



2024

## TOP FIVE GOALS

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### Enhance Public Safety

1. In an effort to bolster our neighborhood patrols and traffic enforcement, our police department will be diligent in their efforts to increase our current number of police officers from 31 to 42. With the increased number of service calls to the fire department, we will increase our budgeted staffing level from 34 to 36 full-time paramedic/firefighters. In addition, we will secure plans and funding to build new dorms at the Central Fire Station. The new dormitory will provide for gender equity as we increase the number of female paramedics.

### Community/Senior Center

2. In 2024, Meridian Township shall work in collaboration with professional and community resources, to determine the feasibility of a new multi-generational Community/Senior Center. The community's work shall focus on funding, location, timeline, citizen feedback and amenities. The Township will also seek additional funding from the state and federal community grant programs.

### Citizen Outreach and Enhanced Citizen Communication

3. The Meridian Township Board believes there is nothing more important than effective and timely communication with our residents. In 2024, the Township Board and staff will focus on continuing our township-wide Listening Sessions, create the 2024 Citizen Survey & Prime Meridian Magazine, produce monthly Good Morning Meridian newscasts and semi-monthly updates from our communications team.

### Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

4. In 2024, expand our DEI training and update our Personnel Handbook and Job Descriptions. We will also focus on events that celebrate the rich diversity of our community.

### Environmental, Infrastructure and Recreational Sustainability

5. In 2024, Meridian Township will continue their emphasis on the environment, infrastructure and recreational open spaces. The Township will complete a fifth solar array, seek funding for a second recycling center, enhance wetland protection, complete Phase II of the MSU to Lake Lansing Trail, determine the future use of the Central Park Pavilion and implement Phase I of the water meter replacement program.