

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
853-4000, Town Hall Room
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2008, **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting, Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development Mark Kieselbach, Director of Engineering & Public Works Ray Severy, Police Chief Dave Hall, EMS/Fire Chief Fred Cowper, Director of Finance Diana Hasse, Attorney Andria Ditschman

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Supervisor McGillicuddy called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Caleb Saeks, Eagle Scout, Haslett, led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. ROLL CALL
Supervisor McGillicuddy called the roll of the Board.
4. PUBLIC REMARKS
Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

Lynne Page, President, Briarwood Homeowners Association, 3912 Raleigh Drive, Okemos, requested the Board reconsider the elimination of the Code Enforcement Officer position contained in the 2009 Budget. She also expressed concern with the \$300 permit fee for the outdoor gathering permit, as she believed it would be a deterrent to neighborhood sponsored activities.

Elizabeth Le Goff, 5189 E. Brookfield Drive, East Lansing, spoke in opposition to Rezoning #08100 (Johnson).

Ganesh Reddy, 3614 Ponderosa Drive, Okemos, offered reasons he was running as the Democratic candidate for Township Supervisor. He discussed the Board meetings relative to the use of Robert's Rules of Order, the Open Meetings Act and First Amendment rights. Mr. Reddy spoke to an alleged deficit in the 2008 Township budget and the 2009 Public Works budget.

Gary Shoup, 2449 Graystone Drive, Okemos, offered his comparisons between the two candidates for Township Supervisor.

Billie O'Berry, 1195 Clayton Court, Mason, introduced herself as a candidate in the upcoming election for the 55th District Court seat.

Carla Galligan, 4367 Aztec Way, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the elimination of the Code Enforcement Officer position contained in the 2009 Budget.

Will Tyler White, 2142-½ Hamilton, Okemos, inquired where revenue from traffic citations and overtime for public safety personnel was referenced in the 2009 Budget. He also believed the number of police officers on road patrol could be reduced.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

5. REPORTS/BOARD COMMENT/NEW WORRIES

Supervisor McGillicuddy requested Board members return the monitoring report on the Township Manager.

Trustee Brixie noted an article of interest in the Policy Governance newsletter on the hierarchy of organizations.

Clerk Helmbrecht announced absentee ballots will be mailed the last week of September. She also indicated October 6th was the last day to register to vote for the November 4th General Election and the Clerk's office will remain open until 8:00 p.m. that evening. Clerk Helmbrecht clarified that the first time a person votes in the State of Michigan they must vote at the polls if they did not register in person. If a first time voter wishes to vote absentee, they must come into the Clerk's office to fill out an absentee voter ballot application.

Treasurer Hunting thanked citizens and taxpayers for their cooperation with the September 15th extended deadline for tax payments. He cautioned residents who use a third party to pay their taxes to ensure that their taxes are paid to the Township by the tax deadline to avoid interest.

Trustee Brixie noted a copy contained in the Board packet of a petition sent to the Ingham County Road Commission from Central Elementary School requesting a flashing school sign. She requested the Supervisor write a letter of support on behalf of the Board.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA — OR CHANGES

Trustee Brixie moved to approve the agenda amended as follows:

- **Add Agenda Item #7H: Resolution recognizing Constitution Week**
- **Add Agenda Item #12D: Zoning Amendment #07050 (Outdoor Storage of Recreational Vehicles)**

Seconded by Trustee Such.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor McGillicuddy reviewed the consent agenda.

Trustee Brixie moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

Trustee Veenstra offered the following friendly amendment:

- **Move Agenda Item #7F to Agenda Item #11A**

The amendment was accepted by the maker and seconder.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

The adopted Consent Agenda items are as follow:

A. Communications

(1). Board Determination (BD)

BD 12B-1 Ruth Riley, 2947 Briarcliff Street, East Lansing; RE: Petition in opposition to Rezoning #08100 (Johnson)

BD 12B-2 Ruth and Joe Riley, 2947 Briarcliff Street, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Rezoning #08100 (Johnson)

(2). Board Information (BI)

- BI-1 Maureen McDonough and Lisa Parker, Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania, Lansing; RE: Letter to Planning Commission relative to focus group discussion for new Potter Park Zoo Master Plan
- BI-2 Elizabeth Le Goff, 5189 East Brookfield Drive, East Lansing; RE: Request for copy of a Township Attorney’s ruling
- BI-3 Richard Reeves, 106 Minges Forest Lane, Battle Creek; RE: Request for zoning change for property located at 5690 Babbitt Street, Haslett
- BI-4 Jodi Robert Hancock, Central Elementary PTO President, 1343 Daylily Drive, Holt; RE: Copy of letter sent to Ingham County Road Commission requesting a reduced speed zone at the corner of Okemos and Mt. Hope Roads in front of Central Elementary School
- BI-5 Ganesh Reddy, 3614 Ponderosa Drive, Okemos; RE: Violation of Campaign Finance law
- BI-6 Ganesh Reddy, 3614 Ponderosa Drive, Okemos; RE: Appeal of Township Manager’s decision regarding use of the Township Hall address for his campaign contributions and Township telephone for his campaign calls

(3). Staff Communication/Referral (SC)

- SC-1 Mark Kieselbach, Director of Community Planning and Development; RE: Commission Review #08083 (Township Board)

Trustee 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 Trustee Woiwode.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

B. Minutes

Trustee Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the September 2, 2008 Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the September 9, 2008 Budget Deliberations as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

C. Bills

Trustee Brixie moved that the Township Board approve the Manager’s Bills as follows:

Common Cash	\$ 183,310.64
Public Works	\$ 191,255.07
Total Checks	\$ 374,565.71
Credit Card Transactions	\$ 8,080.98
Total Purchases	<u>\$ 382,646.69</u>

ACH Payments \$ 331,175.33

Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor
 McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

[Bill list in Official Minute Book]

D. Assessing Stipulations

Trustee Brixie moved that the Township Assessor be authorized to sign a stipulation with Lansing Mobile Home Limited Partnership, on the following property:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>
2007	0334300	810 Grand River, Okemos
<u>Assessment</u>	2007	<u>AV/TV</u> \$118,500/88,683
<u>Proposed Assessment</u>	2007	<u>AV/TV</u> \$ 69,000/69,000

Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor
 McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

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<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>
2008	0334300	810 Grand River, Okemos
<u>Assessment</u>	2008	<u>AV/TV</u> \$118,200/90,906
<u>Proposed Assessment</u>	2008	<u>AV/TV</u> \$ 69,000/69,000

Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor
 McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Brixie moved that the Township Assessor be authorized to sign a stipulation with Lansing Mobile Home Limited Partnership, on the following property:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>
2007	0337133	734 Grand River, Okemos

<u>Assessment</u>	2007	<u>AV/TV</u>	\$782,600/439,253
<u>Proposed Assessment</u>	2007	<u>AV/TV</u>	\$312,500/312,500

Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor
 McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Brixie moved that the Township Assessor be authorized to sign a stipulation with Lansing Mobile Home Limited Partnership, on the following property:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>
2008	0337133	734 Grand River, Okemos
<u>Assessment</u>	2008	<u>AV/TV</u> \$793,100/449,335
<u>Proposed Assessment</u>	2008	<u>AV/TV</u> \$312,500/312,500

Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor
 McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Brixie moved that the Township Assessor be authorized to sign a stipulation with Kenneth W. and Sandra J. Beall on the following property:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>
2006 2007 2008	0327347	6250 Island Lake, East Lansing, MI
<u>Assessment</u>	2006	<u>AV/TV</u> \$500,000/500,000
	2007	\$525,000/518,500
	2008	\$522,200/522,200
<u>Proposed Assessment</u>	2006	<u>AV/TV</u> \$500,000/500,000
	2007	\$425,000/425,000
	2008	\$425,000/425,000

Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor
 McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

E. Fire Department Promotion

Trustee Brixie moved to authorize the Fire Department to promote Firefighter Mark Vroman to the rank of Fire Lieutenant. Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

G. Sale of Surplus Vehicles

Trustee Brixie moved to approve the sale of surplus Township vehicles at public auction, internet auction or by sealed bid as listed below:

<u>Veh. No</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Make & Model</u>	<u>VIN Number</u>	<u>Miles</u>
052	2000	Chevrolet Impala	2G1WF55K2Y9327509	101,074
077	2001	Ford Taurus	1FAFAP53U91G261459	103,193
092	2000	Ford Ranger Pickup	1FTYR10X8YTA23743	64,425
169	2004	Ford Crown Victoria	2FAFP71W24x161352	136,068
172	2005	Ford Crown Victoria	2FAFP71W15X144155	97,218
174	2005	Ford Crown Victoria	2FAFP71W55X144157	92,500
202	1992	Ford Pickup w/plow	1FTHF26H5NLA89855	57,626
235	1995	Chevrolet Van	1GCGG35K3SF204345	89,071
242	1996	Chevrolet S-10	1GCCS1440TK217681	65,714
244	1996	Chevrolet S-10	1GCCS19X5TK220160	79,303
247	1996	Chevrolet S-10	1GCCS19X9T8220630	79,860
249	1996	Chevrolet Pickup w/plow	1GCGK24R8TE250610	56,860
278	1979	Jeep CJ-7	J8A93AH056174	6,116
521	1999	Chevrolet Ventura	1GNDU06E7RD306227	74,338
523	2001	Chevrolet Suburban	3GNFK16T71G202253	80,287

Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

H. Resolution in Recognition of Constitution Week

Trustee Brixie moved to approve the resolution recognizing September 17-23, 2008 as Constitution Week. Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

8. VISION SESSION

A. Discussion with Business Community – Reducing Parking Standards

Will Tyler White, 2142-1/2 Hamilton Road, Okemos, noted the complexity of reducing parking standards in the Township as presented last week during a Michigan Downtown Association session. He believed the entire Township should be considered, not just office zoning designations. Mr. White felt a 20% across-the-board reduction was a starting point, and believed shared parking for multiple businesses should be taken into consideration.

By unanimous consent, the Board moved to add Agenda Item #12E: Off-Street Parking Standards.

9. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY (See Agenda Item # 2B, #12C)

10. HEARINGS (None)

11. ACTION ITEMS/ENDS

A. Budget Amendment – Motor Pool

Trustee Brixie moved that the 2008 Motor Pool budget be amended to increase the budget in the fuel account, 661-000.000-865.000, by \$100,000; increase the budget in the outside services account, 661-000.000-728.103, by \$35,000; and increase the budget in the equipment maintenance account, 661-000.000-936.000, by \$5,000 with all funds to come from the Motor Pool fund balance. Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

Board members and staff discussed the following:

- Motor Pool as an internal service fund with money collected from other operating accounts as vehicles are used
- Internal service fund looks at vehicles as assets and then considers the liabilities
- Approximately \$800,000 currently in the Motor Pool Fund
- Sufficient funds to cover the proposed budget amendment
- All funds which use vehicles to deliver services to residents are charged and pay into the Motor Pool Fund (e.g., Park Millage)

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

12. DISCUSSION ITEMS/ENDS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public comment.

Lynne Page, President, Briarwood Homeowners Association, 3912 Raleigh Drive, Okemos, spoke in opposition to Zoning Amendment #07050 (outdoor storage of recreational vehicles).

Ruth Riley, 2947 Briarcliff Drive, East Lansing, spoke in opposition to Rezoning #08100 (Johnson).

Kelly Rogers, 2924 and 2971 Briarcliff Drive, East Lansing, spoke in opposition to Rezoning #08100 (Johnson).

David Imig, 2990 Briarcliff Drive, East Lansing, spoke in opposition to Rezoning #08100 (Johnson).

Ganesh Reddy, 3614 Ponderosa, Okemos, spoke in opposition to Rezoning #08100 (Johnson). He addressed the alleged deficit in the 2009 Recommended Budget and expressed concern with several expenses contained in the 2009 Recommended Budget.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed public comment.

A. 2009 Recommended Budget

Township Manager Richards responded to statements made during public comment with the following:

- Public Works budget is within \$50,000 of revenue equaling expenditures
- Funds slated to be spent in 2008 but not actually used until the following year show as an expenditure in 2009
- Budget includes \$1 million from fund balance for a post retirement employee benefit trust to implement GASB 45 requirements

Board members discussed the following:

- Appreciation to staff for preparation of the 2009 budget

- Alternative approach to code enforcement which will enhance services throughout the entire Township
- Option of removing funds from the 2008 Budget for the Okemos Road Enhancement Project as funds will not be expended until 2009 invites confusion
- Post employee trust fund will be administered by a third party
- Foresight to avoid unfunded liability of post employee health insurance
- Removal of projected funds from passage of the road repair millage
- Changes in accounting laws have occurred over the last decade
- Concern with individual Board members questioning one number on a line item without looking at the budget as a whole
- Administration's presentation of an integrated interdependent budget for Board approval
- Adoption of Policy Governance precludes micro managing by the Board
- Reminder of the Township's Excellence in Accounting Award for the last eight (8) years
- Structure of the Motor Pool Fund

B. Rezoning #08100 (Johnson), request to rezone 4.92 acres addressed as 2946 Mt. Hope Road, 2950 Mt. Hope Road, and 4528 Hagadorn Road from PO (Professional and Office) to RC (Multiple Family-Medium Density)

Director Kieselbach summarized the proposed rezoning request as outlined in staff memorandum dated September 11, 2008.

Allen Russell, representative for the applicant, 1690 Mack Avenue, Haslett, stated the amended proposal reduces the units per acre by approximately 20%. He added the number of units has been reduced by 45%, from 72 to 40 and the new plan would not require any variances. Mr. Russell added that staff commented this is an appropriate transitional use.

Board members and staff discussed the following:

- Clarification of the rezoning process for the public
- Conditional zoning allowed by state law
- Conditions for rezoning must be offered by the applicant
- Proposal inconsistent with the Master Plan
- Flexibility and control over surrounding borders with a PO MUPUD process
- Concern that developer will return with a large MUPUD in PO zoning
- Applicant's attention to concerns of nearby residents with modified proposal
- Rezoning to residential may be more protective to adjacent neighbors
- Board control over the special use permit process required for a MUPUD
- Applicant's ability to construct buildings by right in PO on each of the three (3) parcels which could be three (3) stories high

Board options with an applicant's request to place a MUPUD on the site: (See Agenda Item #8 (Questions for the Attorney))

- Q. If this came back as a mixed use planned unit development on this site, we can control the height and the setback and all that, but we can't deny him putting a mixed use on that site, correct?
- A. You could deny it, sure. You have the ability to review it just like zoning to see if what's submitted is appropriate for the site. Yes, you could deny it.

The consensus of the Board was to place this item on for action at the October 7, 2008 Board Meeting.

C. New Planning Enabling Act

Director Kieselbach summarized amendments to the Township ordinances as a result of the newly adopted Michigan Planning Enabling Act as outlined in staff memorandum dated September 11, 2008.

Board members and staff discussed the following:

- Hold a public hearing as it is a change to Township ordinances

- Board members to send editorial comments or suggested changes to the Township Manager prior to the Board meeting
- Request for Planning Commission comments on the proposed changes
- Board will still seek Section 61 Review (formerly Section 9) during the process

The consensus of the Board was to hold a public hearing on the proposed changes allowed by the act at the October 7, 2008 Board Meeting.

- D. Zoning Amendment #07050 (Planning Commission), request to amend Section 86-2 Definitions, Section 96-368(b) (9) Outdoor Storage of trailer or recreational vehicle, and Section 86-503 Outdoor Storage of commercial vehicles and trailers, to facilitate regulation of recreational and utility trailer storage in single-family residential districts

Trustee Woiwode moved to remove Zoning Amendment #07050 from the table. Seconded by Trustee Brixie.

Procedure for removing an item from the table: (See Agenda Item #8 (Questions for the Attorney))

- Q. Andria, procedurally, can be just go ahead and place it on for action at the next meeting so we can vote on it, or would it be more appropriate to go ahead and suspend our rules?
- A. You can vote on taking it off the table tonight and then you can put in on for discussion next time so you can have all the information brought to you again and decide, once again, are you going to table it, get rid of it; what do you want to do with it from that point forward. You shouldn't get into much more substantive discussion right now. You decide now to table it, take it off the table or not.

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the question.

One Board member objected to the calling of the question.

ATTORNEY COMMENT: If comments are specifically to whether it should be taken off or on the table, if you feel there hasn't been enough issues presented on that, you can continue to do that. If the Supervisor feels that information has been put on both sides, then you could call the question and go forward. If you feel that there hasn't been information put on both sides, it would be appropriate at this time, not necessarily the substance of whether we should put this ordinance in place or not, but should we take it off the table.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
 NAYS: Trustees Such, Veenstra
 Motion carried 5-2.

- E. Off-Street Parking Standards

Board members discussed the following:

- ZBA receives numerous variance requests regarding parking standards
- Need for flexibility in parking standards especially for office buildings
- Move forward with Board discussion on transit within the Township as each area has different transportation needs
- Possible vision session on transit plan within the Township
- Recalculate parking standards for buildings over a specific size according to the number of employees and customers v. square footage
- Possible allowance of amenities in transit plan for reduction of parking standards
- Staff to research possible studies on transit challenge in other US communities
- Discussion to include size of the building, uses of the floor space, shared parking for businesses, public parking facilities, parking ramps, bus use, walking, bicycling, etc.

The consensus of the Board was to request staff assemble additional information requested by Board members prior to being placed on a future agenda for discussion.

Treasurer Hunting requested, with Board support, that the Township Attorney provide possible sanctions for Board member misconduct.

ATTORNEY COMMENT: I will say that I think I can put something together that more specifically outlines all the options available: 1) pursuant to state law and 2) pursuant to the rules and procedures. I know there are some procedures regarding what we would call disorderly conduct. I can put that together and, if it's the preference of the Board, that can be in a written legal opinion, or I can just respond back in the future at a meeting.

13. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

Ganesh Reddy, 3614 Ponderosa, Okemos, alleged the Supervisor has violated Michigan campaign finance laws by using the Municipal Building's address and the Township phone number for her reelection campaign. He requested equal opportunity for his campaign.

Supervisor McGillicuddy asked the attorney to reiterate her response when asked by the Township Manager to look into the alleged violation and subsequent request.

ATTORNEY COMMENT: I was asked by the Township Manager pursuant to a request by Mr. Reddy to look into the matter. I have looked at the Campaign Finance Act; I have looked at general election law; I talked to the Supervisor regarding activity; I have reviewed her website and changes to that website. I have also talked to the Manager regarding what kinds of discussions have taken place regarding the use of any public funds or employees or phone systems. Basically, it is my opinion there has not been a violation of the Campaign Finance Act. A violation would be if there was authorization from the Township Manager to directly expend public resources for the purposes of influencing an upcoming election or support or non-support for a specific candidate. That authorization has not taken place; there is no violation.

What Mr. Reddy is requesting would indeed be a direct violation if he were allowed to use the staff or if he were allowed to come in and sit and use the phone. Supervisor McGillicuddy is given some of the use of the phone system; use of the mail system. My understanding is the use of the mail system is the primary concern here based on the website, putting in an address of where potentially to send in contributions. That system is not in place to assist her campaign. That system is in place because the Township needs a mail system. Again, there is not a violation based on allegations of what may have taken place. If there were going to be any violations in the future, those have been stopped because of a change in the website which clearly does not say contact her here at all regarding her campaign. Supervisor McGillicuddy is able to use the phones and the systems for public comments, which is part of what her site did say previously as well. Expending any other kind of funds, as Mr. Reddy is requesting, would be a clear violation. I won't respond to any of his other allegations at this time, as I don't think they are worthy of that kind of response.

Township Manager Richards clarified the increased revenue in fines is due to the proposed Township prosecution for third degree retail fraud.

Will White, 2142-1/2 Hamilton Road, Okemos, believed it important for citizens to read the US Constitution in honor of Constitution Week.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

14. POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Woiwode moved that the Township Board go into closed session to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute (MCL 15.268). Seconded by Trustee Brixie.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor McGillicuddy recessed the meeting at 8:50 P.M.

The Board adjourned to the Upstairs Conference Room for a closed session.

Treasurer Hunting moved to return to open session. Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting

NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

Supervisor McGillicuddy reconvened the meeting at 10:05 P.M.

Treasurer Hunting moved to go forward as discussed in closed session. Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting

NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy adjourned the meeting at 10:06 P.M.

SUSAN McGILlicuddy
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT, CMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Sandra K. Otto, Secretary