

# APPROVED

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
MERIDIAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC)  
MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2017

PRESENT: Commissioners: Chair Hackbarth, Hudson, Kolbasa, Deschaine and Vagnozzi

ABSENT: Vice-Chair Potter

STAFF: Ken Plaga, Assistant Chief of Police

Mark Kieselbach, Director of Community Planning and Development

## 1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Hackbarth called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

## 2. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Deschaine moved to approve the agenda as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Hudson.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

## 3. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Vagnozzi moved to approve the minutes of May 25, 2017

Seconded by Commissioner Deschaine

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

## 4. Public Remarks

Donna Rose thanked Commissioner Vagnozzi for attending the June 6, 2017 Township Board Meeting regarding the Okemos/Jolly intersection. She stated the cost for audible signals was closer to \$6,000.00

## 5. Communications

The Commission accepted the communications that had been received and placed on file.

## 6. Presentation/Discussion

### A. Redi-Ride

- Consistent reporting by CATA is needed
- Lack of response from CATA
- Start discussing ballot language for millage election in 2018
- Expand service area to cross jurisdictional boundaries
- Expand capacity and hours
- Service agreement needs to be updated

- Township Board should negotiate changes to the service agreement prior to 2018 election
- Summary of the problems and how best to resolve them
- The Service Agreement should include standards for accountability and reporting
- People would be willing to pay for improved services and a more flexible program
- Children under 12 years of age should be accompanied by a parent
- The Commission should make a recommendation to the Township Board
- The Chair and staff will work on a draft recommendation

#### 7. Commission Discussion/Review

- Amtrak ridership has increased in the last year
- Commissioner Vagnozzi rode CATA's Route 1 bus
- A short presentation on the Sustainability and Climate Action Plan will be given at the July 20, 2017 meeting.

#### 8. Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting date is July 20, 2017
- The next Township Board meeting August 1, 2017

#### 9. Adjournment

Chair Hackbarth called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

Commissioner Deschaine moved to adjourn the meeting

Seconded by Commissioner Vagnozzi

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.