

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
853-4000, Town Hall Room
THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2011 **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie, Trustees Dreyfus (6:02 P.M.), LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development Mark Kieselbach, Police Chief Dave Hall, EMS/Fire Chief Fred Cowper

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor McGillicuddy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

The secretary called the roll of the Board.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

Dave Waldron, 2781 Buglers Way, East Lansing, urged Board members to vote against a \$67,000 expenditure to study the concept of public safety. He viewed the number one responsibility of local government to be police and fire services.

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett, clarified his position from the last Board meeting relative to one Board member's characterization of the flag as clutter. He spoke in opposition to the amount of money proposed to be spent on a study of alternatives for police, fire and EMS services and objected to the item being placed on the agenda as an action item without previous discussion. Mr. Provencher announced that the Township, through the Friends of Meridian Pathway, will have a formal opening dedication of the second phase of the Interurban Pathway on Saturday, May 14, 2011. He indicated the event will be held in the parking area near the laundromat at the corner of the Marsh and Haslett Roads intersection.

Mrs. Tom DuByne, 1918 Creek Landing, Haslett, spoke in opposition to the privatization of emergency medical services (EMS).

Bill Richardson, 5300 Chantilly Lane, Haslett, spoke in opposition to the privatization of the ambulance service and cross training of the police and fire department. He suggested a separate millage for police and fire services be proposed in the next general election. Mr. Richardson believed this would allow time for the needs of the fire department to be analyzed and undertake master planning for its future needs. He pointed out that failure to pass a millage does not equate to support for privatization of ambulance services or merging of the police and fire departments.

Paula Johnson, 3758 Chippendale Circle, Okemos, displayed (on the overhead projector) a vertical wind energy system next to the Township Hall of Genoa Township in Livingston County as a model to encourage residents to have wind energy systems. She spoke in opposition to expending funds for a study of alternatives for police, fire and EMS services.

Ellen Knickerbocker, President, East End Condominium Association, 5640 DeVille Court, East Lansing, spoke on behalf of the 130 residents in the East End Association in opposition to the privatization of ambulance services.

Greg Hammond, 6275 Royal Oak Drive, Haslett, spoke in opposition to the proposed study regarding the privatization of ambulance services. He believed the money would be better spent on a ballot proposal to bring this issue before the citizens of Meridian Township.

Vance Kincaid, 4530 Nakoma Drive, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the wind energy ordinance, the ordinance to allow the raising of chickens and rabbits and the home occupation ordinance as too restrictive, and to the lack of control when services are privatized. He spoke in opposition to expending funds on a study for privatization of ambulance services. Mr. Kincaid announced his support for the concept of an urban service boundary.

Ann Alchin, 2227 Hamilton Road, Okemos, spoke in opposition to expending \$67,000 on a study to privatize ambulance services.

Heather Burris, 4268 Graystone, Okemos, spoke in support of Zoning Amendment #11030, to allow the raising and keeping of chickens and rabbits.

Mary LaPorte, 2176 Seminole Drive, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the privatization of ambulance services. She expressed concern with any elimination of police and fire positions.

Dr. Lawrence Hennessey, 4548 Manitou, Okemos, spoke in opposition to funding a study of alternatives for police, fire and EMS services. He expressed appreciation for the prompt response received from Meridian Township's fire department at his medical office when needed. Dr. Hennessey voiced concern with a potential conflict of interest between the company performing the study and Township personnel. He noted that during his conversations on this issue with fellow physicians in other area townships, privatization of ambulance services has led to decreased response time. Dr. Hennessey spoke in support of wind energy.

Mark Klem, 1112 Haslett Road, Haslett, spoke in opposition to expending \$67,000 on a study of alternatives for police, fire and EMS services. He spoke to the excellent job provided by the seven (7) member shifts of the fire department. Mr. Klem believed it would be a step back to consider privatization of ambulance services.

Justin Adair, Vice-President, Meridian Professional Firefighters Association, 11162 Bell Oak Road, Webberville, explained that, as a fire based EMS service, three rigs are dedicated to serve Meridian Township residents if 911 service is needed. He stated two paramedics are provided on every ambulance, with the possibility of two additional paramedics on an engine if backup on a call is needed. Mr. Adair explained this is the highest level of EMS licensure available in Michigan and greatly impacts the viability of survival.

Miriam Northcutt Bohmert, 2182 Seminole Drive, Okemos, chose to stay in this community for its professional services available to the Township's residents. She spoke in opposition to the privatization of ambulance services, as she believes "you get what you pay for."

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

5. REPORTS/BOARD COMMENT/NEW WORRIES

Supervisor McGillicuddy announced the Board of Review met in March of this year and heard a total of 576 appeals. Due to the large volume experienced, she is looking for three additional citizens to sit on the Board in order to hold a third Board of Review. Supervisor McGillicuddy reported the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) met Monday, May 2nd and the Art Walk will be held June 11, 2011. She reported receipt of several phone calls on the deer population in Meridian Township and the wish to have sharpshooters "take care" of the deer herds. Supervisor McGillicuddy noted the Township must work with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to begin the process and the DNR would control that function.

Manager Richards reported a successful recycling event on Saturday, April 30, 2011. He stated three (3) semi loads of electronic items were collected in the Municipal Building parking lot, and approximately 1500 area residents utilized services at both locations. Manager Richards indicated the next recycling event will be held in October, 2011.

Trustee Ochberg announced the opening day of the Farmers Market will be Saturday, May 7th from 8:00 AM until 2:00 P.M.

A. Election Report by Clerk Helmbrecht

Clerk Helmbrecht reported on the Haslett School Board election held Tuesday, May 3, 2011. There was a 6.7% voter turnout and Christine Beltzer was reelected.

Treasurer Brixie requested the Township Manager supply the Board with a written report on the steps necessary for the Township to begin the process of controlling deer population.

Trustee Dreyfus met with the Prima Civitas Foundation, a statewide economic development organization, to discuss possible development of an art exchange program in Meridian Township, where artists would have the ability to travel throughout the mid-Michigan area gaining exposure and generate “spillover” business in those areas.

Trustee Veenstra agreed the Township has a serious deer overpopulation problem. He stated a number of letters received by residents suggested the parks and land preservation parcels be opened to deer hunting by archers and suggested this action as an excellent first step. He requested the Township Manager refer limiting the deer population through archery to the Park Commission and park staff. Trustee Veenstra spoke in support of increasing flag size and noted the issue has been referred to the Planning Commission. He reported that at the April 27, 2011 Tri-County Regional Planning Commission meeting, members endorsed the concept of an urban service boundary.

B. Presentation of Checks for Towar Recreation – Dave Caszatt

Dave Caszatt, President, Towar Community Concerns Committee (TC³), 6318 Porter Avenue, East Lansing, reported TC³ obtained a \$1,500 grant from Capital Regional Community Foundation to be used to show appreciation to the Towar Teens Together group for their volunteer work. Mr. Caszatt also noted Buddies Pub and Grill in East Lansing donated \$1,000 towards the summer recreation program and, added to private donations, presented the Township with a check totaling \$1,129 for that cause.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Trustee Veenstra offered the following amendment:

- **Move Agenda Item #11A to Action Item #10D and reletter the remaining action items accordingly**

Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.

Board members discussed the following:

- Urban service boundary was discussed at the Township Board’s Intergovernmental Meeting on February 22, 2011
- Request is to support the concept of an urban service boundary and refer the issue to the Planning Commission to initiate the process of amending the Township’s Master Plan

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 5-2 (Brixie, Helmbrecht).

VOICE VOTE ON THE MAIN MOTION: Motion carried 6-1 (Helmbrecht).

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor McGillicuddy reviewed the consent agenda.

Treasurer Brixie moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

Board members discussed the following:

- Objection to Bill #76 (\$1,525) payable to Stony Point Communications for an opinion article in the Lansing State Journal by Supervisor McGillicuddy
- Credit card invoices broken down by department and placed in each department’s budget
- All credit card expenditures are charged to a line item in the budget

- Request for bills to include the purpose of a credit card purchase

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

The adopted Consent Agenda items are as follows:

A. Communications

(1). Board Deliberations (BD)

- BD 10C-1 Heather Burris, 4268 Graystone, Okemos; RE: Zoning Amendment #11030
- BD 10D-1 Sue Maurer, 1892 Creek Landing, Haslett; RE: Privatization of ambulance and police services for Meridian Township
- BD 10D-2 Emily Henderson, 5895 Marsh Road, Apt. 214, Haslett; RE: Privatization of ambulance services

(2). Board Information (BI)

- BI-1 Philip J. Dwyer, 2327 Hamilton Road, Okemos; RE: Deer herd safety management
- BI-2 Philip J. Dwyer, 2327 Hamilton Road, Okemos; RE: Deer population problem
- BI-3 Philip J. Dwyer, 2327 Hamilton Road, Okemos; RE: Township deer herd size
- BI-4 Thomas Harpstead, 2411 Indian Hills Drive; Okemos RE: Deer
- BI-5 Andrew Finley, 3985 Windy Heights, Okemos; RE: Township deer density issue
- BI-6 Carol Weaver, 4622 Seneca, Okemos; RE: Vote of the Zoning Board of Appeals on the flag variance request by Belle Tire
- BI-7 Treasurer Julie Brixie; RE: Post by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, titled "Meridian Township Rules Against American Flag"
- BI-8 Rick VanGessel, 5920 Potter Street, Haslett; RE: Municipal fiber program

(3). Staff Communication (SC)

- RL-1 Mike Smith, Grant Coordinator, Office of Economic Development, Michigan Department of Transportation, PO Box 30050, Lansing; RE: Transportation Enhancement Grant application for the Okemos Road Pathway

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 Clerk Helmbrecht.

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

B. Minutes

Treasurer Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the April 19, 2011 Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

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

C. Bills

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

Common Cash	\$ 346,678.81
Public Works	\$ 24,237.94
Total Checks	\$ 370,916.75
Credit Card Transactions	\$ 7,805.43
Total Purchases	<u>\$ 378,722.18</u>
 ACH Payments	 <u>\$ 498,045.66</u>

Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

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

[Bill list in Official Minute Book]

D. Assessing Stipulations

Treasurer Brixie moved that the Township Assessor be authorized to sign a stipulation with Gregory and Debra Mahone in accordance with the revised assessed and taxable values stated as follows:

**MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL DOCKET NUMBER 400042
 GREGORY AND DEBRA MAHONE
 PROPOSED STIPULATION PERCENTAGES**

Original Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) Percentages

Parcel Number	Address	Year	Original PRE Percentage
33-02-02-33-103-005	3899 Windy Heights	2006	0
33-02-02-33-103-005	3899 Windy Heights	2007	0
33-02-02-33-103-005	3899 Windy Heights	2008	0
33-02-02-33-103-005	3899 Windy Heights	2009	0

Proposed Revised PRE Percentages

Parcel Number	Address	Year	Revised PRE Percentage
33-02-02-33-103-005	3899 Windy Heights	2006	100
33-02-02-33-103-005	3899 Windy Heights	2007	100
33-02-02-33-103-005	3899 Windy Heights	2008	100
33-02-02-33-103-005	3899 Windy Heights	2009	100

Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

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

Treasurer Brixie moved that the Township Assessor be authorized to sign a stipulation with Joseph L. Fink in accordance with the revised assessed and taxable values stated as follows:

**MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL DOCKET NUMBER 354526
JOSEPH L. FINK
PROPOSED STIPULATION FIGURES**

Original Values

Parcel Number	Address	Year	Original Assessed Value	Original Taxable Value
33-02-02-02-376-003	6013 East Lake	2008	\$416,700	\$395,910
33-02-02-02-376-003	6013 East Lake	2009	\$462,100	\$461,730
33-02-02-02-376-003	6013 East Lake	2010	\$549,700	\$549,700
33-02-02-02-376-003	6013 East Lake	2011	\$509,500	\$509,500

Proposed Revised Values

Parcel Number	Address	Year	Revised Assessed Value	Revised Taxable Value
33-02-02-02-376-003	6013 East Lake	2008	\$350,600	\$350,600
33-02-02-02-376-003	6013 East Lake	2009	\$393,200	\$354,700
33-02-02-02-376-003	6013 East Lake	2010	\$425,000	\$375,630
33-02-02-02-376-003	6013 East Lake	2011	\$425,000	\$382,000

Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

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

- E. Resignation and Appointment to the Economic Development Corporation (EDC)
Treasurer Brixie moved to accept the resignation of Gordon Ferguson from the Meridian Economic Development Board and to appoint Gil White to the open board position with a term to expire December 31, 2012. Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

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

8. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY (None)

9. HEARINGS

- A. Planned Unit Development #11014 (Cameron Oaks), request to develop a 14-site single-family planned unit development on approximately 48.62 acres located east of Okemos Road and west of the CN/Grand Trunk and Western Railroad

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened the public hearing at 7:05 P.M.

Director Kieselbach summarized the proposed planned unit development as outlined in staff memorandum dated April 28, 2011.

APPLICANT

Dennis Branoff, Cameron Oaks, LLC, PO Box 1240, East Lansing, offered a brief history on his

involvement in taking over the land and project. He noted he teamed with Mayberry Homes and KEBS Engineering to provide a nice neighborhood with homes in the \$275,000-\$295,000 price range.

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John Esser, 5448 Okemos Road, East Lansing, read from a prepared statement in opposition to the proposed development.

[Prepared statement in Official Minute Book]

Doug Federeau, 5370 Okemos Road, East Lansing, echoed the concerns of the previous speaker. He believed the Board is being called upon to make the development profitable for the applicant. Mr. Federeau expressed concern that: 1) the applicant may come back later with a request to increase the number of units; 2) Ingham County initially allowed a narrower road without curb and gutters; 3) there is no "pull-out" at the entrance of Cameron Oaks for southbound Okemos Road traffic and 4) there is no sidewalk.

Mike McCurdy, 5458 Okemos Road, East Lansing, noted his property borders the Cameron Oaks development. He indicated a flowage easement for his property was obtained under duress from the previous land owners. Mr. McCurdy showed pictures on the overhead projector of the bicycle pathway in the northern edge of his property where the flowage easement is located. He stated any water along the north end of his property floods his property in that location.

Mr. McCurdy hopes to plant an organic orchard at the southern edge of the wetland on his land and fears the additional lots and corresponding surface area will increase the flooding on his property. He stated that of the six acres he owns, half is wet a good portion of the year.

Mr. McCurdy indicated concern for his children with the substantial traffic problem which currently exists on Okemos Road and believed any additional homes in that area and the resulting traffic generated is unacceptable. He also voiced concern with added light pollution from the proposed project.

APPLICANT REBUTTAL

Mr. Branoff noted there are currently no homes on this property and the current problems expressed by previous speakers are not a result of this development. He spoke to the unanimous Planning Commission approval of this proposal which meets all the standards for a planned unit development.

Mr. Branoff stated eighteen lots could have been requested, but he did not ask for that type of density. He indicated the alleged water flow problem by previous speakers does not line up with the results of the study conducted and spoke to the due diligence taken by him on this issue.

Mr. Branoff believed this development would be a desirable place to live. He indicated the street is long with the homes set back from the road. He offered to work with the Township to connect with the pedestrian bicycle pathway in the rear of the site.

Jamerson Ries, KEBS, Inc., 2116 Okemos Road, Haslett, noted the density is consistent with the area as the number of units requested is considerably less than what the Master Plan allows (1-3 dwelling units per acre). He indicated the proposal of 14 units is .29 dwelling units per acre, and is in a clustered format to preserve significant acreage around the perimeter of the project.

In response to an earlier comment that the public street was not designed for this number of units, Mr. Ries stated this road is a rural cross section and meets the Ingham County Road Commission (ICRC) standards, while noting receipt of ICRC approval for the original eight units as well as the 14 units now proposed. He added the rural cross section provides ditching, pretreatment for water, allowing the water to slow down, and pipes to allow water flow to travel quickly.

Mr. Ries indicated the Planning Commission added a condition in its resolution regarding a left-turn bypass on Okemos Road. He stated even with the assumption of traffic from all 14 units coming from the north, the proposed project is well below the ICRC threshold requiring a left-turn bypass. Mr. Ries noted the entrance is also in conformance with ICRC standards for these 14 units.

Mr. Ries noted he received a telephone call from the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's (ICDC) office within the last two weeks regarding questions raised as to why there was not a flowage easement across Mr. Esser's property. He indicated that the flowage easement is east-west through Mr. McCurdy's property to the north. Mr. Ries stated the area is naturally low, and Mr. McCurdy, in all likelihood, has wetland and floodplain on his property. He stated in 2004, the applicant was required to obtain a flowage easement for positive connection for the eight (8) parcel splits. That easement was secured.

Mr. Ries added the stormwater runoff is not going to increase because there are smaller houses and driveways and the overall impervious surface "balanced" on this project. He did not expect any changes in the requirements of the ICDC office from those required in 2004. Mr. Ries added that since the area is floodplain and the water mingles when flooded, it does not follow a prescribed defined path.

Mr. Ries pointed out that the parcel splits extend to the western property line and all the perimeter of the property. He explained if someone currently purchased one of the property splits, that buyer would own wetland and floodplains on that parcel. With the proposed PUD, a substantial buffer is now provided to the residents on Okemos Road in that 14 property owners would co-own the open space with equal rights under the law.

Trustee Veenstra inquired if the owner of the property sued the Township.

Supervisor McGillicuddy responded the Township did go through a lawsuit regarding this property.

Trustee Veenstra inquired as to the basis of the lawsuit.

Director Kieselbach responded a lawsuit filed by the previous owner was over extending utilities to serve the site. He added a settlement agreement provided utilities to serve the site.

Trustee Veenstra inquired how much the settlement agreement cost Meridian Township.

Director Kieselbach responded he would have to go back and look through the records.

Trustee Ochberg inquired if Mayberry Homes is an upstanding "clean hands" company, as she has received several complaints from individuals in The Meadows subdivision, another Mayberry Homes development.

Supervisor McGillicuddy explained that she and the Township Manager met with representatives from Mayberry Homes regarding a purchase of a property in bankruptcy and the issue is not relevant to Cameron Oaks.

Treasurer Brixie asked staff to show the pathway connection to the Interurban Pathway.

Director Kieselbach responded he had a conversation with the Director of Public Works and Engineering who is concerned with this condition because it does not appear there is an area outside of the floodplain or wetlands to place the pathway.

Treasurer Brixie inquired if the Board has the ability to mandate a sidewalk on the side of Cameron Oaks Drive where the nine site condominiums are located.

Director Kieselbach noted he will need to speak with the Township attorney in that regard.

Treasurer Brixie appreciated the idea of connecting the pathway to the Interurban Pathway, as the neighborhood would have a “shortcut” to several places which would increase walkability. She indicated, however, the connectivity is offset by filling in the floodplain or wetland to accomplish the connection. Treasurer Brixie was concerned with the configuration of the open space which the rest of the Township cannot enjoy as it is in the collective “back yards” of the lots.

Treasurer Brixie noted PUD performance objective #10 outlines the requirement for providing open space as a minimum of 50% of the project area excluding wetlands and open space. She inquired as to language in the PUD ordinance which explains why the Township wants the open space and its purpose.

Director Kieselbach responded it is a site condominium and he did not know what rules would be set for the open space. He added that under a PUD, the open space could be used for a view shed or other recreational purposes; it is up to the developer on how the open space is utilized.

Treasurer Brixie inquired if the Township had specific recommendations about the purpose of the open space or if the Township only mandates the percentage of open space.

Director Kieselbach responded the open space must be upland area.

Treasurer Brixie asked the applicant to comment on the location of the open space.

Jamerson Reis responded that the rationale for choosing the location was that it is upland and contiguous with the balance of land which is going to be general common open space. He added the general common open space is connected to vast amounts of public road right-of-way with multiples entrances.

Supervisor McGillicuddy inquired if the project went through the platting process earlier.

Mr. Ries replied it is strictly a land division and the amount of floodplain prohibits it from being platted according to the Township’s platting ordinance. He added that if these lots were platted, there would be no buildable land left so that is why the applicant chose site condominiums with a PUD. Mr. Ries stated that when the yield plan was done, the parcel split guidelines had to be followed. He added the road and homes are all above the floodplain and the 100 year flood.

Supervisor McGillicuddy asked the applicant why they chose site condominiums.

Mr. Ries responded there was no other option to increase the density and make the homes more affordable.

Supervisor McGillicuddy asked staff if the applicant had received a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR).

Director Kieselbach explained the applicant for the original project with eight (8) lots received a special use permit in 2003 to work in the 100 year floodplain to fill in for the road and driveway areas. He added the Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) is to show that these areas, based on the actual surveyed elevation, were already outside the floodplain. Director Kieselbach stated there is another amendment based on the amount of fill as these areas on the Township’s floodplain map should be shown at an elevation that has been raised and subsequently taken out of the floodplain.

Trustee Ochberg asked the Fire Chief to comment about the accessibility of fire trucks to maneuver down Cameron Oaks Drive, around the circle and traverse the driveways to access the homes.

Fire Chief Cowper responded the first thing the Fire Department looks at for any new construction is the roadway(s). He noted the Fire Prevention Division looks at the design of the public road to ascertain that it is properly designed to maneuver fire trucks, including the ability to back up the rig. Fire Chief Cowper stated fire hydrant placement is also taken into consideration so that fire hoses do not need to be dragged beyond firefighter expectation when fighting a fire.

Trustee Ochberg expressed concern with the ability for lots #1-#9 to have guest parking on the 22 foot width road.

Mr. Reis responded they are following the guidelines established in the Township's ordinance for parking. He indicated it is no different than any other subdivision which prohibits parking on streets and many of those subdivisions have a larger density than this project.

Trustee Ochberg inquired as to the length of the driveways.

Mr. Ries indicated the driveways would likely have side or rear-loaded garages and probably be the depth of the home. For the remaining lots, it would depend on the setback of the home and the type of home a buyer chooses.

Clerk Helmbrecht stated her understanding of the purpose of an urban service boundary (an item to be taken up later in the agenda), is to encourage infill and smaller lots within the already urbanized portion of the Township. She voiced concern that the applicant has presented a plan that would accomplish this goal, following all Township regulations, and several Board members are not supportive.

Trustee Brixie asked if the driveways have already been paved.

Mr. Ries responded fill was placed for the road and the driveways for lots #10 through #14.

Trustee Brixie inquired if the pathway could be constructed to "run" next to the driveway for lot #11 and then there would only be approximately 60-70 feet remaining to connect to the Interurban Pathway.

Mr. Ries clarified that the fill was previously placed via permits and the applicant does not have permission from the Township to fill additional floodplain.

Trustee Brixie asked staff to clarify with Director Severy if water would be going across the driveway on lot #11 given that fill has already been placed in the floodplain for that driveway. She asserted that the benefits from the pathway connection would be greater than the negatives from the additional seven (7) feet of water "stoppage."

Mr. Ries commented that he did not share the same concern as the Director of Engineering because the elevation at the north property line is similar in elevation to the Interurban Pathway at that point. He believed the connection could be built at grade and not need additional fill.

Mr. Ries clarified that these units are site condominiums and individuals are going to own a parcel of land.

Mr. Branoff believed the Board was making assumptions about this proposed PUD which would not materialize and spoke to the benefits of a site condominium association for this area.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed the public hearing at 8:20 P.M.

10. ACTION ITEMS/ENDS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public comment.

Scott Eisensmith, 5847 Bois Isle Drive, Haslett, supplied Board members with a copy of the cover of a State of Michigan publication recommending small wind power which depicts a tripod tower with guy wires. He noted with interest that Meridian Township chose to have a tripod tower for its clock tower and under the proposed wind energy ordinance, a tripod tower with guy wires would be illegal.

Elizabeth Johnson, 2448 South Wild Blossom, East Lansing, spoke in opposition to privatization of ambulance services or combining the police and fire departments.

Marilyn Britten, 1874 Birchwood Drive, Okemos, spoke in opposition to expending money for another study on public safety and was in opposition to the privatization of ambulance services. She expressed concern that the Township Manager is a sitting board member of the organization being recommended to perform the study. Ms. Britten supported the concept of a regional public service initiative.

Ken Phinney, Meridian Professional Firefighters, 4655 Krental, Holt, expressed concern with the no-bid recommendation being requested to study alternatives for police, fire and EMS services. He suggested that if the proposal was to be absolutely objective, it would not have included specifics regarding potential options and directions. Mr. Phinney believed that the perception of the proposal's language is that a majority of the feasibility study has already been completed. He questioned the Manager's objectivity as he is an active and contributing member of the ICMA. Mr. Phinney suggested an alternative to the consultant proposal in the form of an employee-management task force which would develop recommendations regarding sustainable models of EMS, fire and police service delivery.

Steve Townsend, 5777 Whisperwood Drive, Haslett, spoke in support of many forms of clean energy. He spoke in opposition to the wind energy ordinance as written due, in part, to the effect it would have in neighborhoods where the homes may only be 20 feet apart. He suggested this issue be placed on the ballot to let the residents of Meridian Township make their decision on wind energy.

Jim Eddy, 6314 High Street, Haslett, spoke in opposition to expending \$67,000 for the analysis on privatization of ambulance services. He questioned how the results of the cost/benefit analysis would be used.

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett, stated the wind energy ordinance is too restrictive. He believed the provision of selling eggs contained in Zoning Amendment #11030 to be a non-issue, as chickens lay an average of one egg per day.

Lynne Page, 3912 Raleigh Drive, Okemos, stated Meridian Township residents are very satisfied with current police, fire and EMS services. She believed it necessary to set parameters for the study's results before incurring costs on the issue. Ms. Page indicated residents should be involved in any decision made regarding the Central Fire Station prior to funding any study. She reminded Board members that the budget for the current year for operating police, fire and EMS services was based upon certain staffing levels and was not in support of leaving any positions vacant which had previously received budget approval.

Joe Pennoni, 4987 Hillcrest Avenue, Okemos, has utilized the services of the fire department four (4) or five (5) times over the last ten (10) years and each encounter was handled with extreme professionalism. He suggested the Board save the \$67,000 being requested for a study of alternatives for police, fire and EMS services.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed public comment.

- A. Zoning Amendment #09070 (Township Board), a request to add Section 86-443 Wind Energy Overlay District and amend other applicable sections of the Code of Ordinances to establish regulations pertaining to wind energy systems, **Final Adoption**
Trustee Ochberg moved [and read into the record] NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby FINALLY ADOPTS Ordinance No. 2011-05, entitled "Ordinance Amending the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, Chapter 86, Article I by amending Section 86-2, and Article IV, Division 4 by adding Section 86-443."

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:

- Adoption of this ordinance as a “starting point”
- “Typical” lattice tower with guy wires is prohibited by the proposed ordinance
- Township has a tower type which is prohibited for use by citizens in the proposed ordinance
- Belief that most homeowners who experiment with wind energy will be using an inexpensive rooftop system twenty feet or less in height
- Guy wires being visually offensive is a matter of “personal sentiment”

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

- B. Zoning Amendment #11010 (Planning Commission), to retain the ability to extend Special Use Permit (Section 86-128) and site plan (Section 86-158) approvals, **Final Adoption**
Trustee Veenstra moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby FINALLY ADOPTS Ordinance No. 2011-06, entitled “Ordinance Amending the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, Chapter 86, Article II, Division 4 and Division 5, by amending Section 86-128 and Section 86-158.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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:

- Two-year sunset is appropriate as the economy is still difficult and will remain that way in the foreseeable future

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

Supervisor McGillicuddy recessed the meeting at 9:00 P.M.
 Supervisor McGillicuddy reconvened the meeting at 9:12 P.M.

- C. Zoning Amendment #11030 (Township Board), amendment to Section 86-368 (b) to allow the raising and keeping of chickens and rabbits as a non-agricultural accessory use in residential districts, **Final Adoption**

Treasurer Brixie moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby FINALLY ADOPTS Ordinance No. 2011-07, entitled “Ordinance Amending the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, Chapter 86, Article IV, Section 86-368, by adding Section 368(b)(8).”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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 Trustee Ochberg.

Trustee LeGoff offered the following friendly amendment:

- Amend Section 86-368(b)(8) b. 2. by inserting “ and buck rabbits” after “Roosters”

The maker did not accept the friendly amendment.

**Trustee LeGoff offered the following amendment:
Amend Section 86-368(b)(8) b. 2. by inserting “ and buck rabbits” after “Roosters”**

Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

Board members discussed the following:

- Objective can be accomplished by keeping the different sexes of rabbits in separate cages
- Residents will take care of their animals with love and will not allow them to procreate if it is prohibited
- Amendment as overregulation

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees LeGoff, Clerk Helmbrecht
NAYS: Trustees Dreyfus, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Treasurer Brixie
Motion failed 2-5.

Continued Board member discussion:

- Preference to include the RB district
- Salmonella more of a health threat than histoplasmosis
- Preference to delete the registration process
- Four (4) hens in addition to rabbits should be allowed

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Treasurer Brixie
NAYS: Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht
Motion carried 5-2.

D. Urban Service Boundary

Treasurer Brixie moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN will explore the Study’s recommendations as follows:

- **Maintain trust between local and county governments in the region;**
- **Formalize its commitment to the Study and its recommendations;**
- **Collaboratively explore and employ tools that support an urban service boundary policy;**
- **Examine the master plan and zoning ordinances to determine where language is needed supporting urban service boundary policies;**
- **Work to delineate an urban service boundary, which will become part of the regional urban service boundary, using the criteria described in the Study and with public participation and input at the local level;**
- **Explore a regionally shared project plan or legal fund to resolve conflicts regarding local service boundary policies;**
- **And to request the Planning Commission work to delineate an urban service boundary in Meridian Township based on the ten criterion developed in the 2011 Tri-County Urban Service Management Study.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Meridian Charter Township will work to address the effects low-density development, loss of open space, farmlands, and natural areas, and redundant or underutilized infrastructure with the Tri-County Urban Service Management Study and its recommendations.

Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.

Board members discussed the following:

- Map on the study showed the twenty-year old urban service boundary (USB) line
- Map on the study left out some areas in the Township which have already been developed and have water and sewer service in the ground
- Map on the study left out some areas in the Township which have approved development proposals
- Use of a twenty year old study does not promote trust and would enflame the development community
- Repeated assurance that the line is a general idea of where public water and sewer services are located
- Study recommended members reassess the boundary according to specific criteria contained in the study
- Money should not be committed to the study until there is a full understanding of its use for a legal fund
- No specific plan for a legal fund
- Resolution adopting the concept of the USB at Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) did not reference a specific map

Supervisor McGillicuddy moved to restore the language as presented in the original resolution. Seconded by Trustee Dreyfus.

Continued Board member discussion:

- Recommendation to the Township Board for adoption of an USB as an amendment to the Master Plan will require significant work by the Planning Commission
- Appreciation for the pragmatic approach brought by the amendments
- Concern with amendments as read because all communities were to adopt identical language
- Amendments as read by the Treasurer do not deviate from the main message of the goal
- Amendments speak to the first primary recommendation for the activity of the Committee which was to maintain trust between local and county governments
- Language contained in the document does not indicate every community must adopt an identical resolution
- Concern word changes will dilute the impact of what the group is doing

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

Treasurer Brixie moved that the Township Board request the Planning Commission work to delineate an urban service boundary in Meridian Township based on the 10 criterion developed in the 2011 Tri-County Urban Service Management Study.**Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.**

Continued Board member discussion:

- Important that the Planning Commission follow the ten (10) criterion recommended in the Study to delineate the urban service boundary
- Boundary as currently shown leaves out several property owners who already have sewer service
- Assurance by the Executive Director of TCRPC that the resolution adopted at Tri-County referred only to the study and had no reference to a map
- Preference to follow the same "game plan" as the other participating municipalities

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

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

- E. Authorization for Study of Alternatives for Police, Fire and EMS Services
 Township Manager Richards summarized his role, both short and long term, for Meridian Township. He explained the rationale for his recommendation as outlined in staff memorandum dated April 28, 2011.

Board members and staff discussed the following:

- Police and Fire services take up over half of the Township's general fund budget
- Study is an organizational data-driven analysis
- Information provided will allow for development of a long range plan for department staffing
- Outcome of the study will allow for optimization of resources to provide quality service
- 13,600 calls for service in the police department last year
- 3,500 EMS runs and 1,500 fire unit responses in the last year
- Study will analyze each police, fire and EMS run
- Another option could be to perform an in-house study, but administrative staff has been reduced in both the police and fire departments
- International City Management Association (ICMA) is a unique organization
- Township Manager receives no monetary remuneration for his membership in ICMA
- Reason for the creation of the ICMA was to enhance local government management and local government communities nation and world wide
- Citizens view police and fire personnel as heroes in the community
- A regional study will take place that will look at consolidation
- The study will indicate what is the best course of action for Meridian Township
- Resources are "dwindling" as property values continue to decline
- Insurance companies are paying less for ambulance runs than in the past
- Previous study did not look at all the options under consideration
- Wyoming, MI and Glenview, IL used ICMA for their analyses and did not use the request for proposal (RFP) process
- Study would allow Meridian Township to ascertain what is best for the community relative to the shared public services initiative
- Study not necessary at this time as the current EMS service is more than sufficient
- Belief that privatization costs taxpayers more over the long term
- When a profit motive is involved, it runs contrary to the role of government providing services which are not based on profit
- Township's financial ability to maintain the same service delivery model over the next several years
- Difficulty in conducting the study internally
- Option of having a credible data-driven study performed at a lower cost
- Property tax revenue will decline in 2012 by approximately \$250,000-\$300,000
- Township "special" appropriation in 2011 of \$225,000 to pave local roads could be carried over to next year
- The "special" appropriation of \$225,000 to pave local roads in 2012 and the carry over from 2011 would total \$450,00
- Township will not be appropriating \$165,000 for streetlights on south Okemos Road next year
- Revenue from ambulance runs is considerably higher (over \$400,000) than what was budgeted
- Belief there is not a current financial crisis as funds are available to offset the drop in property tax revenue
- Cost of the study would fund an employee's salary for one year
- Public safety was not successful for the Township in the past and should not be revisited
- Suggestion that all employees could participate in the cost associated with health care benefits to realize significant savings

- One benefit of the study would be to analyze hours per shift for the fire department as it could lead to optimization of staff and would have an effect on overtime costs
- Pursue a millage question on the November 2012 ballot to fund police, fire and EMS services
- Importance of Board decisions based on factual data
- Privatization of EMS services is “less credible”
- Removal of the privatization component of the study
- Opposition to privatization of ambulance services as they are staffed with one (1) paramedic and one (1) EMT whereas the Township staffs ambulances with two experienced paramedics
- Large percentage of Fire Department work is EMS runs
- Concern that privatization of EMS services will result in the significant reduction of firefighters in order for the Fire Department to be cost effective and degrade the Township’s firefighting capabilities
- Concern that degradation of the Township’s firefighting capabilities will result in increased fire insurance premiums for residents
- Suggestion to check with Michigan State University to see if it has an employee(s) who could perform a work load based assessment for less than \$67,000
- Staffing levels are already “slim” in the Fire Department
- If no study is performed, the Board will not have data to work from when it deliberates the budget
- The Board will have no base-line information to make an informed decision for Meridian Township when the regionalization study is released
- Suggestion by a member of the public to form a task force which would study retaining the current system for police, fire and EMS services while saving money
- Task force members should include police officers, firefighters and EMS personnel
- Concern that a retiring Fire Department Captain’s position will not be filled
- Board adopted budget funded a specific number of positions within the Fire Department

Without objection, Supervisor McGillicuddy announced there was lack of Board support for a study of alternatives for Police, Fire and EMS services.

- F. Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Request for Proposal to Participate in the Michigan Municipal League Foundation’s Shared Public Services Initiative

Trustee Ochberg moved [and read into the record] NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, hereby declares its support for jointly generating a “Request for Proposal” for the purpose of hiring an experienced, Fire Service consultant to assess the feasibility of a full-merger, partial-merger or mutually beneficial cooperative agreement among jurisdictions. The estimated cost for this study is expected to approach or exceed \$100,000.00 and \$50,000.00 in financial assistance is being requested of the MMLF to offset this expense.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of Meridian hereby authorizes the Township Manager to co-sign a Request for Proposal for Shared Public Services Initiative Funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a signed copy of this resolution shall be made available to the Michigan Municipal League Foundation, the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, Representative Mark Meadows, Senator Gretchen Whitmer and the Honorable Rick Snyder, Governor of Michigan.

Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

Board members discussed the following:

- Estimated cost to Meridian Township would be approximately \$10,000
- Shared public services initiative would apply only to fire service
- Necessity of thinking on a regional basis

- Concern it will cost more money than is currently being spent if Meridian Township goes to regional share public services
- Concern that the memo from the City of East Lansing to Tri-County Regional Planning Commission requesting \$50,000 to fund a shared services initiative has not yet been sent
- Tri-County Regional Planning Commission's ability to contribute \$50,000 towards the study is virtually non-existent
- Inclusion of the memo from the City of East Lansing was to provide information on the study and what information would be gleaned from it

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

NAYS: Trustee Veenstra
Motion carried 6-1.

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS/ENDS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public comment.

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett spoke in opposition to a special election for Ordinance No. 2011-01 and requested the election be held in November, 2012.

Steven Schultz, 730 Knightsford Lane, Okemos, spoke to the requirements contained in the Zoning Enabling Act regarding the next regular election for placing Ordinance No. 2011-01 on the ballot. He spoke in opposition to a special election to place this issue on the ballot.

Vance Kincaid, 4530 Nakoma Drive, Okemos, does not believe holding a special election for Ordinance No. 2011-01 is in the financial interest of the Township. He acknowledged Lynne Page as the 2011 Hometown Health Hero winner and commended her for her work as an advocate for community principles.

Lynne Page, 3912 Raleigh Drive, Okemos, thanked the Board for supporting the important public safety initiative to reduce the speed limit on Jolly Road in front of Okemos High School. She asked the Board to hold an election for the zoning amendment relative to 4133 Okemos Road at the next regular election in which all Meridian Township voters can participate.

Bill Richardson, 5300 Chantilly Lane, Haslett, responded to earlier Board comment by pointing to the Tri-Data study which indicated the Meridian Township Fire Department was grossly understaffed. He added that the study was conducted when the call volume was half of the current call volume. Mr. Richardson also stated the Police, Fire and Ambulance Commission recommended 42 firefighters on page 14 of its study and noted there has not been more than 36 firefighters in the last 12 years.

Ken Phinney, 4655 Krental, Holt, offered the assistance of the Fire Department and the Meridian Professional Firefighters Union in working with administration to cut costs. He stated ideas have been brought forward in the past and will continue to be brought forward. Mr. Phinney noted overtime costs have been drastically reduced.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed public comment.

- B. Planned Unit Development #11014 (Cameron Oaks), request to develop a 14-site single-family planned unit development on approximately 48.62 acres located east of Okemos Road and west of the CN/Grand Trunk and Western Railroad

Board members discussed the following:

- Sidewalks must be available for the future owners of homes in Cameron Oaks
- Need to be convinced that homes will be harmonious with the surrounding neighborhoods.
- Need for a pathway connection to the Interurban Pathway to the north
- As noted in the application, over 87% of the property is in the floodplain
- Planning staff indication that only six (6) acres of the 48 acres is buildable land

- Recollection when the original project was before the Board, discussion took place on the necessity for the eight (8) homes to be located on high ground in the event of a 100 year flood
- People who live in site condominiums lose their rights to rules and regulations
- Difficulty in adding more homes to this property due to the sensitivity of the area, proximity to the roadway and the issue of a 100 year flood
- Not enough room for guest parking
- Land Preservation Task Force recommendation to attach open space so it is contiguous within a development
- Land Preservation Task Force discussion to make the PUD more available so developers could leave larger amounts of open space
- Township Board subsequently “streamlined” the PUD process and then implemented the MUPUD, with the purpose of condensing housing and providing the most open space in already urbanized areas
- A PUD should provide value to the developer and the Township’s residents
- Concern there is no value for Township residents in this PUD
- A PUD is a mechanism which allows an applicant to circumvent the “normal” ordinances, restrictions, and protections in place
- Belief this 50 acre lot is basically a floodplain and the developer is trying to find the smallest possible pieces of land to build upon and then build to the maximum allowed
- Urban service boundary is not an excuse for excessive development in areas not protected through the urban service boundary
- Belief the original development was completely inappropriate for this land
- No legitimate changing conditions as the land or the adjacent land has not changed
- Concern this is a risky economic development and the risk is being shifted to taxpayers by transferring the original risk into a new project
- Surprise that the Planning Commission unanimously passed this PUD as it did not articulate affirmative reasons for passage
- Condominiums allow residents freedom from the maintenance typically associated with different types of ownership
- Less space for parking in the approved Mayberry Preserve development
- Concerns with Wetlands A, B, C and D and believed the homes would be in danger of flooding basements
- Concern that this PUD request, which allows the smallest lot size to be approximately one-third of what would otherwise be the minimum lot size required in the RAAA district, is not harmonious with the surrounding area
- Concern with a front yard setback of only ten (10) feet, a side yard setback of only 7.5 feet, and a rear yard setback of five (5) feet
- Undesirability of attempting to “squeeze” a PUD into this floodplain
- Request that a motion to deny be prepared by staff
- Township Attorney advice that the preferred method is to prepare a motion to approve and the Board has the option to not approve the resolution
- Need for legally defensible reasons why a proposal is rejected
- Need to have reasons for denial on the record to be legally safe
- Record will reflect comments by Board members for denial

It was the consensus of the Board to place this item on for action at the next Township Board meeting.

- C. Zoning Amendment #10010 (Township Board), a request to amend Section 86-368 (b) (2) Home Occupations to updated the allowed uses and standards for home occupations

It was the consensus of the Board to delay discussion on this item until the next Board meeting.

- D. Set Election Date for Ordinance #2011-01, 4133 Okemos Road
Clerk Helmbrecht summarized the changes in election law over the last ten (10) years.

**Trustee Dreyfus moved to set the election date for Ordinance #2011-01 for August, 2012.
Seconded by Trustee LeGoff.**

Board members discussed the following:

- Statute's terminology in the section regarding the petition
- Statute's terminology in the section regarding the definitions
- One reason for consolidation of election dates was to save money
- Geographic component did not take into consideration Township's with multiple school districts

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 and closed Public Remarks.

13. FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENT (None)

14. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy adjourned the meeting at 11:20 P.M.

SUSAN MCGILlicUDDY
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT, CMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Sandra K. Otto, Secretary