

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
TOWNSHIP BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES – **APPROVED** -  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198  
349-1200, Town Hall Room  
TUESDAY, JULY 20, 1999, **6:00 P.M. — 7:00 P.M.**

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

ABSENT: Trustee McGillicuddy

STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development  
Mark Kieselbach, Director of Engineering & Public Works Roger Buell, Police Chief  
Gary Gibbons, Director of Accounting & Budgeting Diana Hasse, Assessor Scott  
Cunningham, Attorney Brian Goodenough

1. CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER

Supervisor Little called the Work Session to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. QUESTIONS FOR ATTORNEY

Recent Legal Action:

Treasurer Klunzinger asked if there has been any recent legal action involving the Township. Attorney Goodenough stated two (2) lawsuits have been filed in response the Act 425 Agreement. Attorney Goodenough stated Howard Jones filed a lawsuit against the City of Lansing alleging procedural irregularities in the manner in which the city held its public hearings. Attorney Goodenough stated the City and Township Attorneys have reviewed the claims and believe the suit has no merit and will be dismissed shortly. Attorney Goodenough stated a second lawsuit has been filed by Travis Averill against Meridian Township and the Township Clerk. Attorney Goodenough stated the lawsuit is a mandamus action designed to require the Clerk to call for a referendum election on the Act 425 Act based on a petition determined to be invalid. Attorney Goodenough stated this lawsuit is expected to be dismissed shortly as well. Attorney Goodenough stated given the results of both elections he does not anticipate further lawsuits.

3. DISCUSSION ON 7:00 AGENDA ITEM TOPICS

The following 7:00 p.m. agenda items were discussed:

- Consent Agenda
- Minutes
- Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 113 Human Resources Commission
- Rezoning #99070 (Genex)
- Manager's Bills
- Assessing Stipulations
- C.A.T.A. Service Informational Hearing
- Land Preservation/Development Rights Millage Informational Hearing

• Removal of Work Session Public Remarks

Supervisor Little asked Attorney Goodenough if there would be a problem in deleting the Public Remarks item from the Work Session Agenda if followed by a Regular Meeting. Attorney Goodenough stated the Public Remarks at the beginning of the Regular Meeting would be sufficient.

- MDOT Cost Agreement for Traffic Signal Control
- Road Closure Application, Oldsmobile Classic/LPGA (See BD-1)
- Recommendation for Proposed Library Site
- Funding Consideration for Sunset with Shakespeare in the Park
- Communication BI-6
- Communication BI-7

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4. OTHER BUSINESS (None)

5. PUBLIC REMARKS (None)

6. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Little adjourned the Work Session at 7:00 p.m.

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BRUCE A. LITTLE  
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT  
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Paul J. Cassidy, Secretary

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
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STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development  
Mark Kieselbach, Director of Engineering & Public Works Roger Buell, Police Chief  
Gary Gibbons

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Little called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

1B INTRODUCTION OF POLICE OFFICERS

Chief Gibbons introduced new Meridian Township Police Officers Matthew Jason Dec & Ellery  
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The Board welcomed the Police Officers.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA — OR CHANGES

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AMENDED AS  
FOLLOWS: DELETE ITEMS #3.A. (July 6, 1999 Work Session Minutes) AND #10.B. (Rezoning  
#98220 (Newman Equities) Referendum Election); ADD ITEM #12.B. (Removal of Work Session  
Public Remarks Agenda Item); AND CONSENT AGENDA TO INCLUDE ITEMS #3.B. (July 6,  
1999 Regular Meeting Minutes), #4. (Communications), #9.A. (Refund of ZBA Application Fee),  
#15.A.(1) (Zoning Board of Appeals Fee Schedule), #15.A.(2) (Rezoning #99080 (Irwin), #16.A.  
(Bills), #16.C. (Capital Area District Library Agreement Amendment), #16.D. (Assessing  
Stipulations), #16.E. (Reappointment of Roger Buell to East Lansing-Meridian Water & Sewer  
Authority), #16.F (Road Closure Application, Towar Community Days), #16.H. (Outdoor Gathering  
Permit, Oldsmobile Classic/LPGA), #16.K (Hulett and Okemos Roads Pathways Bid Award), #16.L.  
(Park Lake Road Sanitary Sewer Bid Award), #17.A.(2)a. (Revised Purchasing Policy). **SECONDED  
BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.**

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-0

3. CORRECTION, APPROVAL & RATIFICATION OF MINUTES

B. July 6, 1999 Regular Meeting (See Consent Agenda)

4. COMMUNICATIONS (See Consent Agenda)

5. QUESTIONS OF ATTORNEY (None)

6. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor Little opened Public Remarks.

Jack Brown, Genex Investments, 1531 Plains Road, Leslie, spoke in support of Rezoning #99070  
(Genex).

Supervisor Little closed Public Remarks.

(See Item #7)

7. CONSENT AGENDA

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA TO INCLUDE  
ITEMS #3.B. (July 6, 1999 Regular Meeting Minutes), #4. (Communications), #9.A. (Refund of ZBA

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Application Fee), #15.A.(1) (Zoning Board of Appeals Fee Schedule), #15.A.(2) (Rezoning #99080 (Irwin), #16.A. (Bills), #16.C. (Capital Area District Library Agreement Amendment), #16.D. (Assessing Stipulations), #16.E. (Reappointment of Roger Buell to East Lansing-Meridian Water & Sewer Authority), #16.F (Road Closure Application, Towar Community Days), #16.H. (Outdoor Gathering Permit, Oldsmobile Classic/LPGA), #16.K (Hulett and Okemos Roads Pathways Bid Award), #16.L. (Park Lake Road Sanitary Sewer Bid Award), #17.A.(2)a. (Revised Purchasing Policy). SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

Supervisor Little reopened Public Remarks

Ms. Maynard, President, Maynards Farm Market, spoke in opposition to the road closure for the Oldsmobile Classic/LPGA.

Supervisor Little closed public remarks.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried 6-0.

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

A. MINUTES (Agenda Item #3.B.):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO APPROVE AND RATIFY THE MINUTES OF JULY 6, 1999 REGULAR MEETING. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried 6-0.

B. COMMUNICATIONS (Agenda Item #4):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THAT THE COMMUNICATIONS BE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE, AND ANY COMMUNICATIONS NOT ALREADY ASSIGNED FOR DISPOSITION BE REFERRED TO THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER OR SUPERVISOR FOR FOLLOW-UP OR FURTHER DISPOSITION. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried 6-0.

C. REFUND OF ZBA APPLICATION FEE (Agenda Item #9.A.):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO REFUND THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION FEE TO LARRY SEGERLIND, 4931 ALGONQUIN WAY, OKEMOS FOR CASE NO. 99-07-14-2. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried 6-0.

D. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FEE SCHEDULE (Agenda Item #15.A.(1)):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Zoning Board of Appeals initiated an amendment to the “schedule of fees” to charge an applicant that requests to postpone or table a pending case; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board held a public hearing on the proposed amendment on July 6, 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, the additional fee will reduce the cost incurred by the Township to re-notify a case; and

**WHEREAS**, the amendment to the “schedule of fees” is in the best interest of the community and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN that the Township Board hereby pursuant to Section 81-2g of the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian the duly adopted “schedule of fees” is amended to charge a fee of half of the original application fee for an applicant that requests to postpone or table a pending Zoning Board of Appeals case.

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

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

NAYS: None  
Motion carried 6-0.

E. REZONING #99080 (IRWIN) (Agenda Item #15.A.(2) ):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Mitch Irwin initiated a rezoning of an approximate 2.4 acre parcel located on the south side of Hannah Boulevard and east of Esoteric Way from PO (Professional Office) to RP (Research & Office Park); and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on May 24, 1999, and recommended approval of the rezoning from PO (Professional Office) to RP (Research & Office Park) on June 7, 1999, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board has reviewed the staff and Planning Commission material forwarded under cover memorandum dated July 2, 1999, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed rezoning will allow for services that compliment the existing RP (Research and Office Park) properties and surrounding uses, such as the ARC Ice Arena and the Michigan Athletic Club; and

**WHEREAS**, the subject site exceeds the minimum lot requirements for parcels in the RP (Research and Office Park) zoning district; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed rezoning is consistent with and would be compatible with the existing commercial development, located to the north of the subject parcel; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed rezoning is consistent with the 1993 Comprehensive Development Plan, which designates the property in the Research Park classification; and

**WHEREAS**, Public water and sanitary sewer are available to serve the site and the site is located within the Urban Service Boundary; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board introduced Rezoning #99080 (Irwin) for publication and subsequent adoption on July 6, 1999.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, the Township Board hereby **FINALLY ADOPTS** Ordinance No. 1999-25, entitled "Ordinance Amending the Zoning District Map of Meridian Township Pursuant to Rezoning Petition #99080 from PO (Professional Office) to RP (Research & Office Park).

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.

ORDINANCE NO. 1999-25

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP  
OF MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP  
PURSUANT TO REZONING #99080**

The Charter Township of Meridian ordains:

Section 1. Amending the Zoning District Map #99080.

The Zoning District Map of Meridian Township, as adopted in Section 82-1.3 of the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, as previously amended, is hereby amended by changing the PO (Professional Office) District symbol and indication as shown on the Zoning District Map, for the property legally described as:

Commencing at the West ¼ Corner of Section 20, T4N, R1W, Meridian Township, Ingham County, Michigan; thence S89°59'30"E 1414.59 feet; thence S00°00'30"W 86.25 feet to the point of beginning on the Southerly right of way Line of Hannah Boulevard; thence N80°01'35"E 65.74 feet along said right of way line, thence S00°00'30"W 10.95 feet; thence N90°00'00"E 210.26 feet; thence S00°19'47"W 373.77 feet; thence N89°40'13"W 275.00 feet; thence N00°19'47"E 371.76 feet to the point of beginning; containing 2.363 acres of land, more or less.

to that of RP (Research and Office Park) District, and a corresponding use district is established in the above-described property.

Section 2. Validity and Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and the invalidity of any phrase, clause or part of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of the Ordinance.

Section 3. Repealer Clause. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 4. Savings Clause. This Ordinance does not affect rights and duties matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun, before its effective date.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective seven (7) days after its publication or upon such later date as may be required under 1996 Public Act 297 after filing of a notice of intent to file a petition for a referendum.

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 6-0.

F. MANAGER'S BILLS (Agenda Item #16.A.):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVE THE MANAGER'S BILLS AS FOLLOWS:

General Fund/Special Revenue	\$273,411.42
<u>Public Works</u>	<u>\$ 63,879.05</u>
Total	<u>\$337,290.47</u>

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 6-0.

[Bill list for 7/20/99 in Official Minute Book]

G. CAPITAL AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY AGREEMENT AMENDMENT (Agenda Item #16.C.):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THAT THE SUPERVISOR AND CLERK BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE DISTRICT LIBRARY AGREEMENT AMENDMENT THAT ADDS THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN AS A PARTICIPATING MUNICIPALITY. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 6-0.

H. ASSESSING STIPULATIONS (Agenda Item #16.D.):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN A TAX TRIBUNAL STIPULATION WITH JAMES C. AND MARY E. TAYLOR TRUST AND MATTRESS DISCOUNTERS CORP., ON THE FOLLOWING COMMERCIAL PROPERTY:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>
1998/1999	256166 & 268749	2287 GRAND RIVER
<u>Assessment</u>	1999	\$309,300/263,855
	1998	259,700/259,700
<u>Proposed Assessment</u>	1999	\$212,000/211,328
	1998	208,000/208,000

\*\* RATIONAL: This Stipulation is recommended to correct the 1998 and 1999 Assessed Values. After extensive research, it has been determined that our Assessment exceeds fifty-percent (50%) of the property's True Cash Value. Therefore, the Proposed Assessment is recommended.

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk  
Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 6-0.

I. REAPPOINTMENT OF ROGER BUELL TO EAST LANSING-MERIDIAN WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY (Agenda Item #16.E.):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD RATIFY THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ROGER BUELL TO A THREE (3) YEAR TERM AS ONE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN'S REPRESENTATIVES TO THE EAST LANSING – MERIDIAN WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk  
Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 6-0.

J. ROAD CLOSURE APPLICATION, TOWAR COMMUNITY DAYS (Agenda Item #16.F.):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THE FOLLOWING:

**WHEREAS**, Section 247.323 of the Michigan Road Laws provides that highways may be temporarily closed on a request of an official authorized by the governing body of a city, village or township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Charter Township of Meridian has requested that Towar Avenue at the Baptist Church parking lot, and continuing south to Birchrow, East to Hardy Avenue, north on Hardy to Biber Street, west on Biber to Porter Avenue, south on Porter to the Towar Recreation Center parking lot be temporarily closed on July 24, 1999, from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

THEREFORE, I MOVE THE FOLLOWING:

THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S OFFICE IS AUTHORIZED TO REQUEST THE INGHAM COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE TOWAR AVENUE AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH PARKING LOT, AND CONTINUING SOUTH TO BIRCHROW, EAST TO HARDY AVENUE, NORTH ON HARDY TO BIBER STREET, WEST ON BIBER TO PORTER AVENUE, SOUTH ON PORTER TO THE TOWAR RECREATION CENTER PARKING LOT ON JULY 24 FROM 9:30 AM UNTIL 11 AM.

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk  
Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 6-0.

K. OUTDOOR GATHERING PERMIT, OLDSMOBILE CLASSIC/LPGA (Agenda Item #16.H.):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVE THE OUTDOOR ASSEMBLY LICENSE TO CONDUCT THE OLDSMOBILE CLASSIC/LPGA HELD AT THE WALNUT HILLS COUNTRY CLUB ON AUGUST 23 THROUGH AUGUST 29, 1999. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 6-0.

L. HULETT AND OKEMOS ROADS PATHWAYS BID AWARD (Agenda Item #16.K.):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL DATED 7/10/99 FROM BACON CONTRACTING & BUILDING OF WILLIAMSTON, MI FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HULETT/OKEMOS ROAD PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE PATHWAY CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$123,585.00, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR AND CLERK TO SIGN THE CONTRACT, IN A FORM APPROVED BY THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY.

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 6-0.

M. PARK LAKE ROAD SANITARY SEWER BID AWARD (Agenda Item #16.L.):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR AND CLERK TO SIGN A CONTRACT, IN A FORM APPROVED BY THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY, WITH MAULDON CONSTRUCTION OF MASON, MI FOR THE AWARD OF THE PARK LAKE ROAD SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT #44, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,915.00. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 6-0.

N. REVISED PURCHASING POLICY (Agenda Item #17.A.(2)a.):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THAT THE PURCHASING POLICY AS PRESENTED, DATED JULY 16, 1999, BE APPROVED. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 6-0.

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Treasurer Klunzinger discussed Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> State Journal Article on winners and losers in the Governor's Club Project. He thanked the negotiators for Act 425 Agreement with the City of Lansing for their work to turn Meridian Township into one of the winners.

Supervisor Little stated the two recent elections (July 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>) worked in favor of Meridian Township.

9. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

A. Refund of ZBA Application Fee (See Consent Agenda)

10. CLERK'S REPORT

A. Election Report

Clerk Helmbrecht presented Martha Sawdy a gift on behalf of the Board as a thank you for her

work on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee.

Clerk Helmbrecht reported the results of the July 15, 1999 Rezoning #98170 Referendum Election: the question to uphold the Board's decision to rezone property commonly known as the Governor's Club property: YES – 1,039 - 61.2%; NO – 655 – 38.6%.

Clerk Helmbrecht reported the results of the July 19, 1999 Annexation Election: the question to allow East Lansing to annex approximately 1400 acres of Meridian Township land: YES – 1 – 12.5%; NO – 7 – 87.5%.

Clerk Helmbrecht reported the receipt of a petition for a referendum on the 425 agreement on July 14<sup>th</sup> and stated the petition is invalid.

Clerk Helmbrecht reported the next election is November 2, 1999

Clerk Helmbrecht reported the July 15<sup>th</sup> election did not have the lowest turnout ever, but it required as many workers as a larger election. She thanked her staff and Election Inspectors for all of their work.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Klunzinger reported the election workers were paid in record time.

12. TOWNSHIP BOARD

- A. Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 113 Human Resources Commission - Introduction  
Treasurer Klunzinger introduced the Ordinance Amendment.

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION CHANGING THE NAME OF THE  
HUMAN RESOURCES COMMISSION  
TO THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMISSION

**WHEREAS**, The Human Resource Commission was established by the Adoption of Chapter 113 Human Resources Commission by the Township Board; and

**WHEREAS**, The term "Human Resources" has come into common usage for Personnel Functions, and as such "Human Resources Commission" no longer communicates the true function and intent of the Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, The proposed name "Community Resources Commission" will more accurately describe the true function and intent of the Commission.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, the Township Board hereby INTRODUCED FOR PUBLICATION AND SUBSEQUENT ADOPTION Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_, entitled "Ordinance Amending Chapter 113 Human Resources Commission by Amending the Title of Human Resources to Community Resources and the Name of the Human Resources Commission to the Community Resources Commission Throughout the Ordinance Where Applicable.

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 introduced at least once prior to the next regular meeting of the Township Board.

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**BY AMENDING THE TITLE OF HUMAN RESOURCES  
TO COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

**AND THE NAME OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMISSION  
TO THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMISSION  
THROUGHOUT THE ORDINANCE WHERE APPLICABLE**

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN ORDAINS:**

Section 1. Amendment of Chapter 113 and Throughout the Ordinance Where Applicable. Chapter 113 entitled Human Resources Commission, of the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, under the heading "Human Resources", is hereby amended by amending the title to Community Resources Commission, under the heading "Community Resources." All other references to the "Human Resources Commission" throughout the Ordinance shall be amended to read "Community Resources Commission."

Section 2. Validity and Severability. Should any portion of the Ordinance be found invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 3. Repealer Clause. Any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 4. Savings Clause. This Ordinance does not affect rights and duties matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun before its effective date.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its publication.

SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

Board Members discussed whether a hearing was needed for this amendment and determined it was not.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little,  
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 6-0.

B. Removal of Work Session Public Remarks Agenda Item

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THAT FUTURE BOARD AGENDAS FOR WORK SESSION NOT INCLUDE PUBLIC REMARKS AT THE WORK SESSION WHEN THEY ARE FOLLOWED BY A REGULAR BOARD MEETING. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

Board Members discussed the following points:

- Redundancy of Work Session and Regular Meeting Public Remarks
- Work Session and Regular Meeting Legally interpreted as same meeting.
- Option to Call Regular Meeting to Order and Work Session Be the First Order of Business
- Informal Nature of Work Session
- Appropriate time for Public Remarks
- Previous Meeting Times of Township Board

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 6-0.

13. SPECIAL HEARINGS/APPEALS

- A. Order to Construct 7' Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathways  
Director Buell introduced the Proposal to Order the Construction of 7' Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathways.

Supervisor Little opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Supervisor Little closed the public hearing. (See Item #17.A.(2)b.)

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

- A. Unfinished Business  
(1) Zoning Board of Appeals Fee Schedule (See Consent Agenda)  
(2) Rezoning #99080 (Irwin), request to rezone approximately 2.4 acres on the south side of Hannah Boulevard, east of Esoteric Way, from PO (Professional Office) to RP (Research & Office Park) – FINAL ADOPTION (See Consent Agenda)

B. New Business

- (1) Rezoning #99070 (Genex)  
Director Kieselbach introduced the request to rezone the southeast corner of Marsh Road and Mack Avenue from RB (Single Family-High Density) to RDD (Multiple Family-Low Density)

TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH MOVED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Genex Investments L.L.C. initiated a rezoning of an approximate 1.4 acre parcel located at the southeast corner of Marsh Road and Mack Avenue from RB (Single Family-High Density) to RDD (Multiple Family-Low Density); and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on May 10, 1999 and recommended approval of the rezoning from RB (Single Family-High Density) to RDD (Multiple Family-Low Density) on May 24, 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board has reviewed the staff and Planning Commission material forwarded under cover memorandum dated July 13, 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, rezoning the subject site to RDD (Multiple Family-Low Density) provides for orderly development along the frontage of Marsh Road, a major street; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed rezoning will provide a buffer between Marsh Road and the existing single-family development to the east; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed RDD (Multiple Family-Low Density) zoning will provide a comparable density to the existing RB (Single Family-High Density) zoning to the east, southeast, south, southwest, and west; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed rezoning will produce only a minor increase in the estimated number of vehicle trips per day compared to single-family development; and

**WHEREAS**, the subject site meets the minimum lot area and width requirements of the RDD (Multiple Family-Low Density) district; and

**WHEREAS**, public water and sanitary sewer are available to serve the site and the site is located within the Urban Service Boundary.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, the Township Board hereby **INTRODUCES FOR PUBLICATION AND SUBSEQUENT ADOPTION** Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_, entitled "Ordinance Amending the Zoning District Map of Meridian Township Pursuant to Rezoning Petition #99070 from RB (Single Family-High Density) to RDD (Multiple Family-Low Density).

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 introduced at least once prior to the next regular meeting of the Township Board.

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP  
OF MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP  
PURSUANT TO REZONING #99070**

The Charter Township of Meridian ordains:

Section 1. Amending the Zoning District Map #99070.

The Zoning District Map of Meridian Township, as adopted in Section 82-1.3 of the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, as previously amended, is hereby amended by changing the RB (Single Family-High Density) District symbol and indication as shown on the Zoning District Map, for the property legally described as:

A part of Lot 15, Block 3, Hickory Grove Park, a subdivision of a part of the Northeast ¼ of Section 3, T4N, R1W, Meridian Township, Ingham County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 9 of Plats, Page 2, Ingham County Records described as: Commencing at the North ¼ corner of said Section 3; thence S00°08'54"E along the North-South ¼ line of said Section a distance of 1275.26 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence N89°59'14"E along the centerline of Mack Avenue 329.97 feet; thence S00°00'48"W 33.00 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 15; thence S40°06'40"W along the Southeasterly line of said Lot 15 a distance of 319.75 feet to the corner between Lots 9 and 10 of said Hickory Grove Park; thence N49°55'10"W on an extension of the line between said Lots 9 and 10 a distance of 114.57 feet to the West line of Lot 15; thence West 35.79 feet to said North-South ¼ line; thence N00°08'54"W along said North-South ¼ line 203.70 feet to the point of beginning; said parcel containing 1.39 acres more or less; said parcel subject to all easements and restrictions of record if any.

to that of RDD (Multiple Family-Low Density) District, and a corresponding use district is established in the above-described property.

Section 2. Validity and Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and the invalidity of any phrase, clause or part of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of the Ordinance.

Section 3. Repealer Clause. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 4. Savings Clause. This Ordinance does not affect rights and duties matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun, before its effective date.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective seven (7) days after its publication or upon such later date as may be required under 1996 Public Act 297 after filing of a notice of intent to file a petition for a referendum.

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH

Board Members discussed the following points:

- Planning Commission's Recommendation
- Use of Site

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried 6-0.

16. MANAGER'S REPORT, INVOICES & BILLS

A. Bills (See Consent Agenda)

B. MDOT Cost Agreement for Traffic Signal Control

Manager Richards summarized the Work Session discussion and the Board's desire to work on an agreement between the Township and Meridian Mall.

Supervisor Little directed the Township Manager to pursue an agreement with the Mall at minimal legal expense.

C. Capital Area District Library Agreement Amendment (See Consent Agenda)

D. Assessing Stipulations (See Consent Agenda)

E. Reappointment of Roger Buell to East Lansing-Meridian Water and Sewer Authority (See Consent Agenda)

F. Road Closure Application, Towar Community Days (See Consent Agenda)

G. Road Closure Application, Oldsmobile Classic/LPGA

TRUSTEE SQUIERS MOVED TO POSTPONE THIS ITEM UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING AND INSTRUCT THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO MEET WITH THE INTERESTED PARTIES TO WORK OUT A SOLUTION TO JANET MAYNARD'S CONCERNS (See BD-1) REGARDING HER BUSINESS. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-0.

H. Outdoor Gathering Permit, Oldsmobile Classic/LPGA (See Consent Agenda)

I. Recommendation for Proposed Library Site

Manager Richards introduced the proposed Library site as an informational item and an opportunity for Board comment.

Board Members discussed the following points:

- Not limited to Site Currently Proposed.
- Other Possible Sites to be Considered
- Ballot Proposal would be Open to Change of Sites.

J. Funding Consideration for Sunset with Shakespeare in the Park

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER BE AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND UP TO \$5,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN OUTDOOR PRESENTATION OF A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM ON AUGUST 12-15 AND 19-22 AS DESCRIBED IN A MEMORANDUM TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD DATED JULY 16, 1999 WITH THE FUNDS TO COME FROM THE COMMUNITY PROMOTIONS LINE ITEM. SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

Board Members discussed the following points:

- Park Commission Approval
- Service of A Public Purpose
- Free of Charge for Public to Attend
- Use of HOM-TV
- Funds Expended Through Township Manager's Approval

- One-Time Expenditure
- Annual Event to Draw Funding From Private Concerns
- Park Commission Contribution
- Purpose of Funds
- Duration of Performances
- Availability of Ball Fields
- Lateness of Board Involvement
- Comparison to First Year 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee Funding
- Incorporation into 4<sup>th</sup> of July Activities
- Lack of Guidelines on Funding
- Involvement of Corporate Sponsors

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

- K. Hulett and Okemos Roads Pathways Bid Award (See Consent Agenda)
- L. Park Lake Road Sanitary Sewer Bid Award (See Consent Agenda)

17. BOARD MEMBER, BOARD COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

- A. Standing Committee Reports
  - (1) Physical Operations & Activities (None)
  - (2) Financial Planning and Budgeting
    - a. Revised Purchasing Policy (See Consent Agenda)
    - b. C.A.T.A Service – Set Informational Hearing

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THAT AN INFORMATIONAL HEARING BE SET FOR THE AUGUST 17 1999 BOARD MEETING ON C.A.T.A. SERVICE IN MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SQUIERS.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-0.

- Clerk Helmbrecht commented that the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Public Hearing needs to remain open until the next meeting (August 3<sup>rd</sup>) because of the change in publication schedule.

Supervisor Little reopened the public hearing.

- c. Proposed Land Preservation/Development Rights Millage – Set Informational Hearing  
Treasurer Klunzinger summarized the Work Session discussion.

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THAT AN INFORMATIONAL HEARING BE SET FOR THE AUGUST 17 1999 BOARD MEETING ON THE ADVISABILITY OF THE PROPOSED LAND-PRESERVATION/DEVELOPMENT-RIGHTS MILLAGE. SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

Board Members discussed the following points:

- Governance by Surveys
- Identification of Community Supports
- Premature Before Planning & Development Committee Forwards A Recommendation
- Consideration of Land Preservation and Development Rights
- Failure of Similar Millage Attempt in Ann Arbor
- Opportunity for Public Consideration
- Hearing at Subcommittee vs. Board Level

TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE A MOTION TO HOLD AN INFORMATIONAL HEARING DURING A MEETING OF THE FINANCIAL PLANNING & BUDGETING BOARD COMMITTEE. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE

SUCH.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION**

VOICE VOTE: Motion failed 3-3 (McCullough, Squiers, Such)

Board Members discussed the following points:

- Purchase of Development Rights
- Multiplicity of Interpretation
- Placement of All Millage Proposals on November Ballot

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 4-2 (McCullough, Such)

(3) Personnel

Trustee Squiers reported the next meeting is scheduled for 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 22, 1999 in the Administrative Conference Room.

(4) Planning and Development

Trustee McCullough reported the next meeting will be scheduled during the week of August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

(5) Infrastructure

Trustee Such reported the next meeting will be scheduled for next week.

(6) Public Safety (No Report)

(7) Recreation

Trustee McCullough reported the committee is awaiting the recommendation of the Personnel Director for Recreation Director

B. Special Committees

C. Liaison Representative Reports

18. OTHER REPORTS

19. NEW BUSINESS

20. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor Little opened public remarks

Wayne McLellen, 1459 Cheboygan Road, Okemos, stated the Work Session is a separate meeting from the Regular Meeting. He stated his concerns regarding the Governor's Club Development and the Act 425 Agreement.

21. FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Treasurer Klunzinger commented that the annexation vote would have turned out differently without the Act 425 agreement.

22. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Little adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

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BRUCE A. LITTLE  
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT  
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Paul J. Cassidy, Secretary