

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
853-4000, Town Hall Room
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2008 **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie, Trustees Dreyfus,
LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra
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, EMS/Fire Chief Fred Cowper, Assistant Manager/ Personnel Director Paul
Brake, Director of Finance Diana Hasse, Attorney Andria Ditschman

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor McGillicuddy welcomed new Trustees Brett Dreyfus, Elizabeth LeGoff and Lynn Ochberg.

Supervisor McGillicuddy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the roll of the Board.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

Charles Willems, PO Box 184, Haslett, objected to Mrs. Willems' property being classified as lakefront property relative to the Lake Lansing Watershed Management Special Assessment District.

Leonard Provenchur, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett, requested the Proposed 2009 Non-union Wage Schedule be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Ganesh Reddy, 3614 Ponderosa Drive, Okemos, suggested the Board create a finance audit and investment committee and offered several ways to reduce Township costs.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

5. REPORTS/BOARD COMMENT/NEW WORRIES

A. Okemos DDA Integrated Development Plan Presented by Paul Brake

Assistant Manager/Personnel Director Paul Brake gave an overview of the downtown Okemos Integrated Development Plan, showing a Master Plan concept drawing for the future. He noted of significance was the proposed roundabout at Okemos and Hamilton Roads.

Will White, 2142-½ Hamilton Road, Okemos, spoke to the Downtown Development Authority's (DDA) efforts to create a walkable community for downtown Okemos. He expressed appreciation for the Township Board's support in this endeavor.

Renee Korrey, 4633 Okemos Road, Okemos, indicated she believed the roundabout was a good solution to a challenging intersection in the Township.

Board members discussed the following:

- Pathways to the park from the west side of Okemos Road as mentioned during the public forum
- Good job by the consultant capturing what both businesses within the DDA and residents who are the most likely customers want to see in the downtown Okemos area

- Concern with two roundabouts within one block of each other
- Pedestrian crossways away from the actual intersections
- Survey document as part of the final report
- Proposed roundabout will be a single lane with an additional forced right hand turn lane for those traveling northbound on Okemos Road
- Proposed traffic signage on northbound Okemos Road to alert motorists that lanes will narrow
- Concern that a one lane roundabout can handle the traffic at the intersection of Okemos and Hamilton Roads
- Traffic consultant's perspective that the proposed roundabout design would be able to handle the volume of traffic currently experienced at the intersection of Okemos and Hamilton Roads with no additional delay
- Right-of-way acquisition will be needed at the southeast corner of the intersection
- Parking lot at Independent Bank will need to be slightly reduced
- Proposed roundabout endorsed by the Ingham County Road Commission
- Concern the national experts who will be designing the roundabout understand the local traffic patterns and needs
- Pedestrian signal crosswalks at Clinton/Okemos Roads and the proposed crosswalk at Methodist/Okemos Roads may cause a disruption in the progressive light system resulting in greater traffic backup

Supervisor McGillicuddy announced the Township received a Parks and Recreation Active Community Gold Award. She also noted the Township received a \$25,000 grant to create a regional channel to interconnect the cable systems with the City of East Lansing and City of Lansing.

Elizabeth LeGoff respectfully withdrew her name for the proposed appointment to the Elections Commission.

Treasurer Brixie reported she attended a tri-county forum on the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. She also attended a Master Plan Steering Committee for the Okemos School District last week.

Trustee Veenstra reported the Natural Resources Trust Fund awarded the grant submitted by Ingham County to add 120 acres to Lake Lansing North Park. He indicated the list submitted by the Natural Resources Trust Fund is awaiting approval by the Legislature.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA — OR CHANGES

Trustee Ochberg moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Seconded by Trustee LeGoff.

Trustee Veenstra moved to amend the agenda as follows:

- **Move Agenda Item #10E to Agenda Item #11C**

Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

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

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor McGillicuddy reviewed the consent agenda.

Treasurer Brixie moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Trustee LeGoff.

Trustee Veenstra requested Agenda Items #7D and #7E be moved to Agenda Items #10G and #10H respectively.

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 follow:

A. Communications

(1). Board Determination (BD)

BD11A-1 Richard Kerbawy, 1398 Hickory Island Drive, Haslett; RE: Support for Zoning Amendment #07050

(2). Board Information (BI)

- BI-1 Dave Payne, Supervisor, Bloomfield Township, 4200 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills; RE: Contribution toward PEG channel litigation
- BI-2 Gail F. Torreano, President, AT&T Michigan, 444 Michigan Avenue, 17th Floor, Detroit; RE: Video Service Local Franchise Agreement for AT&T
- BI-3 Charles Willems, PO Box 184, Haslett; RE: Designation of Parcel #33-02-02-11-176-002
- BI-4 Robin Beltramini, President, Michigan Municipal League (MML), 1675 Green Road, Ann Arbor; RE: MML's Legislative Governance Committee

(3). Commission Linkage (CL)

- CL-1 Elizabeth LeGoff, 5189 East Brookfield Drive, East Lansing; RE: Resignation from the Planning Commission
- CL-2 Jeff Carpenter, 2229 Kenmore, Okemos; RE: Resignation from the Cable Commission

(4) Regional Linkage (RL)

- RL-1 Marion Owen, Executive Director, Tri-County Office on Aging, 5303 S. Cedar Street, Suite 1, Lansing; RE: Solicitation for contributions to Tri-County Office on Aging
- RL-2 Christine Hnatiw, Economic Development and EDA Grant Manager, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, 913 West Holmes Road, Suite 201, Lansing; RE: 2008 University Economic Development Association Award of Excellence Finalist for the Lansing Tri-County Bio-Manufacturing Feasibility Study

(5). Staff Communication/Referral (SC)

SC-1 Memorandum from Cindy Cummings, Police Records Supervisor; RE: Current list of licensed vendors and non-licensed persons or nonprofit organizations engaged in soliciting or canvassing dated November 3, 2008

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 LeGoff.

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 November 18, 2008 Regular Meeting as submitted. 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. Bills

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

Common Cash	\$1,098,581.72
Public Works	\$ 305,873.80
Total Checks	\$1,404,455.52
Credit Card Transactions	\$ 19,301.44
Total Purchases	<u>\$1,423,756.96</u>
ACH Payments	<u>\$1,236,165.66</u>

Seconded by Trustee LeGoff.

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. 4th Quarter Budget Amendments~~
- ~~E. Proposed 2009 Non-union Wage Schedule~~
- F. Charitable Gaming License, Haslett Choir Boosters

Treasurer Brixie moved approval of a request from Haslett Choir Boosters of Meridian Township, Ingham County, asking that they be recognized as a non-profit organization operating in the community for purposes of obtaining a gaming license or registration and further that the Township Clerk be authorized to execute the resolution from the State of Michigan. Seconded by Trustee LeGoff.

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

G. Resolution to Open an Investment Account

Treasurer Brixie moved to adopt a resolution entitled “Authority to Open an Account” at the following institutions:

1. Aim
2. Capitol National Bank
3. Comerica
4. Fifth Third Bank
5. Fifth Third Securities
6. Flagstar
7. Independent Bank
8. Irwin Union
9. MBIA Class
10. Mercantile Bank
11. PFM Asset Management
12. MILAF
13. Multi Bank Securities
14. Ridge Clearing & Outsourcing Solutions, Inc.

- 15. National City
- 16. National City Investments
- 17. National City Treasury Management
- 18. Summit Community Bank

Seconded by Trustee LeGoff.

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 (See Agenda Item # 10C, #10D)
- 9. HEARINGS (None)
- 10. ACTION ITEMS/ENDS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public comment.
 Allen Patrick, KEBS, Inc., 2116 Haslett Road, Haslett and representative for the Eyde Co., availed himself for Board questions on Agenda Item #10A.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed public comment.

- A. Amendment to Wetland Use Permit #06-02, Georgetown

Treasurer Brixie moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, pursuant to Article 4 of Section 22 of the Township Code of Ordinances, hereby approves Wetland Use Permit #08-06-02 with the following conditions:

1. Approval is based upon the plans, documents, and materials prepared by KEBS, Inc., submitted in conjunction with Wetland Use Permit #08-06-02, including the revised site plan dated October 2, 2008, subject to revisions as required.
2. A variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be obtained prior to work within the water features setback or the plans shall be revised to eliminate the need for a variance.
3. The wetland boundary for Township Wetlands #14-17 and #14-18 shall be flagged in those areas adjacent to the proposed work. The flagging shall be clearly evident throughout construction.
4. The applicant shall obtain all necessary permits, licenses, and approvals from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and the Ingham County Drain Commissioner’s office prior to the installation of the culvert. Copies of all permits, licenses, and approvals shall be forwarded to the Department of Community Planning and Development.
5. All construction work shall be conducted during low water conditions (no standing water) or a temporary watertight containment area (cofferdam) shall be constructed to isolate the work area. The design of the cofferdam shall be subject to the review and approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development.
6. Both ends of the culvert shall be stabilized with riprap, as indicated on the revised plan drawing dated September 2, 2008 prepared by KEBS, Inc., prior to allowing any water to pass through the pipe.
7. Prior to construction, erosion control fencing shall be installed to prevent sedimentation from infiltrating into the wetlands. The installation and location of the erosion control

- fencing shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development. The erosion control fencing shall be removed after completion of the project and the area is stabilized.
8. No straw bales shall be used for erosion control, unless in conjunction with sediment erosion control fencing.
 9. A copy of the approved wetland use permit containing the conditions of issuance shall be posted on the site in a conspicuous manner such that the wording of the permit is available for public inspection. Posting of the site shall be done prior to commencement of work on the site and continue throughout the duration of the project.
 10. The applicant shall monitor areas impacted by the culvert for one year following the completion of construction and shall remediate any problems which develop to the satisfaction of the Director of Community Planning and Development.

Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

Board members discussed the following:

- No trees will be impacted by the project
- Restoration of original Wetland #14-18 and removal of water from neighboring property

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

B. Ordinance to Prosecute Retail Fraud Cases, **Final Adoption**

Trustee Ochberg moved [and read into the record] NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, that the Township Board hereby FINALLY ADOPTS Ordinance No. 2008-13 entitled “Ordinance Amending the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, Chapter 50, Article V, by adding Section 50-117.”

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. Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

Board members discussed the following:

- Ordinance allows option to ticket under either Township ordinance or state law
- Concern with decrease in revenue to the Capital Area District Library as a result of this action
- Township staff has analyzed what is involved to generate additional revenue (approximately \$20,000) to the Township
- Meridian Township pays more per year into the library system than it receives
- Details on the execution of the diversion program will be discussed at a future meeting
- Postponement of action on this issue

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the question.

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

C. Revisions to Uniform Traffic Code and Motor Vehicle Code, **Final Adoption**

Clerk Helmbrecht moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN that the Township Board hereby FINALLY ADOPTS Ordinance No. 2008-14 entitled “Ordinance Amending the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, Chapter 74, Article I, Section 74-2, 74-3, by Amending Sections 74-2 and 74-3 to Readopt and Incorporate by Reference the Michigan Vehicle Code and Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships and Villages, with Amendments.”

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. Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

Board members discussed the following:

- Previous incorporation of several Township ordinances by reference
- Opposition to binding action by another Board in automatically incorporating future revisions of the Michigan Vehicle Code and the Uniform Traffic Code
- Township has always adopted state changes

Current Board action which binds a future Board: (See Agenda Item #8 (Questions for the Attorney))

Q. Can you respond to the legality of Trustee Veenstra’s assertions that we are binding a future Board to something and making it illegal?

A. As to the issue of adopting an ordinance that builds in future amendments, there are mixed views on that. There is a view that, as Trustee Veenstra has said, you can’t do that because you can’t adopt something that doesn’t exist at this time. However, there is also the other view, which has been adopted by some municipalities and enforced by local judges, that you may do that. Therefore, if the local jurisdiction issues a ticket and has not actually adopted it yet, but the state has made some change, some judges will enforce it as if the municipality has also adopted it. This language is being added for specific instances where the Township does not immediately adopt a state statute after it’s adopted by the state. It is only in those rare instances where the state has adopted a statute, the municipality has not yet been able to adopt it, and a ticket is written. That is where this would come up. Otherwise, in most situations, the amendments will still come before the Board, so that when the state adopts a change to the MVC or the UTC, it will still come to the Board routinely for the board to look at those changes and adopt them or not adopt them. In the rare cases, which have happened to this Township in the past two (2) years, when something has changed and a ticket is written, this hopefully will cover that case. This was raised to us by one of the local judges that this would be something they would have allowed had the Township done it. That’s why it is coming up.

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the question.

Trustee Veenstra objected to the question being called as he wanted to offer an amendment.

ATTORNEY COMMENT: Trustee Veenstra, once the Supervisor calls the question, it has been called; that’s why the amendment can’t be made.

Supervisor McGillicuddy moved to end debate and call the question.

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

NAYS: Trustee Veenstra

Motion carried 6-1.

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

- D. Adoption of 2006 International Fire Code with Meridian Township Amendments, **Final Adoption**
Treasurer Brixie moved [and read into the record], NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF
MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, the Township Board hereby FINALLY
ADOPTS Ordinance No. 2008-15, entitled ‘Ordinance Amending the Code of the Charter
Township of Meridian, Chapter 26, Article II, Sections 26-26, 26-27, by Amending Sections
26-26 and 26-27 to adopt and incorporate by reference the 2006 International Fire Code with
Meridian Amendments.’

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 adopted at least once prior to the
next regular meeting of the Township Board. Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.

Adoption of the International Fire Code without Meridian amendments: (See Agenda Item #8
 (Questions for the Attorney))

- Q. This is the one we were talking about prior to the meeting about the amendments. Did I
 understand correctly that the Fire Code would not accept the amendments?
 A. I spoke with Chief Cowper’s office regarding this ordinance change. My understanding is that
 the Fire Department would prefer to not involve amendments with the adoption by reference of
 the Fire Code, because they like to wait and see what the state will do. Because it is not a
 statute, but a code, the state will modify it and the Fire Department does not always adopt the
 Fire Code verbatim with the Code. Sometimes the state will modify it after the Code comes out
 and the Fire Department will then adopt what they think is appropriate. They do not want to do
 all amendments automatically. So, this is different from the introduction in that amendments
 are not automatically included.

- Q. So, is the motion written correctly for us to proceed?
 A. The resolution? Yes.

Board members discussed the following:

- Adoption of the 2006 Fire Code by reference
- Better homeowner policy rates as a result of these “housekeeping” measures

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

- E. ~~Appointments to Boards and Commissions~~
 F. International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Public Library Innovation Grant
 Application

Clerk Helmbrecht moved [and read into the record] NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT
RESOLVED, THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF
MERIDIAN, hereby directs the Township Manager to apply for a grant, in cooperation with
CADL leadership staff, in an amount no greater than \$50,000 and pledges a local match of
\$10,000 and other matches through in-kind services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Township Manager or his designee, along with the
CADL Library Director or her designee, will participate in a series of leadership workshops
and project coaching to support Meridian Township in solidifying the manager/librarian
partnership, ensuring the short-term success of the project and developing the capacity to

support the long-term use of libraries to meet community goals.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the citizens of this district will be kept fully informed and provided input into this process.

Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

G. 4th Quarter Budget Amendments

Treasurer Brixie moved that the Township Board approve the 2008 amended budget as reflected on page 2 of the memorandum to the Township Board from the Finance Director, dated December 12, 2008. Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

Board members discussed the following:

- General principle to pay off highest interest debts first
- Possible delay in making payments to the trust fund for future retirees health care
- Budget amendment reflects action already taken by the Board
- Retiree health care fund may be viewed similar to a pension program that is currently not being drawn upon
- Retiree health care fund will earn interest
- Retiree health care fund is a larger liability than interest on current loans

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

H. Proposed 2009 Non-union Wage Schedule

Clerk Helmbrecht moved approval of the 2009 non-union wage scale as proposed by the Township Manager. Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

Board members discussed the following:

- Two vacant positions will remain vacant
- 2009 wages will remain at 2008 levels

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 public comment.

Robert Hollenshead, 6068 Columbia, Haslett, spoke in support of Zoning Amendment #07050.

Tim McCarthy, 6076 Columbia, Haslett, spoke in support of Zoning Amendment #07050.

Leonard Provenchur, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett, spoke in opposition to Zoning Amendment #07050.

Ganesh Reddy, 3614 Ponderosa Drive, Okemos, spoke in opposition to Zoning Amendment #07050.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed public comment.

- A. Zoning Amendment #07050 (Planning Commission), request to amend Section 86-2 Definitions, Section 86-368(b)(9), Outdoor Storage of a trailer or recreational vehicle, and Section 86-506

Outdoor Storage of commercial vehicles and trailers to facilitate regulation of recreational and utility trailer storage in single-family residential districts
 Director Kieselbach summarized changes to the proposed zoning amendment as outlined in staff memorandum dated December 11, 2008.

Board members and staff discussed the following:

- Current ordinance is unenforceable as written as recreational vehicles other than travel trailer or camper are not addressed
- Zoning amendment should not be specific to only one area of the Township
- Motor homes should have a separate definition
- Allowance of only one (1) motor home in all districts
- Identification of specific needs of the Lake Lansing Overlay district
- Reduce number of trailers from two (2) to one (1) since the Lake Lansing Overlay district watercraft has been separately addressed
- Motorcycles included in the new definition
- Definition of parking v. storage
- Concern with unnecessary government regulation contained in this amendment
- Possible inclusion of the word “permanent” in storage definition
- Use of adjectives such as “temporary”, “permanent” or “continuous” creates uncertainty relative to enforcement
- Public safety comments regarding proposed distances between homes

It was the consensus of the Board to request staff clarify several sections and place this item on for discussion at a future meeting.

- B. Rezoning #08110 (Planning Commission), request to rezone 5690 Babbitt Street, Haslett, from PO (Professional and Office) to RB (Single Family-High Density)
 Director Kieselbach summarized the proposed rezoning as outlined in staff memorandum dated December 11, 2008.

Board members discussed the following:

- Good rezoning decision by the Planning Commission on a similar parcel on School Street

It was the consensus of the Board to place this item on for action at the January 6, 2009 Board meeting.

C. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Supervisor McGillicuddy summarized Board and Commission appointments as outlined in staff memorandum dated December 12, 2008.

Board members discussed the following:

- Concern with appointments being combined for school systems, regional linkage and local governments regional linkage
- Concern with past appointees not being reassigned to previous appointments
- Treasurer Brixie as the Okemos School liaison
- Treasurer Brixie’s continued representation as the liaison to the Groundwater Management Board
- Missing component of the current DDA Board is a resident from a surrounding neighborhood
- Youth applicant for a Planning Commission appointment
- Former Trustee’s knowledge and experience as an appointment on the Planning Commission
- Goal of geographic representation on Boards and Commissions
- Passenger Rail Council as a non-functional entity
- Mapped out appointments leave a whole in the central core of the Township
- Discussion at the January 13th Policy Governance workshop regarding distribution of Board member appointments to other communities
- Concern with a single Board voice with all other surrounding communities
- Service of the chief elected official as a unified voice representing the Board’s vision to the various governmental entities

- Necessity of more discussion and input from all Board members
- Possibility of having two members of a commission appointed as representative to a different Commission

It was the consensus of the Board to place this item on for action at the January 6, 2009 Board meeting.

Trustee Ochberg moved to allow an exception for the appointment of Trustee Ochberg as Board Representative on the Zoning Board of Appeals in order to facilitate efficient use of Township staff time. Seconded by Supervisor McGillicuddy.

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

12. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

Marvin Johansen, 6236 W. Reynolds, Haslett, urged the new Board members to review the history of Zoning Amendment #07050 and stated Lake Lansing residents would be amenable to the discussed limits on motor homes.

Township Manager Richards offered an orientation for new and returning Board members.

Ganesh Reddy, 3614 Ponderosa Drive, Okemos, requested the Board provide a quarterly report to the public on legal cases involving the Township. He suggested Board interviews of prospective Board and Commission appointees.

Leonard Provenchur, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett, indicated he sent new Board members information on Tri-County Regional Planning Commission’s 2035 Transportation Plan. He noted during a conversation with Mr. William Conklin, Managing Director of the Ingham County Road Commission, Mr. Conklin stated the proposed roundabout at Okemos and Hamilton Roads would only work if it was two (2) lanes in all directions. Mr. Provenchur expressed several concerns relative to the proposed roundabout as indicated on the Master Plan rendering for the future. He also spoke to the “chronic” flooding problem on Okemos Road, north of Central Park Drive.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy adjourned the meeting at 9:06 P.M.

SUSAN MCGILLICUDDY
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT, CMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Sandra K. Otto, Secretary