

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES – **APPROVED**
5151 MARSH ROAD, OKEMOS, MI 48864-1198
349-1200, TOWN HALL ROOM
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1999, **4:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger, Trustees McCullough,
McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development
Mark Kieselbach, Director of Engineering & Public Works Roger Buell, Personnel
Director/Assistant Manager Paul Brake, Accounting Manager Diane Hasse, Park
Coordinator Wendy Longpre, Cable Television Coordinator Matt Schuster

1. CALL BUDGET WORK SESSION TO ORDER

Supervisor Little called the Work Session to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. DISCUSSION ON 2000 BUDGET

Board Members discussed the proposed 2000 Budget for all General Fund and Special Revenue
Funds, excluding at this time the Police and Public Works.

3. OTHER BUSINESS (None)

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor Little opened Public Remarks.

Judith Hurst, 3418 Lake Lansing Road, Okemos, re: opposition to Rezoning #99060 (Rysberg).

Bob Homan, 2176 Hamilton Road, Okemos, re: Cable Commission budget cuts and need for
independence.

5. Pat Hagen, 4135 Wabaningo, Okemos; re: Cable Communications budget cuts; 4:00 p.m. start
time for budget work sessions.

Supervisor Little Closed Public Remarks.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Little adjourned the Budget Work Session at 6:45 p.m.

BRUCE A. LITTLE
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M.G. HELMBRECHT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Janis L. Haskell, Acting Secretary

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES –**APPROVED**
5151 MARSH ROAD, OKEMOS, MI 48864-1198
349-1200, TOWN HALL ROOM
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1999, **7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger, Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development Mark Kieselbach, Director of Engineering & Public Works Roger Buell, EMS/Fire Chief Fred Cowper, Personnel Director/Assistant Manager Paul Brake, Attorney Brian Goodenough, Attorney William Fahey

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Supervisor Little called the Meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW POLICE OFFICER
Police Captain Hall introduced new Police Officer Bart Crane.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMS/FIREFIGHTER
Fire Chief Cowper introduced new EMS/Firefighter Mathew Sechlke.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – OR CHANGES
Board members discussed the consent agenda.

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED WITH THE DELETION OF ITEM #16.B (1) (Rezoning #99060 (Rysberg), request to rezone approximately nine acres north of Lake Lansing Road, east of Abbott Road and west of Gossard Avenue from RAA (Single Family-Low Density) and RB (Single Family-High Density) to PO (Professional Office); REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA AND REFERRED TO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ITEMS #17.F. (Recreation Director Employment Agreement); #17.G. (Wellington Estates Streetlighting District (Resolution No. 2).

CONSENT AGENDA TO INCLUDE ITEMS #4. A., B., C. and D. (Correction, Approval & Ratification of Minutes: August 17, 1999 Work Session, August 17, 1999 Regular Session, September 7, 1999 Work Session and September 7, 1999 Regular Session); #5 (Communications); #11.A. (Change November 2, 1999 Board Meeting to Wednesday, November 3, 1999 #17.A. (Bills); #17.B. (Assessing Stipulations); #17.D. (Temporary Road Closures for Haslett's Homecoming Parade); #18.A.3. (Ratification Paramedic/Firefighter Appointment); #18.B. POAM Grievance Response. **SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SQUIERS.**

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

4. CORRECTION , APPROVAL & RATIFICATION OF MINUTES (See Consent Agenda)
 - A. August 17, 1999 Work Session
 - B. August 17, 1999 Regular Session
 - C. September 7, 1999 Work Session
 - D. September 7, 1999 Regular Meeting

5. COMMUNICATIONS (See Consent Agenda)**Application for Public Service (***)**

APP-1 Lyle S. Mindlin, DO, 4043 Shoals Drive, Economic Development Corporation, Hearing Officer, and Planning Commission.

Board Deliberation (BD)

BD-1 David Held, 3833 New Salem Avenue, Okemos, RE: Year 2000 Budget

BD-2 Greg Komyathy, DDS, 2228 Grand River Avenue, Okemos, RE: Streetlight placement in Wellington Estates.

Board Information (BI)

BI-1 Michigan Township Association, Legislative Fax, September 10, 1999 Edition

BI-2 Triangle Foundation, 19641 W. Seven Mile Road, Detroit, MI, RE: Riverside Park

BI-3 McClelland & Anderson, LLP, 1305 S. Washington Avenue, Suite 102, Lansing, RE: SBI Limited Partnership; Ember Oaks Development

BI-4 Henry R. Smith, 2343 Hulett Road, Okemos & Robert Corlett, Hulett Road, Okemos, RE: bicycle pathway on Hulett Road.

BI-5 Thomas Wiseman, 4954 Hillcrest Avenue, Okemos, RE: Traffic through Ittawa Hill Subdivision.

BI-6 State of Michigan, Department of Consumer and Industry Services, Liquor Control Commission, RE: approval of license for Meridian Restaurant Ventures, Inc.

BI-7 Gail Oranchak, Senior Planner, Meridian Township, RE: Comprehensive Development Plan.

BI-8 Eckhart Dersch, Meridian Township Park Commission, RE: Meridian Riverfront Park

BI-9 Michigan Township Association, Legislative Fax, September 3, 1999 Edition.

BI-10 Kay Dunn, Police Records Supervisor, Meridian Township, RE: Current list of licensed vendors and non-licensed persons or nonprofit organizations engaged in soliciting or canvassing.

On File in Clerk's Office (OF)

OF-1 Okemos Public Schools Board of Education, RE: Meeting agenda.

6. QUESTIONS OF ATTORNEY

Trustee McCullough asked Manager Richards to have the Attorney look into the cable franchise agreement regarding ramifications for allocating a portion of the Cable Franchise Fees for general fund, non-cable related activities.

Treasurer Klunzinger referred to August minutes in which the Attorney was to determine the Township's relationship with Capital Area District Library and report back to Board. Attorney Fahey noted a memorandum was prepared but didn't know to what extent it was communicated to the Board. He will prepare a memorandum in the form of a Legal Opinion for the Board.

7. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor Little opened Public Remarks.

Greg Komyathy, 4601 Dunmorrow, Okemos; RE: support of Wellington Estates street lighting.

Jill Rinner, 920 Nicole Circle, Okemos; RE: opposition to Wellington Estates street lighting.

Steve Early, 4540 Wellington Drive, Okemos; RE: support of Wellington Estates street lighting.

Jim Carr, 915 Nicole Circle, Okemos; RE: support of Wellington Estates street lighting.

Vance Kincaid, 4530 Nakoma, Okemos; RE: opposed 425 Agreement, urges Board to seek new Legal Counsel.

Supervisor Little closed Public Remarks.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA TO INCLUDE ITEMS: #4. A., B., C., D. (Correction, Approval & Ratification of Minutes: August 17, 1999 Work Session, August 17, 1999 Regular Session, September 7, 1999 Work Session and September 7, 1999 Regular Session); #5 (Communications); #11.A. (Change November 2, 1999 Board Meeting to Wednesday, November 3, 1999 #17.A. (Bills); #17.B. (Assessing Stipulations); #17.D. (Temporary Road Closures for Haslett's Homecoming Parade); #18.A.3. (Ratification Paramedic/Firefighter Appointment); #18.B. POAM Grievance Response. **SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger.
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried 7-0.

Therefore, the above actions were taken with the votes as follows:

A. CORRECTION, APPROVAL & RATIFICATION OF MINUTES (Agenda Item #4. A., B., C., D.):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 17, 1999 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS:

page 1, paragraph 2, line 3 (Item #2, Questions for Attorney, Urban Service Boundary):
 To read: Attorney Goodenough responded *that it is possible to adopt this as an ordinance by the Township Board, but* that a ballot was not an appropriate place for the Urban Service Boundary issue.

SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger.
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried 7-0.

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 1999 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS:

Page 1, paragraph 3, line 3 (Item #2, Questions for Attorney)
 To read: Attorney Fahey stated that the land involved in the 425 site now being proposed is 3/4 of Section 30 of the Township (*not the Governor's Club*).

page 9, paragraph 6, line 2 (Item #10. Clerk's Report):
 Add: . . .*subject to Attorney final approval* to all ballot language motions.

SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such,
 Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger.
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried 7-0.

B. COMMUNICATIONS (Agenda Item # 5)
 TREASURER KLUNZINGER 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 OR FURTHER DISPOSITION. SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such,
 Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger.
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried 7-0.

C. MEETING CHANGE (Agenda Item #11. A.)
 TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO CHANGE THE NOVEMBER 2, 1999 BOARD MEETING TO WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1999 DUE TO THE SPECIAL ELECTION. SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such,
 Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger.
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried 7-0.

D. MANAGER'S BILLS (Agenda Item #17.A.)
 TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVE THE MANAGER'S BILLS AS FOLLOWS:

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| General Fund/Special Revenue | \$371,938.76 |
| Pubic Works | <u>\$911,107.26</u> |
| Total | <u>\$1,283,046.02</u> |

SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such,
 Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger.
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried 7-0.

E. ASSESSING STIPULATIONS (Agenda Item #17.B.)
***1941 Grand River**
 TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN A STIPULATION WITH FRANKS NURSERY & CRAFTS, INC., ON THE FOLLOWING COMMERCIAL PROPERTY:

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>DOCKET NO.</u> | <u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 1999/1998 | 238267 | 1941 Grand River |
| 1997/1996 | | |

Assessment/Taxable: 1999 \$707,100/395,460

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| 1998 | 580,100/389,233 |
| 1997 | 574,900/379,000 |
| 1996 | 558,600/368,700 |

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| <u>Proposed Asmt/Taxable:</u> | 1999 | \$482,500/341,698 |
| | 1998 | 482,500/336,317 |
| | 1997 | 482,500/327,475 |
| | 1996 | 482,500/318,556 |

****RATIONALE:** This Stipulation is recommended to correct the 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999 Assessed and Taxable Values. After extensive research, it has been determined that our Assessment exceeds 50 percent of the property's True Cash Value. Therefore the Proposed Assessment is recommended.

SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger.

NAYS: None
Motion carried 7-0.

***1941 Grand River**

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN A TAX TRIBUNAL STIPULATION WITH FRANKS NURSERY & CRAFTS, INC., ON THE FOLLOWING COMMERCIAL PROPERTY:

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>DOCKET NO.</u> | <u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 1999/1998 | 238267 | 1941 Grand River |
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SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger.

NAYS: None
Motion carried 7-0.

F. TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES FOR HASLETT'S HOMECOMING PARADE
(Agenda Item #17.D.)

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THE FOLLOWING:

WHEREAS, Section 247.323 of the Michigan Road Law provides that highways may be temporarily closed on a request of an official authorized by the Governing Body of a City, Village or Township; and

WHEREAS, Haslett High School has requested Academic Way, Haslett Road (between Academic and Cornell), Cornell, Bayshore, Hallendale, Franklin and Marsh Road be closed on October 1, 1999 from 5:45 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.;

THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S OFFICE IS AUTHORIZED TO REQUEST THE INGHAM COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE ACADEMIC WAY, HASLETT ROAD (BETWEEN ACADEMIC AND CORNELL), CORNELL, BAYSHORE, HALLENDALE, FRANKLIN AND MARSH ROAD (BETWEEN FRANKLIN AND THE ENTRANCE TO HASLETT HIGH SCHOOL) BE CLOSED ON OCTOBER 1, 1999 FROM 5:45 P.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M. FOR THE HASLETT HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE.

SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger.

NAYS: None
Motion carried 7-0.

G. RATIFICATION PARAMEDIC/FIREFIGHTER APPOINTMENT (Agenda Item #18.A.)

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF RUDY GONZALES TO THE POSITION OF PARAMEDIC/ FIREFIGHTER CONTINGENT UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THOSE ITEMS STIPULATED IN THE CONDITIONAL OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT.

SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger.

NAYS: None
Motion carried 7-0.

H. POAM GRIEVANCE RESPONSE (Agenda Item #18.B.)

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THAT THE REJECTION OF THE POAM'S GRIEVANCES NUMBERED 99-403 AND 99-404, BASED ON THE REASONS AND JUSTIFICATIONS SUBMITTED ON THE RECORD AND THAT ANY REQUEST

FOR A HEARING BY THE PARTIES BEFORE THE TOWNSHIP BOARD BE DENIED.

SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger.
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried 7-0.

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee McGillicuddy referred to the letter from Tom Wiseman RE: cut-through traffic on Hillcrest; ratio of people for/against Wellington Estates street lighting.

Trustee McCullough asked Captain Hall to look into concerns addressed earlier about cut-through traffic.

Trustee Such noted the Infrastructure Committee is looking into traffic calming methods and some experimental traffic calming devices in cooperation with the Ingham County Road Commission with the objective to slow traffic down without stop signs.

Treasurer Klunzinger urged the Planning Commission to move soon to resolve the Urban Service Boundary issue.

10. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Little reported there has been quite an improvement at the sledding hill, which has now been hydro-seeded.

Informed the Board that he will be bringing a new Attorney Retainer agreement to the next meeting that he, Attorney Goodenough and Attorney Fahey have been working on.

TRUSTEE SQUIERS MOVED TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PARK COMMISSIONERS FROM SIX TO FIVE BASED ON A RECENT LAW THAT STATES THE TOWNSHIP CAN HAVE EITHER FIVE, SEVEN OR NINE COMMISSIONERS. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH.

Discussion included the following:

- Seven Park Commissioners would provide greater Park Commission diversity.
- Reducing down to five is consistent with goal of reducing size of government.
- Issue would not have that much of an impact next year, since current park commissioners will serve through November 20, 2000, at which point there would be five people running for 5 seats. If motion passes and one of current commissioners resigns, wouldn't appoint replacement. Attorney Fahey noted this was correct.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Squiers, McCullough, Such, Little
 NAYS: Klunzinger, Helmbrecht, McGillicuddy
 Motion carried 4-3.

11. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Helmbrecht acknowledged receipt of a petition from neighbors supporting the closure of Eastgate Park and provided copies to all Board members.

Clerk Helmbrecht acknowledged receipt of letter from Wardcliff neighbors regarding parking on street/grass, etc. and asked if the neighbors' letter could be forwarded to the Planning and Development Committee to further seek ideas for enforcement of Township ordinances.

Trustee McCullough suggested handbills to the area informing the new residents of Township rules.

Director Kieselbach informed Board Members he has already had inspectors checking homes for licenses and have checked out a number of homes in question and talked with owners of the property.

Supervisor Little noted that enforcement of the Civil Infractions Ordinance would begin on October 1.

Trustee McCullough also offered to have the topic come before the Planning and Development Committee.

Clerk Helmbrecht noted that the current resident CATA position would expire on September 30 and MOVED TO APPOINT PAT MUNSHAW TO THAT POSITION. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-0 (Treasurer Klunzinger did not vote).

12. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Klunzinger MOVED TO APPOINT JEREMY JACK TO THE CABLE COMMISSION. Motion died for lack of a second.

Treasurer Klunzinger reviewed the memo provided to the Board as a follow-up to the production of *A Mid-Summer's Night Dream* program held in Nancy Moore Park, and noted he and Clerk Helmbrecht believed a contribution/thank you of \$500 would be appropriate for Todd Haywood's efforts.

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO PAY TODD HAYWOOD \$500 FOR HIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED IN PRODUCING "SUNSETS WITH SHAKESPEARE." SECONDED BY HELMBRECHT.

Discussion included:

- Program was a big success with about 1,000 audience members
- Many positive comments, some of which were relayed to the Board in writing
- Cost were much less than authorized amount
- Original agreement was that professional services would be provided gratis, see no need to change that arrangement
- Just because program came under budget doesn't mean we have to spend all the money budgeted.

VOICE VOTE: Motion failed 5-2 (Helmbrecht/Klunzinger).

13. TOWNSHIP BOARD (None)

14. SPECIAL HEARINGS/APPEALS

A. Moratorium Ordinance

Supervisor Little opened the public hearing on the Eastgate Park Moratorium Ordinance.

Trustee Squiers provided an explanation of the Eastgate Park Moratorium Ordinance.

Sean Kosofsky, Director of Policy and Victim Services, Triangle Foundation, the Lesbian Gay Foundation of Michigan, 19641 West Seven Mile Road, Detroit; RE: urge Board to oppose any efforts to shut down Eastgate Park and to avoid the use of sting or undercover operations in the Park; read letter from Triangle Foundation for the record (Agenda Item #5, BI-2).

Eckhart Dersch, 2203 Butternut, Okemos; RE: opposes the Moratorium Ordinance and read letter into the record from the Meridian Township Park Commission outlining modification plan of the parking configuration at Meridian Riverfront Park, Eastgate entrance (Agenda Communication #5, BI-8).

Maris Kazmers, 4392 Calgary, Okemos; RE: supports the Moratorium Ordinance, same thing happening in Legg Park and would like to see resolution to solve problems for both parks.

Ted Black, 4714 VanAtta Road, Okemos, member of Meridian Township Park Commission; RE: opposes the Moratorium Ordinance, read letter from Wendy Longpre into record outlining preliminary plan of proposed parking lot layout and park reconstruction. Also brought for entry into the record a map showing the location of the new developments in the park reconstruction, including a tennis court, ballfield and two soccer fields and new parking location.

Supervisor Little closed the public hearing.

B. 425 Agreement

Supervisor Little opened the Special Public Hearing.

Attorney Fahey provided background on the splitting of the land in the original 425 Agreement into two parts and that the public hearing tonight regards the part that consists of 557 acres North of Bennett Road, South of Mt. Hope Road, east of College Road and West of Hagadorn Road in Section 30 of the Township (MSU property).

Basic purpose of the 425 Agreement relative to this property would be two-fold: (1) bring Lansing sewer and water services to property and (2) to promote an economic development project proposed by Michigan State University (MSU) that involves an approximate \$50 million agricultural laboratory facility MSU has on drawing board for the property.

In response to the question of why MSU couldn't provide sewer capacity to its own project, Fahey outlined how the proposed plan will tap into regional capacities, rather than pushing East Lansing/Meridian systems closer to their capacity limits. The Agreement would also provide stability in the future for water service, consistent with long term plans the Township has with City of Lansing to bring additional water supply into the Township.

Wayne McLellen, 1459 Cheboygan Road, Okemos; RE: asked for clarification as to the size of the 425 Agreement, expected impacts, results of any studies of needs/benefits, questioned why public hearing wasn't a question/answer format.

Supervisor Little closed the public hearing.

15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (None)

16. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

- A. Unfinished Business (None)
- B. New Business (removed from agenda and referred to the Planning and Development Committee; see Consent Agenda)
 (1) Rezoning #99060 (Rysberg). Request to rezone approximately nine acres north of Lake Lansing Road, east of Abbott Road and west of Gossard Avenue from RAA (Single Family-Low Density) and RB (Single Family-High Density) to PO (Professional Office).

17. MANAGER’S REPORT, INVOICES & BILLS

- A. Bills (See Consent Agenda)
- B. Assessing Stipulations (See Consent Agenda)
- C. Moratorium Ordinance
 TRUSTEE SQUIERS MOVED TO INCORPORATE THE FOLLOWING MORATORIUM ORDINANCE TO CLOSE THE PARKING LOT AT EASTGATE PARK FOR 180 DAYS OR UNTIL PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, BY ADDING A NEW ORDINANCE _____.

MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP ORDAINS:

Section 1. Addition of new Chapter

A new ordinance, Ordinance _____, is added to the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, to read in its entirety as follows:

ORDINANCE _____

MORATORIUM ORDINANCE

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this Ordinance is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Charter Township of Meridian (the “Township”). The moratorium will protect residents against the adverse and detrimental effects of reported violations of Federal and State laws and Township Ordinances resulting from the design of the Eastgate Park parking lot. The Eastgate Park parking lot shall remain closed while the Township studies the design and possibly reconstructs or relocates the existing parking lot of Eastgate Park.

Section 2. Moratorium. The Township imposes a moratorium on any parking or use of the Eastgate Park parking lot.

Section 3. Effective date; Time. The moratorium shall become effective upon final adoption and shall remain effective for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days or until such time as the Eastgate Park parking lot is moved or reconstructed, whichever occurs first.

Section 4. Hardship. In a case of unnecessary hardship to the satisfaction of the Township Board, the Township Board may grant exceptions to the provisions of the Moratorium Ordinance.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon final adoption.

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH.

Discussion included:

- Issue was not about men meeting men, but about all illicit sexual activity in parks, which is against the law; it has been an issue for over a year and the “buck stops here” with the Board on resolving the problem.
- Need for consistency in addressing problems in all parks; police statistics on calls to all parks in Township indicate other problems in parking lots; this Moratorium won’t solve those problems and most likely will move the illicit activity into other parks or neighborhoods.
- Urged Park Commission to respond to problems noted at the Public Hearing about Legg Park and other parks.
- Process of an ordinance unnecessary, the Park Commission is addressing the problem in both EastGate and Legg Parks, just need to make it a priority to bring the plan forward.
- Project will be monitored and the Board will rescind Moratorium as soon as new parking lot is completed. Up to the Board to ensure project is completed in a timely manner.
- Township already has ordinance in place to close parks, could put in posts to prevent parking in specific areas; don’t need Moratorium.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Squiers, McCullough, Such, Supervisor Little
 NAYS: Treasurer Klunzinger, Clerk Helmbrecht, Trustee
 McGillicuddy

Motion carries 4-3.

[NOTE: Trustee Squiers left meeting at this time (8:40pm).]

- D. Temporary Road Closures for Haslett’s Homecoming Parade (See Consent Agenda)
- E. 425 Agreement – Governor’s Club Project
 TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH MOVED INTRODUCTION OF AGREEMENT FOR
 CONDITIONAL TRANSFER OF PROPERTY WITHIN SECTIONS 29 AND 32 OF
 THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN PURSUANT TO ACT 425 AND SET A
 PUBLIC HEARING FOR OCTOBER 5, 1999. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

Discussion included:

- Need for the 425 Agreement
- No need to be engaging in this any longer
- Procedure has become mired in judicial process;
- Township will win on appeal and agreement is no longer necessary.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Clerk Helmbrecht, Trustees McCullough, Such,
 Supervisor Little
 NAYS: Treasurer Klunzinger, Trustee McGillicuddy
 Motion carries 4-2.

- F. Recreation Director Employment Agreement
 TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH MOVED THAT TOWNSHIP BOARD RATIFY THE
 APPOINTMENT OF LUANN MAISNER TO THE POSITION OF RECREATION
 DIRECTOR UNDER THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OUTLINED IN THE
 EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT AND THAT THE SUPERVISOR AND CLERK BE
 AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE
 SUCH.

Discussion included:

- Interview process for Maisner outlined, as well as her excellent credentials. Objection to fact that Maisner’s appointment was published in paper prior to Board approval..
- All steps were not taken to better prepare for the creation of the Recreation Director position prior to the employment of Maisner.
- Objection to creation of Recreation Department when other budget areas need funding.
- Example of making government bigger rather than reducing government.
- Reporter who wrote newspaper article was told that the Board had to approve the employment of Maisner before it was official.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Such, McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht,
 Supervisor Little,
 NAYS: Trustee McGillicudy, Treasurer Klunzinger
 Motion carries 4-2.

G. Wellington Estates Streetlighting District (Resolution No. 2)
TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN APPROVE THE PLANS AND ESTIMATE OF COSTS FOR STREETLIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE WELLINGTN ESTATES STREETLIGHTING DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the Township Board by resolution adopted on August 17, 1999, acting in accordance with Act 246, Michigan Public Acts of 1931, tentatively declared its intention to make a certain improvement consisting of the installation of nine (9) streetlights and tentatively approved the cost estimates and the proposed assessment roll for said streetlighting special assessment district; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on said proposed improvement, the estimated cost thereof, and the assessment roll for said special assessment district was held on September 7, 1999, after due notice by publication and by mail to all owners of land in the proposed district whose names appeared on the Township Assessor's records.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, as follows:

1. That the Township Board hereby confirms the plans and estimate of costs for streetlighting improvements for the Wellington Estates Streetlighting District as follows:

WELLINGTON ESTATES STREETLIGHTING DISTRICT

- A. The expense to install and operate the proposed streetlights shall be defrayed by a special assessment district against lands in Section 24, T4N, R1W, Meridian Township, Ingham County, Michigan (excluding all public streets, roads, and highways therein) described as follows: Lots 1 through 40 (inclusive) and Outlot A of Wellington Estates.

B. Proposed streetlights to be installed and/or maintained in size and location as follows: Install nine (9) 8500 lumen high-pressure sodium streetlights along Wellington Drive, Dunmorrow Drive, and Nicole Circle.

C. Estimated Cost and Assessment:

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| \$13,050(\$321.95/benefit) | First Year |
| 900 (\$21.96/benefit) | Annually Thereafter |
| | (Subject to Adjustment) |

2. That the Supervisor make a special assessment according to the roll submitted to the public hearing which is confirmed in the amount of Thirteen Thousand Fifty and no/100 (\$13,050.00) for the first year of operation of said improvement and the sum of Nine Hundred and no/100 (\$900.00) annually thereafter (subject to rate adjustments), said sums to be assessed against the lands specified in the assessment roll herewith confirmed.

The special assessment roll is hereby ordered filed with the Township Assessor for spreading annually on the tax roll.

3. That the Township Board hereby authorizes Consumers Energy Company to proceed with the installation of the streetlighting facilities previously described and that the streetlighting contract dated December 1, 1980, be further amended to include the cost of these additional streetlights. The Clerk and Supervisor are hereby authorized to sign the Authorization for Change in Streetlighting Contract as prepared by Consumers Energy Company.

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH.

Discussion included:

- Proper procedure put in place to establish this resolution and that those involved followed appropriate course of action and received appropriate support.
- Clarification on what percent of residents supporting the installation of lights; also it was questioned.
- Whether people who objected to the lights could not have lights installed in their area.
- Main objections of residents was based on selection of a higher-priced design.
- Some of those who originally supported the plan are now facing a higher cost than anticipated.
- Previous research of people who did not want lights indicated there was no pattern of streets or sections that would provide a logical means of eliminating lights in some areas.
- Thorough information was provided residents at the time the petitions were circulated.
- Majority of homeowners signing the petitions agreed on the style of lights.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 5-1 (Klunzinger).

15. BOARD MEMBER, BOARD COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

- A. Standing Committee Reports
- (1) Physical Operations & Activities (None)
 - (2) Financial Planning & Budgeting (None)
 - (3) Personnel (None)
 - (4) Planning & Development
 Meeting scheduled for September 29th is being postponed until October;
 Agenda items include Chapter 82 and Rezoning #99060 (Rysberg).

- (5) Infrastructure (None)
- (6) Public Safety (None)
- (7) Recreation (None)

- B. Special Committees (None)
- C. Liaison Representative Reports (None)

16. OTHER REPORTS (None)

17. NEW BUSINESS (None)

18. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor Little opened final public remarks.

Bob Homan, 2176 Hamilton Road, Okemos; RE: need for installation of street lights prior to people moving in.

Vance Kincaid, 4530 Nakoma Drive, Okemos; RE: MSU has no-position on 425 Agreement.

Arthur Cherkinsky, 4730 Wellington Drive, Okemos; RE: concerned about distribution of Wellington Estates street lights on Nicole Circle.

Pat Hagen, 4135 Wabaningo, Okemos; RE: concerned over 4:00 p.m. timing of budget work session; other meetings at inconvenient times.

Ted Black, 4714 VanAtta Road, Okemos; RE: disappointed in passage of Moratorium Ordinance; ordinance does not address 250 foot entrance drive.

Wayne McLellen, 1459 Cheboygan, Okemos; RE: reduction in number of park commissioners has reduced public representation opportunities; time to establish a full time policing program for Township's parks to help clear up problems.

23. FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Treasurer Klunzinger noted the Board does not have to televise meetings, all meetings are open to the public and encouraged all interested residents to remain informed about the Township, to attend the meetings and to not rely on their television set for the information.

Trustee McCullough reported copies of the proposed budget are available at Administrative Office for any resident to review and announced the next budget workshop meeting is Monday, September 27 at 6:00 p.m.

24. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Little adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

BRUCE A LITTLE
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M.G. HELMBRECHT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Janis L. Haskell, Acting Secretary