

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED** -  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198  
853-4000, Town Hall Room  
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014 **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor LeGoff, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Brixie, Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra  
(6:02 P.M.), Wilson  
ABSENT: None  
STAFF: Township Manager Frank Walsh, Director of Community Planning & Development  
Mark Kieselbach, Director of Public Works and Engineering Ray Severy, Fire Chief  
Fred Cowper, Director of Parks and Recreation LuAnn Maisner

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor LeGoff called the meeting to order at P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor LeGoff led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

The secretary called the roll of the Board.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Fire Chief Cowper introduced Firefighter T. J. Booms as the recipient of Sparrow Hospital's Paramedic of the Year Award.

A. Capital Area District Library Updates – Ann Chapman (Haslett Library) and Betsy Hull (Okemos Library)

Ann Chapman, Head Librarian, Haslett Branch of the Capital Area District Library, announced Capital Area District Library (CADL) celebrated its 15<sup>th</sup> year of service to its participating communities. She stated CADL recorded more than 1.4 million visits from patrons who checked out 2.7 million items from its 13 branches. Ms. Chapman noted several 2013 accomplishments at the Haslett branch, including the introduction of a one-to-one technology service and the first ever Skype video chat with an author. She addressed the use of the libraries as public gathering places during the December, 2013 ice storm emergency.

Betsy Hull, Head Librarian at the Okemos Branch of the Capital Area District Library addressed the Hope Borbas Library Renovation Campaign where funds collected (\$160,000) far exceeded the projected goal of \$100,000. She showed before and after renovation pictures on the overhead projector. Ms. Hull stated 384 programs were provided in 2013 for all ages as well as use of the library by 101 community groups. She noted renewal of 1.56 mills for CADL funding over the next four (4) years will be on the August, 2014 ballot.

B. Celebrate Downtown Okemos Event – Parks & Recreation Director LuAnn Maisner

Director Maisner provided an update on the Celebrate Downtown Okemos event which will be held on Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> at the corner of Okemos and Hamilton Roads. She summarized activities over the last six (6) years, adding 36 sponsors have given cash or made in-kind contributions for this year's festivities. Ms. Maisner listed many of the activities scheduled for the day, adding parking for the event will be at the Okemos Community Church, Meijer and surrounding parking lots.

Trustee Scales announced Culvers and members of his corvette club will also be sponsoring a car show at Culver's on June 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor LeGoff opened Public Remarks.

Neil Bowlby, 6020 Beechwood Drive, Haslett, expressed appreciation for the numerous positive interactions he has had with the Township Manager in his first year at Meridian Township.

Supervisor LeGoff closed Public Remarks.

6. TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT

Manager Walsh reported on the following:

- Status of the joint Planning Commission and Township Board subcommittee work relative to the Urban Services Management Area (USMA)
- Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) requested by legal representation for the Autumn Park Condominium Association was denied by Judge Draganchuk this morning
- Targeted ground breaking date for the new fire station is July 22
- Update on the brush pickup program
- Guest speaker at the annual Skyline Hills Neighborhood Association meeting
- Status of the Okemos Road Streetlight project

7. BOARD COMMENTS & REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Quarterly Report

Treasurer Brixie gave an update on delinquent personal property tax collection totals for tax years 2009-2013, 2013 total tax year collections and distributions as of May 15, 2014, and current fixed maturity investments and non-fixed investments as of April 30, 2014.

Clerk Dreyfus announced the Township's 20<sup>th</sup> annual Memorial Service will take place on Monday, May 26, 2014 at noon in the Glendale Cemetery. He reported his attendance at last week's Haslett Stakeholders breakfast meeting with the Township Manager and Associate Planner Menser as well as Ingham Health Department's "Health For All" meeting, where a new planning tool was unveiled. He requested the Board allow a ten minute presentation in the future on this new interactive planning tool which uses layers of data sets to plan and make policy decision. Clerk Dreyfus also announced his attendance at Michigan State University's Federal Credit Union (MSUFCU) Groundbreaking Ceremony for the newest branch near the corner of Okemos and Jolly Roads. He reported his participation in the recognition hosted by the Parks Commission to honor residents who volunteered their time to better Meridian's park system. Clerk Dreyfus also addressed a letter received by an individual regarding protections placed in Minnesota's Civil Asset Forfeiture Law.

Trustee Styka reported his attendance at the May 9<sup>th</sup> temporary fire station opening and the May 12<sup>th</sup> Park Volunteers "picnic" event, reminding residents there will be a 2/3 mill park millage on the upcoming August Primary ballot. He indicated he spoke at the MSUFCU groundbreaking ceremony for its Jolly/Okemos Road branch, adding MSUFCU is the largest university based credit union in the world with 180,000 members. Trustee Styka reported the Okemos and Haslett School Boards met yesterday and are both addressing expenditures of technology funds for the 2014-2015 school year, approval of the Ingham Intermediate School District (IISD) school budget and work on their respective school district's budget. He announced the Meridian Township Energy Team meeting will be held on May 30<sup>th</sup> in the Town Hall Room at 9:30 AM.

Trustee Veenstra reported his attendance at the May 14<sup>th</sup> Transportation Review Committee meeting of the Tri County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) where work continued on the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. He addressed the new central fire station delay has cost the Township approximately \$300,000 in legal fees and increased costs. Trustee Veenstra mentioned the Township is in the process of performing a \$1 million study of the Township's sewer system. He suggested the full Township Board and the entire membership of the Planning Commission meet to discuss and find resolution on the urban services boundary (USB). Trustee Veenstra spoke to his purported involvement in a violation of the Open Meetings Act and requested/received an update on the status of the lawsuit.

Trustee Styka expounded three members of both the Board and Planning Commission met to discuss the USB and at the present time, a compromise cannot be reached.

Trustee Wilson voiced support for work by the joint USMA committee and the focus of the Township Board and Planning Commission needs to be on the update to the Master Plan and the Future Land Use Map (FLUM).

Trustee Scales noted his participation in the Parks Award Ceremony. He expressed appreciation for the work by HOMTV interns, especially since MSU has concluded its spring semester.

8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Treasurer Brixie moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Styka.**

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor LeGoff reviewed the consent agenda.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,  
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

A. Communications (None)

B. Minutes

**Treasurer Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the May 8, 2014 Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Wilson.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,  
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Bills

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

Common Cash	\$ 300,261.61
Public Works	\$ 419,844.49
Total Checks	\$ 720,106.10
Credit Card Transactions	\$ 8,802.65
Total Purchases	<u>\$ 728,908.75</u>
ACH Payments	<u>\$ 727,506.27</u>

**Seconded by Trustee Wilson.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,  
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

[Bill list in Official Minute Book]

D. Summer Tax Collection Agreements

**Treasurer Brixie moved that the Township Board approve the "2014 Summer School Tax Collection Requests and Agreements" for East Lansing, Okemos, Williamston, Haslett and Ingham Intermediate School Districts. Seconded by Trustee Wilson.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,  
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

E. Disposal of Surplus Equipment

**Treasurer Brixie moved to approve the sale of the listed surplus Township equipment by sealed bid; or if no bids are received, to dispose of the items appropriately as follows:**

<b>Homelite electric fan motor</b>	<b>Stahl chain saw (broken piston rod)</b>
<b>Seized Briggs &amp; Stratton engine</b>	<b>Seized Tecumseh engine</b>
<b>Damaged frost bucket</b>	<b>Broken electric cement mixer</b>
<b>Broken rotary hammer</b>	<b>2 electric motors</b>
<b>2 Old electric drills</b>	<b>Old gas engine</b>
<b>2 non-functional trash pumps</b>	<b>Old drill machine</b>
<b>Misc. antenna parts</b>	<b>Bike</b>
<b>Misc. aluminum and rubber rings</b>	<b>Old push rod machine</b>
<b>2 Dayton generators</b>	<b>Gorman Rupp pump</b>
<b>Cut-off saw</b>	<b>15 inch tire rim</b>
<b>Wire cart</b>	<b>Misc. scrap items</b>

**Seconded by Trustee Wilson.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,  
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

F. MDOT Performance Resolution for Right-of-Way Permit

**Treasurer Brixie moved to approve the attached Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies, which sets forth the performance and insurance requirements for Meridian Township under an annual permit issued by MDOT to Meridian Township for work in State Highway right of way. Seconded by Trustee Wilson.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,  
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

10. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY ((See Agenda Item #12C, #12E)

11. HEARINGS (None)

12. ACTION ITEMS

Supervisor LeGoff opened Public Remarks.

Chris Thelen, Area Manager, Consumers Energy, 530 W. Willow Highway, Lansing, addressed steps used by Consumers relative to its tree trimming process in Meridian Township. He reminded Board members Consumers Energy is a viable business in the Lansing area and many of its employees reside in Meridian Township.

Neil Bowlby, 6020 Beechwood Drive, Haslett, spoke in support of Consumer Energy's practice of piling brush in windrows along the power lines for wildlife habitat as an environmentally sound practice.

Supervisor LeGoff closed Public Remarks.

A. 2014 Local Roads Committee Recommendations

**Trustee Scales moved to approve the list of local roads for improvement in 2014 as follows:**

Section	Street	From	To
5	E & W Golfridge	Longview	Park Lake Rd
5	E & W Longview	S of Golfridge	
9	Westminster	Haslett Rd	Barnsbury
10	Benson	Haslett Rd	N end
11	Franklin (not incl stub)	Marsh Rd	Hallendale
11	Hallendale	300' at Franklin	
11	Academic Way	Haslett Rd	N end
16	Banyon-Burcham	Jo Pass	Okmeos Rd
20	Comanche	Mt. Hope Rd	Sequoia Trail
22	Oakwood-Hillside	Forest Hill	Northview
22, 27	Manitou	Birchwood	Hamilton
28	Southport Circle	Sower Blvd	N end
29	Comanche	Copperhill	Mt. Hope Rd
33	Raleigh	Sandlewood	Belding
33	Sandlewood	Tamarack	Ashland

**Seconded by Trustee Styka.**

Board discussion:

- Historically, the Local Road Committee has not provided the local roads list for Board approval
- Last year’s Cornell Road Improvement Project was a prime example as to why the Board should be included and the public made aware for full purposes of transparency
- Hot-in-place recycling of the existing asphalt with a one-inch (1”) overlay was decided upon as the preferred improvement technique
- Most roads recommended for improvement provide access into neighborhoods or schools and was the deciding factor to best utilize existing funds and best serve the public
- Balance of road improvements between Haslett and Okemos
- Total budget set at \$700,000 and the costs do not include manhole casting, adjustments, curb and gutter repairs or ADA compliance for sidewalk ramps
- Acknowledgment that many more roads need repair
- Local Road Committee consists of one Township Trustee, the Township Supervisor, the Township Manager, the Director of Public Works and Engineering, Tom Minter, Rick Little (Livingston County Road Commission), Larry Galehouse and John O’Doherty (National Center for Pavement Preservation (NCP))
- \$60,000-\$70,000 of general fund surplus in addition to all earmarked funds
- \$86,000 scheduled payback to the general fund from the local road fund debt is not included in this configuration
- Continued Board member belief there should be forgiveness of the balance of the “debt” from the local road fund from 2002
- Township Manager belief the balance of the local road fund debt is approximately \$320,000
- \$6.2 million general fund balance does not include the scheduled payback
- Need for road improvement on Okemos Road, a primary road within the Township and the responsibility of the Ingham County Road Department (ICRD)
- Preference of two Board members to forgive the local road fund payback for this year only

- Budget will need to be amended to allow for the additional \$70,000 needed for road repair to come from the general fund
- Local Road Committee members drove around the Township analyzing various roads
- Inquiry as to the metrics used to measure road deterioration for comparative purposes
- Expertise of the ICRD and members of the Local Road Committee was used during the deliberative road selection process
- Board member concern with the selection of Westminster Road from Haslett Road to Barnsbury
- List of roads is not one of only the worst roads, but utilized the “mix of fixes” concept (build, save and repair roads)

**Treasurer Brixie offered the following friendly amendment:**

- **Amend the main motion to add “and forgive the scheduled \$86,000 payback.”**

**The amendment was not accepted by the maker.**

Continued Board and staff discussion:

- No email requests for road repair were shared with local road committee members during deliberation
- Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) system determines the condition of the road and was utilized by Local Road Committee members
- Board member belief there are no road repairs scheduled for the western third of the Township which is not in Okemos or Haslett
- All Board members received many similar requests from their constituency, especially after such a hard winter
- Many more roads in the Township need work
- 5,600 lineal feet of roads on the list are in the East Lansing portion of Meridian Township
- Not fixing roads when they are slightly deteriorated costs twice as much to repair in the long run
- Increase in fuel tax would allow for proper maintenance of Township roads
- Need for healthy debate and “hard” questions asked for total government transparency

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,  
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Acceptance of the Green Road Land Preserve Acquisition Project Grant**

**Treasurer Brixie moved [and read into the record] NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN DOES HEREBY ACCEPT THE TERMS OF THE “AGREEMENT” AS RECEIVED FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES:**

- 1. To appropriate funds necessary to complete the Green Road Land Preserve Acquisition from the Land Preservation Fund in an estimated amount of \$60,000 or in combination with a contribution from the land owner. The final negotiated purchase price will be determined after a Department of Natural resources approved appraisal and negotiations with the land owner.**
- 2. To maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents and records to make them available to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for auditing at reasonable times in perpetuity.**
- 3. To regulate the use of the facility constructed and reserved under this Agreement to assure the use thereof by the public on equal and reasonable terms.**
- 4. To comply with any and all terms of said Agreement.**

**Seconded by Trustee Scales.**

Board discussion:

- Township received the grant for which it applied
- Monetary amounts are estimated until the final purchase price is negotiated
- Request for a map which shows the size of the subject property
- Concern with the expensive price tag for this parcel of land

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,  
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Rezoning #14030 (Fedewa), Request to Rezone Approximately 5.2 Acres from RR (Rural Residential) to C-2 (Commercial) Located on Saginaw Highway

**Trustee Wilson moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby INTRODUCES FOR PUBLICATION AND SUBSEQUENT ADOPTION Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_, entitled “Ordinance Amending the Zoning District Map of Meridian Township Pursuant to Rezoning Petition #14030” RR (Rural Residential) to C-2 (Commercial).**

**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 introduced at least once prior to the next regular meeting of the Township Board.**

**Seconded by Trustee Scales.**

Board, staff and applicant discussion:

- Proposed rezoning is a prime example of the need to update the Master Plan and the Future Land Use Map
- No objection by the adjacent neighbors to the rezoning
- Conditions offered by the applicant at the last meeting of trees, screening to buffer the adjacent Land Preservation property and a 20 foot setback have been withdrawn
- Preference of two Board members to have the applicant offer conditions in order to support the proposed rezoning
- Planning Department does an exemplary job during site plan review in requiring appropriate landscaping, buffers, lighting, etc.
- Unnecessary to have conditions suggested by Board members contained in the resolution as there will be requirements for landscaping and lighting required by staff
- Timeline of events from when the applicant submitted conditions on Friday morning and then withdrew conditions shortly thereafter
- Applicant must have a 100 foot buffer on the side of the property adjacent to rural residential
- Continued reduction in the size of the parcel will lead to failure

Legality of Board imposed conditions on the applicant: (Questions for the Attorney (See Agenda Item #10))

Q. For the record, I believe our Attorney advised us at our last meeting that we could not put conditions on the applicant. Am I correct, Attorney?

A. That’s correct.

Q. So we have a case where folks keep saying they can only support this if this condition is put on there. How would you suppose the courts would view that type of conversation at a Township Board meeting?

- A. I'm not going to say today that is some kind of violation. I don't know if it is. It hasn't been tested; it's not in a case. So, I can't tell you if that's some type of violation of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act (MZEA). The MZEA clearly states that an applicant must offer the condition in writing and, so, that is what I'll leave you with today. There are no conditions unless the applicant offers it in writing. They can offer it; they can take it away. If they offer it in writing as a part of their request and you approve it that way, it stays as part of the rezoning.

Continued Board discussion:

- Apology for some of the discussion being inappropriate for the rezoning process and more appropriate during site plan review
- Land Preservation Advisory Board (LPAB) discussed the concept of fences along the length of a LPAB border and did not like the idea
- One of the LPAB objectives is to promote areas of collective green space with corridors and corresponding movement of wildlife within those corridors
- LPAB feels that fences would inhibit movement of wildlife
- Board member absent from the last meeting was supportive of the rezoning as presented at that meeting, but would not have supported "Board imposed" conditions
- C-2 is an appropriate zoning on a primary highway
- Applicant's offer of conditions/ideas/strategies was an attempt to persuade undecided members to move forward
- Concern with Board member's mischaracterization of other Board members' statements during a healthy discussion to vet the proposed project
- Rezoning is undesirable as it promotes "sprawl"
- No commercial development from Lake Lansing to Marsh Road
- Concern with inclusion of the language "potential uses can be handled by the use of directional crossovers on Saginaw Highway"
- Continued insistence on adequate protection for the adjacent Land Preservation property

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff, Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus  
NAYS: Trustee Veenstra  
Motion carried 6-1.

- D. Special Use Permit #14041 (First Housing Corporation), Request to Modify Studio Apartments in Phase 1 of Grange Acres - Compliance with Section 86-658 Building Greater than 25,000 Square Feet

**Treasurer Brixie moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby approves Special Use Permit #14041 (First Housing Corporation) for a group of buildings totaling approximately 232,000 square feet in gross floor area subject to the following condition:**

- 1. Special Use Permit #14041 is subject to all conditions placed on Special Use Permit #68021 (Phase 1), Special Use Permit #70231 (Phase 2), Special Use Permit #78031 (Phase 3) and Special use Permit #80241 (Phase 4), and #14041 granted for the construction of Grange Acres Senior Housing.**

**Seconded by Trustee Scales.**

Board discussion:

- Conversion of 38 studio apartments to one-bedroom units

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff, Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

E. Removal of Trees and Vegetation by Utility Companies Ordinance, **Introduction**

ATTORNEY COMMENT: Before it's introduced...I had written a memo and I wrote the memo and the introduction of the draft ordinance as was directed to put in the form of an introduced ordinance and resolution. I did that. Since the time that was written and since the last Board meeting, the Township Manager, Mark Kieselbach, Ray Severy and myself met with Consumers (four of their representatives: Forestry Operations Manager, Area Manager Chris Thelen (who is here tonight), an attorney with Consumers as well as their Communications Director). We spend quite a long time talking about issues such as how they go about what they do in coming onto property and different types of scenarios. It was my takeaway from that meeting that we need to slow this process down. Before you introduce, I want you to know my recommendation is that we have a subcommittee which would involve representatives from ITC, Consumers and the Board who would sit down and at least talk about the different scenarios before we pass the language as is. It may not adequately deal with all of the situations.

**Trustee Scales moved to establish a committee based on appointment by the Supervisor to meet with the aforementioned groups (ITC, Consumers Energy and the Township Manager) to discuss the issues of the proposed ordinance. Supported by Treasurer Brixie.**

Board discussion:

- Board member suggestion to appoint Trustee Scales as he brought this issue to the Board
- Appreciation for the advice by the Township Attorney to move slowly as there is value in preserving the positive relationship the Township has with Consumers Energy

**Supervisor LeGoff appointed Trustee Scales, Trustee Styka and Treasurer Brixie as committee members.**

Continued Board discussion:

- Clerk Dreyfus has a utility easement border his property and it would be appropriate for him to serve on the committee
- Most Board members have utility easements which border their property

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

Continued Board discussion:

- Preference for the ordinance to be introduced at this meeting since it is on the agenda for introduction

Timing of ordinance introduction: (Questions for the Attorney (See Agenda Item #10))

Q. Attorney Ditschman, is that something which must be done, or can't we just simply put it off?

A. My recommendation is you don't introduce the ordinance.

Continued Board discussion:

- Discussion at the last Board meeting about passing this as an emergency ordinance as the need was so pressing
- Need for an ordinance which requires utility companies to clean up after tree trimming and leaving stumps
- Unsatisfactory for a utility company to leave a stump "behind"

F. Approval for Distribution - Master Plan Goals and Objectives

**Trustee Wilson moved to approve the distribution of the proposed amendment to the Goals and Objectives of the 2005 Master Plan and direct the Clerk to notify the secretary of the Planning Commission to distribute the proposed amendment in accordance with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act. Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.**

Board discussion:

- 63 day review process allows other stakeholders (including members of the Township's other Boards and Commissions, the public, etc.) to weigh in on the proposed goals and objectives
- Need for the 63 day review process to commence
- Changes can be made as the process moves along (i.e., comments from the Economic Development Corporation)

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,  
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

G. Appointments to the Lake Lansing Watershed Advisory Committee

**Trustee Scales moved that the following property owners be reappointed to the Lake Lansing Watershed Advisory Committee for terms expiring April 30, 2016: Timothy McCarthy, 6076 Columbia; Curtis Armbruster, 6411 E. Reynolds; and Steven Culling, 6193 Columbia.**

**Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,  
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

H. Extension of Work Hours for Shaw Street Watermain Replacement

**Treasurer Brixie moved to approve the extension of working hours to include 6:30 PM to 2:00 AM up to four times during the replacement of the Shaw Street watermain. Seconded by Trustee Styka.**

Board discussion:

- Shaw Street is the first street west of the southwest corner of Lake Lansing
- Inquiry if it would be better to have the water shut off during the day time when most of the residents would either at work or school
- Key business in the area is a child day care which needs water during the day
- Long shut down should happen only once with two crews who will replace two (2) valves and cut the water main off at one location
- Two of the locations are along Haslett Road and one location at the north end at Lake Drive
- Majority of the work will take place in front of the post office where a 16" watermain valve will be replaced

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,  
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

13. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

Supervisor LeGoff opened and closed Public Remarks.

A. Snow Emergency Parking Ordinance

Attorney Ditschman summarized the proposed ordinance language as outlined in staff memorandum dated May 16, 2014.

Board, Township Manager and Attorney discussion:

- Complaints received by the Township from many residents that a number of cars did not move during the ice storm and impacted the ability to snow plow
- The Police Department, Township Attorney and the Manager's office are the best determinants of interpretation and enforceability of the proposed language

- Language is a combination from multiple existing ordinances which received concurrence by the Township's Police Chief
- Major streets which would be effected by the proposed ordinance
- "Major" would be changed to "primary" to be consistent with state designations of state trunkline, primary and local roads
- Haslett, Jolly, Okemos, Lake Lansing and Mt. Hope Roads as examples of designated primary roads
- Application of language in the stalled vehicle section in situations of stalled vehicles and "stuck in snow"
- Need for the enforcing agency to use "common sense" during an extreme weather emergency
- Proposed ordinance covers emergency situations
- Six (6) hour timeframe is reasonable given an emergency situation
- Residents can park on primary roads which do not have curb and gutter as long as the tires are not on the pavement
- Inquiry regarding Township permits for on-street parking
- Concern with penalty fees and Attorney fees in addition to the municipal civil infraction fine
- Additional costs and attorney fees would be present in every case which is tried in district court

**It was the consensus of the Board to place this item on for action at the June 3, 2014 Board Meeting.**

14. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor LeGoff opened and closed Public Remarks.

15. FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENT (None)

16. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor LeGoff adjourned the meeting at 8:42 P.M.

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ELIZABETH LEGOFF  
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

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BRETT DREYFUS  
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Sandra K. Otto, Secretary