

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
REGULAR MEETING TOWNSHIP BOARD -**APPROVED**-  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198  
517.853.4000, Township Hall Room  
TUESDAY, November 18, 2025, 6:00PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

ABSENT: Treasurer Burghardt

STAFF: Township Manager Dempsey, Deputy Manager Opsommer, Chief Grillo, Chief Hamel, IT Director Gebes

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Hendrickson called the November 18, 2025, Regular Township Board meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor Hendrickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Hendrickson asked for a moment of silence for Tom Klunzinger, former Township Trustee.

3. ROLL CALL

Clerk Demas called the roll of the Board. Six Board members present at 6:01 pm.

Treasurer Burghardt was absent.

4. PRESENTATION

None

5. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Hendrickson opened public comment at 6:02 pm.

Brad Shaw spoke about the Dobie Road Rezoning

David Batten spoke about the Meridian Township Farmer's Market Gleaning Project.

Supervisor Hendrickson closed public comment at 6:08 pm.

6. TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT

Manager Dempsey gave updates on:

- November 13 Listening Session summary will be available online next week.
- Noted that Item 9.E is not statutorily required and has been recommended because of

significant community interest.

- Thanked Principal Planner Shorkey and Community Planning and Development Director Schmitt for compiling extensive information for the Continental/Eyde Land Holdings Consent Judgement Amendment.
- Announced upcoming Township office closures on Thursday, November 27 for Thanksgiving and Friday, November 28 for the day after Thanksgiving.

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clerk Demas announced her first year serving in local office has occurred.

Trustee Wilson congratulated Dave Batten and the team on the Gleaning Program.

Supervisor Hendrickson thanked residents for attending the November 13 Listening Session and noted that dates will be announced for 2026 in the future.

8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Trustee Wilson moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Supported by Trustee Lentz.**

**VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.**

**NAYS: NONE**

**Motion carried: 6-0**

9. CONSENT AGENDA

**Trustee Trezise moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Supported by Trustee Sundland.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.**

**NAYS: NONE**

**Motion carried: 6-0**

10. ACTION ITEMS

A. Township Manager Review

Board Members thanked Manager Dempsey for his leadership.

**Trustee Wilson moved to approve the 2025 Township Manager Performance Review as presented. Supported by Trustee Trezise.**

**VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.**

**NAYS: NONE**

**Motion carried: 6-0**

- B. Ordinance 2025-025 – Franchise Agreement with the Lansing Board of Water and Light – Final Adoption

Deputy Manager Opsommer outlined the discussion that has occurred to date and noted changes been made since the last discussion. Township attorney, Tammy Sordo-Viera was present to answer Board questions.

Questions were asked by Board members regarding a previous clerical error, the indemnification clause, and if any questions were received in response to the public notice.

**Trustee Lentz moved to adopt the resolution approving Ordinance No. 2025-05, an ordinance to adopt the franchise agreement with the Lansing Board of Water and Light into the Township’s Code of Ordinances. Supported by Trustee Wilson.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.**

**NAYS: NONE**

**Motion carried: 6-0**

- C. Ingham County Materials Management Planning Committee Appointment

Deputy Manager Opsommer gave an overview of the functions of the committee.

Trustee Trezise volunteered for the appointment.

**Trustee Wilson moved to appoint Peter Trezise to apply as Meridian Township’s applicant to serve on the Ingham County Materials Management Planning Committee. Supported by Trustee Lentz.**

**VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.**

**NAYS: NONE**

**Motion carried: 6-0**

11. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. District Court Affiliation

Manager Dempsey gave an overview of the topic. Prosecuting Attorney Cullen Harkness and Chief Grillo gave additional information and answered Board questions.

Questions were asked by Board members regarding how residents would be impacted, the caseload for 54B District Court, and financial considerations.

Discussion was had by the Board regarding inmate transfer, judicial district boundaries and legislative action, and how the city of East Lansing and Meridian Township would be impacted.

The Board decided not to take action based on lack of interest, with Board members noting the change would not be beneficial to the Township.

B. Hagadorn Road Land Donation/Acquisition

Deputy Manager Opsommer gave an overview of the proposed acquisition and changes made since the last discussion.

Questions were asked by Board members regarding the ownership of surrounding parcels, pathway easements, environmental reviews, receipt of donation and donations options, location of parcels, and amount of wetlands on the property.

Board members indicated their support.

12. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Supervisor Hendrickson opened public comment at 7:01 pm.

Supervisor Hendrickson closed public comment at 7:01 pm.

13. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

**Trustee Wilson moved to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Lentz.**

**VOICE VOTE**

**YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.**

**NAYS: NONE**

**Motion carried: 6-0**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.**



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Scott Hendrickson  
Township Supervisor



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Angela Demas  
Township Clerk