

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
REGULAR MEETING TOWNSHIP BOARD -**APPROVED**-
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198
517.853.4000, Township Hall Room
TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025, 6:00PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Hendrickson, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson

ABSENT: Clerk Demas, Treasurer Deschaine

STAFF: Manager Dempsey, Deputy Manager Opsommer, Director Schmitt, Chief Hamel, Chief Grillo, Manager Diehl, Director Gebes, Deputy Clerk Gordon

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Hendrickson called the June 3, 2025, Regular Township Board meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor Hendrickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Deputy Clerk Gordon called the roll of the Board. Supervisor Hendrickson, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson present at 6:02 pm.

Clerk Demas and Treasurer Deschaine absent.

4. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Hendrickson opened public comment at 6:04 pm.

Beth Bechtel opposed the Progressive Design Contract, item 9.B.

Kris Kloc opposed the Progressive Design Contract, item 9.B.

Rod McNeal, representing the Ingham County Health Department, spoke about updating the County sanitary code.

Supervisor Hendrickson closed public comment at 6:13 pm.

5. TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT

Manager Dempsey gave updates on:

- Upcoming listening sessions.
- Recognized the police department for their responses to last week's swatting incident and shooting.

Trustee Trezise also thanked the police department.

Supervisor Hendrickson asked that a correction regarding item 9.B be issued in the newsletter.

6. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Wilson thanked Clerk Demas for the Memorial Day event and spoke about the Meridian Township Pride event.

Trustee Lentz spoke about the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission annual report and the Meridian Township Pride event.

Trustee Trezise attended the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meeting.

Supervisor Hendrickson attended the Meridian Township Pride event, attended Downtown Development Authority (DDA) meeting where it was determined that they would like to create a task force that includes a Township Board Member, and spoke about the goal setting session.

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Wilson moved to approve the Agenda. Supported by Trustee Lentz.

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 5-0

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Trezise moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Supported by Trustee Wilson

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, Trustee Wilson, and Supervisor Hendrickson

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 5-0

9. ACTION ITEMS

A. Parking Ordinance Update

Director Schmitt spoke about the discussion that has occurred to date and gave an overview of the history of the existing ordinance.

The Board inquired about how the discussion of this update began.

Trustee Lentz moved to adopt the resolution approving for introduction Text Amendment #2025-04 to amend the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Meridian at Section 86-755 to update the parking standards throughout the Township. Seconded by Trustee Wilson.

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

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 5-0

B. Progressive Companies Design Services Contract

Manager Dempsey gave background information about the proposal for updated design services for the Community Senior Center. He noted that these plans remain conceptual and there will be some flexibility within the final design and that the contracted staffing is not to exceed the quoted amount.

Trustee Wilson moved to suspend the rules. Supported by Trustee Lentz.

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

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 5-0

Board members commented that an updated concept provides better information to the public.

Board members inquired about the flexibility of the concept drawing and what additional design costs might be incurred as a result, and asked about the staffing costs proposed in the contract

Trustee Lentz moved to approve the contract with Progressive Companies for design work on the proposed community and senior center. Supported by Trustee Wilson

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

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 5-0

C. BW&L Franchise Agreement Ordinance

Deputy Manager Opsommer spoke about the Franchise Agreement noting that it conforms to a recent court decision regarding Heos V City of East Lansing. Chris Patterson, Township attorney detailed the proposed changes.

Trustee Trezise moved to suspend the rules to take up this action. Supported by Trustee Lentz.

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

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 5-0

Board members inquired about procedures, revenue, and timeline

Trustee Trezise moved to approve the resolution to introduce ordinance no. 2025-05, an ordinance to adopt the franchise agreement with the Lansing Board of Water and Light into the Township's Code of Ordinances. Supported by Trustee Wilson.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustee Wilson, Supervisor Hendrickson, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 5-0

10. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Township Board Liaison to the East Lansing-Meridian Water & Sewer Authority (ELMWSA) Board of Trustees

Deputy Manager Opsommer gave background information regarding ELMWSA and the Township Board member's role on the ELMSWA Board, noting that Meridian Township does not have anyone appointed to this position at this time.

Trustee Lentz volunteered to be a part of the ELMSWA.

Trustee Hendrickson requested this item appear on the consent agenda at the next meeting.

- B. Comcast Local Franchise Agreement Renewal

Manager Dempsey spoke about the franchise and Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) fees.

Board members spoke in support of the agreement.

11. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Supervisor Hendrickson opened public comments at 7:13 pm.

Supervisor Hendrickson closed public comments at 7:13 pm.

12. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Supervisor Hendrickson reminded residents about the Juneteenth event on June 20th.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Wilson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Lentz

VOICE VOTE

YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 5-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm



Scott Hendrickson
Township Supervisor



Angela Demas
Township Clerk