

Supervisor Styka reported:

- Chinese New Year at the Meridian Mall next weekend, great activities, dancing, acrobatics etc.
- Letter from Vice President regarding Madison Hubble of Okemos, who will be competing in the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Treasurer Brixie moved to approve the agenda making 12I, Amend 2018 Township Goals-Community Outreach Program, the first action item. Seconded by Trustee Opsommer.

Clerk Dreyfus moved to add the Sleepy Hollow SAD to the Board Discussion Items as 13 C. Seconded by Trustee Deschaine.

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Deschaine, Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Supervisor Styka, Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

9. CONSENT AGENDA (SALMON)

Supervisor Styka reviewed the consent agenda.

Treasurer Brixie moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended. Seconded by Trustee Jackson.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

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 Jackson

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

B. Minutes

Treasurer Brixie moved to amend the minutes of the January 23, 2018 Board Meeting. Seconded by Clerk Dreyfus.

Trustee Sundland offered the following amendment:

On Page 6 under Agenda Item 12 D. Trustee Jackson moved to initiate a zoning amendment addressing the MUPUD density proposal and forward to the planning commission for a public hearing and recommendation. Seconded by Trustee Sundland.

Treasurer Brixie offered the following amendment:

On Page 7 under Agenda Item 12 D. Trustee Opsommer moved to amend the draft MUPUD Ordinance Amendment under (e) 1: Architectural design and placement of buildings on the parcels will be consistent with the vision of the master plan and are to include sustainability and environmental considerations, and must produce at least 15% of its annual energy usage from **RENEWABLE energy resource. Achieving Energy Star or LEED silver standards or better is highly valued. **Supported by Treasurer Brixie.****

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Deschaine, Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Supervisor Styka, Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Treasurer Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the January 16, 2018, Joint Meeting-Boards and Commissions, and the minutes of January 23, 2018, as amended. Seconded by Trustee Jackson.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

C. Bills

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

Common Cash	\$198,067.38
Public Works	\$10,176.55
Trust & Agency	\$3,049,536.47
Total Checks	\$3,257,780.40
Credit Card Transactions Jan 18 to Jan 31, 2018	\$8,474.56
Total Purchases	<u>\$3,266,254.96</u>
Ach Payments	<u>\$706,983.77</u>

Seconded by Trustee Jackson.

[Bill list in Official Minute Book]

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

10. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY (None)

11. HEARINGS

- A. Wetland Use Permit #18-01 (Mayberry Homes)
Supervisor opened the Public Hearing at 6:27 P.M.

Director Kieselbach introduced the Wetland Use Permit #18-01, Silverstone Estates, a single family subdivision consisting of 25 lots, is requesting to reapprove the Wetland permit that expired in May 2017.

Board member asked about safety around the culverts. Director Kieselbach indicated that the culvert will be enclosed and there will be slope improvements, and this reapproval would not change the requirements.

Supervisor closed the Public Hearing at 6:28 P.M.

12. ACTION ITEMS

- I. Amend 2018 Township Goals-Community Outreach Program

Trustee Opsommer moved to approve amending the Meridian Township’s 2018 Goals by adding Goal K - Develop a Community-Wide Sexual Assault Prevention Program. Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

Trustee Opsommer moved to amend the motion: “Striking letter K and insert Letter A (and complete the following initiatives, as promised to Brianne Randall-Gay and our community;

- 1. Community-wide sexual assault prevention training,**
- 2. Department-wide criminal sexual conduct training, and**
- 3. Review and analysis of criminal sexual conduct cases.”**

Seconded by Treasurer Brixie. [Amendment 1]

Clerk Dreyfus moved to amend the adopted motion as amended;

“To amend the Meridian Townships 2018 Goals by deleting adopted Goal A and replacing it with: Develop a Community-wide Sexual Assault Prevention Program that includes:

- 1. Community-wide sexual assault prevention training,**
- 2. Department-wide criminal sexual conduct training, and**
- 3. Review and analysis of criminal sexual conduct cases.”**

Seconded by Trustee Jackson. [Amendment 2]

Staff and Board Discussion:

- Board support on 3 goals listed, issue is about need to refer to sexual assault victim by name in internal Board goals document, not about action steps to be taken
- Re-lettering the 2018 Goals Action Plan, questions about placing new goal at the top of the list, Board policy that goal list has no ranking order and Goal K is equally important as Goal A
- Concerns about Board consistency in documents, formatting, and goal listing
- Unanimous agreement among Board members that 3 actions listed need to be taken
- Discussion on community promise to victim, appropriateness of using name for various purposes, other government bodies listing victim names, pros and cons of exceptions to consistency of Board policies and actions
- Discussion on clarifying “confusing” motions and amendments
- Clerk stated “on the record” that he fully supports the 3 Action Steps listed in the Board Goals, but is voting against the motion because the victim’s name is used in the document and is concerned about being respectful to the victim

Vote on Amendment I:

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Deschaine, Opsommer, Sundland,
Supervisor Styka, Treasurer Brixie

NAYS: Clerk Dreyfus, Trustee Jackson

Motion carried 5-2.

Vote on Amendment II:

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Clerk Dreyfus, Trustee Sundland,

NAYS: Trustees Deschaine, Jackson, Opsommer,
Supervisor Styka, Treasurer Brixie

Motion failed 5-2.

Vote on Original Motion:

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Deschaine, Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland,
Supervisor Styka, Treasurer Brixie

NAYS: Clerk Dreyfus

Motion carried 6-1.

A. 2017 Order to Maintain Sidewalks; Special Assessment District #17- Resolution #4

Directory Perry introduced Resolution 4, the project has been completed, and assessments have been calculated for each impacted parcel. Directory Perry requested the Board sets a Public Hearing for March 6, 2018.

Trustee Jackson moved to approve the 2017 Order to Maintain Sidewalk Special Assessment District #17 Resolution #4, which files the proposed special assessment roll with the Office of the Township Clerk and sets the date for a public hearing on Tuesday, March 6, 2018. Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

B. Outdoor Assembly Ordinance - **Final Adoption**

Trustee Deschaine moved to approve the resolution for the final adoption of the amendment to Chapter 38, Article V, Outdoor Assembly of the Code of Ordinances. Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

Staff and Board Discussion:

- Board members offered some minor word changes and clarifications to the ordinance
- Changes would be made with approval of the resolution
- These changes do not change the effect of the Ordinance

Trustee Jackson moved to amend the wording in the Ordinance, change all attendants to attendees, remove the capital F's in festivals, to eliminate rock festivals because it's included with musical festivals. Seconded by Trustee Opsommer.

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Deschaine, Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Supervisor Styka,
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Trustee Sundland moved to remove peace festivals from the ordinance as to not impede on anyone's right to assemble. Seconded by Clerk Dreyfus.

Staff and Board Discussion:

- The public's constitutional right to peacefully assemble, definition of a "peace festival," appropriateness of usage

- Questions about existing proposed language impeding free speech or not, safeguards, ordinance directed at number of people attending

Trustee Sundland withdrew her Motion.

Clerk Dreyfus moved to delete (words) musical, rock and peace and leave festival; and amend language to state; Event(s)- a gathering for any theatrical exhibition, public show, display, entertainment, amusement, or other exhibition, including but not limited to festivals, weddings, fairs, or similar gatherings. Seconded by Trustee Sundland.

Vote on Amendment:

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Deschaine, Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Supervisor Styka, Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Vote on the Ordinance as Amended Final Adoption:

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

C. Vacant or Abandoned Buildings- Final Adoption

Treasurer Brixie moved to approve the resolution for the final adoption of the amendment to Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances to add Article VII, Vacant and Abandoned Buildings and amend the Township Fee Schedule to include an Initial Registration Fee (including one inspection) of \$175.00, a Registration Renewal Fee (each year building remains vacant or abandoned) of \$100.00, and Inspection or Re-Inspection Fee of \$75.00. Seconded by Trustee Jackson.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Deschaine, Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Supervisor Styka, Treasurer Brixie

NAYS: Clerk Dreyfus

Motion carried 6-1.

D. Zoning Amendment #17030- Final Adoption

Trustee Jackson moved to approve the resolution for final adoption of Zoning Amendment #17030 to amend section 86-378 and section 86-439 of the Code of Ordinances to allow a golf course to be counted as open space in a Planned Residential Development (PRD) and a Planned Unit Development (PUD). Seconded by Trustee Opsommer.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

E. Police Department Ordinance Amendments and Additions- **Final Adoption**

Trustee Jackson moved to approve the resolution for the Final Adoption of the amendments to chapter 50 of the code of ordinances to amend Minor in Possession and Resisting and Obstructing, and add Malicious Destruction of Property, Larceny, Embezzlement and Assault and Battery.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

F. Resolution in Support of Capital Area Regionalism

Trustee Opsommer moved to adopt the resolution in Support of American Airlines request to the USDOT and FAA. Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

Staff and Board Discussion:

- Importance of regional airport, American Airlines only direct flight service to and from Lansing to Washington, DC
- LEAP asking for Board support for continuation of flight service to the Lansing area
- Decline at Capitol City Airport, asset to community, losing AA would make matters worse
- Significance to local economy, Meridian residents who work in state government, MSU, statewide associations, and local businesses

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Deschaine, Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Supervisor Styka,
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

G. Corridor Improvement Authority Reappointment

Treasurer Brixie moved to reappoint Bruce Peffers to the Meridian Township Corridor Improvement Authority for a 4-year term ending 2/1/2022. Supported by Trustee Opsommer.

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Deschaine, Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Supervisor Styka,
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

H. Resolution Commemorating Black History Month

Treasurer Brixie moved to approve the resolution commemorating Black History month. Seconded by Trustee Jackson.

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Deschaine, Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Supervisor Styka, Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

13. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Transportation Commission Recommendation on Redi-Ride Boundaries

Staff and Board Discussion:

- The MT Transportation Commission passed a motion recommending the Board instruct CATA to expand our Redi-Ride service boundaries to areas under PA 108 and PA 425
- Improving service delivery to Township residents using Redi-Ride, more user-friendly
- Locations include Costco, Rite Aid, College Fields subdivision, MSU Clinical Center, Bath Township Meijer, and the East Lansing Aquatic Center
- Redi-Ride is contained to the limits of their budget, these changes should not increase cost
- CATA’s willingness to go to adjacent locations
- Parcel outlines to give CATA strict boundaries in case of future development in the area, addresses can be provided to CATA, annexation boundaries past and future, defining geographical spaces
- Board member belief that the users of Redi-Ride express frustration

Treasurer Brixie moved to suspend the rules so that the Board can instruct the Township Manager to add the 5 locations to the Redi-Ride service area. Seconded by Trustee Jackson.

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Deschaine, Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Supervisor Styka, Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Treasurer Brixie moved to instruct the Township manager to add the 5 locations to the Redi-Ride service area in negotiations with CATA. Seconded by Trustee Deschaine.

Treasurer Brixie withdrew her motion.

Treasurer Brixie moved to implement the locations listed in the staff memo as to modifications of the Redi-Ride service area, and instruct the Township Manager to discuss it with CATA. Seconded by Trustee Jackson.

Staff and Board Discussion:

- Concern that the Board is getting too far ahead of itself, don’t expand service too far resulting in citizens going to competing businesses outside of the Township, businesses paying taxes on Redi-Ride are losing business because the service is going outside the township limits
- Costco and College Fields are part of 425 Agreement, they pay MT operating millage, but do not pay the Townships special millages such as Redi-Ride millage

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Deschaine, Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Supervisor Styka, Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

B. Wetland Use Permit #18-01 (Mayberry Homes)

Wetland Use permit #18-01 (Mayberry Homes), enclose portion of the Unruh Drain to accommodate road crossing for Silverstone Estates.

Consensus of the Board to place this item on the agenda for action at the next Board meeting.

C. Sleepy Hollow Special Assessment District

Staff and Board Discussion:

- The board did adopt the Sleepy Hollow SAD, bonds have not been sold, and a contract has not been signed for the project, Board has the discretion to stop this project from going forward
- Action needed to be taken regarding legal obligations, in order to not send bills out for the SAD
- Directory Perry stated his recommendation be to suspend the SAD, give Public Works an opportunity to meet with the neighborhood and discuss further
- Notification would be sent out, hold a formal neighborhood meeting, results presented to the Board with options to proceed fully, partially, or not at all
- Initial project stated full reconstruction of the road; but if no utility work is completed, hot-in-place, or crush and shape, but not a full-blown road reconstruction, shorter life-span of road
- Questions on health and wellness, groundwater contamination, surface water, status of septic systems, cost to residents with failing systems, environmental protections
- Residents will work with the Ingham Health Department for water and well if no SAD
- Process so far, ability to change SAD, capability of revising proposal and starting something new

Consensus of the Board is to place this item on the agenda for future discussion.

14. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Supervisor Styka opened Public Remarks.

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Buena Pkwy; discussed 12. I. Community Goals; he also stated that Bath Meijer not on any CATA route, because it is in Clinton County, and there was no intent for service to Costco in CATA planning.

Steve Broughton, 2715 Skyline Court discouraged the Board from negotiating with Summer Park Realty regarding the amount of homes proposed.

Tom Pinnavia, 5901 E. Sleepy Hollow Ln, East Lansing; submitted a letter to the Board regarding the Sleepy Hollow SAD and asked to terminate the project, but is amenable to suspending the project. He will meet with Director Perry to discuss the issue, and stated that an “unaffordable financial basis” is the reason the neighbors changed their minds about the SAD.

Gay Heusner and Eleanor Heusner, 6216 Skyline Dr., East Lansing; Summer Park Realty negotiations; no more than 262 homes, concerns of traffic delays, safety, runoff drainage and flooding issues, loss of open/green space and wildlife habitat, decreased quality of life.

Supervisor Styka closed Public Remarks.

15. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Deschaine:

- February 8, 2018, 6:00 P.M. Transportation Commission meeting at the Central Fire Station
- Praised the Manager and Staff for the public apology made to Brianne Randall-Gay
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Supervisor Styka:

- Apologized for “letting the meeting get out of control” under Agenda Item 12. I

16. ADJOURNMENT

Treasurer Brixie moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Jackson

Supervisor Styka adjourned the meeting at 8:07 P.M.

RONALD J. STYKA
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

BRETT DREYFUS,
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Maggie Rodgers-Sanders, Secretary