

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING **-APPROVED-**
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198
853-4000, Township Hall Room
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018 **6:00 pm.**

PRESENT: Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Brixie, Trustees Deschaine, Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland

ABSENT:

STAFF: Township Manager Walsh, Director of Public Works Perry, Township Attorney Fahey, Police Chief Plaga, Information Technology Director Gebes, Principal Planner Menser, Community Planning Director Kieselbach, Fire Chief Hamel, Parks and Recreation Director Maisner, Human Resources Director Marx

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Styka called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor Styka led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

The Recording Secretary called the roll of the Board.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. CPR Life Saver Presentation-Mike Hamel, Fire Chief

Fire Chief Mike Hamel recognized numerous first responders, 911 dispatch employees, and private employee staff whose actions and use of pre-hospital treatment saved the life of a local resident.

B. Meridian Garden Club

Jody Szalankiewicz with The Meridian Garden Club presented on the Planted Pink Garden. Recounted the work the Club does and its recognition at local, state, and national levels.

5. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Styka opened public remarks at 6:20 pm.

Brent Felton, 2470 Robins Way, Okemos; spoke in opposition to Rezoning #18080 - Giguere Homes (Agenda Item 12A).

Lance Langdon, Director of Ingham County 911, 710 E. Jolly Rd., Lansing; provided information on upcoming 911 Dispatch ballot proposal.

Mike Duffy, 734 W. Grand River, Okemos; Owner, Winslow Mobile Home Park, spoke in opposition to Urban Service Boundary Amendment (Agenda Item 13E).

Thomas Wolff, 2595 Robin's Way, Okemos; spoke in opposition to Agenda Item 12A.

Derek Lisabeth, 6200 Pine Hollow Dr., East Lansing; spoke in support of Agenda Item 12A.

Diana Kline, 6253 Fenwick Ct., East Lansing; spoke in support of Agenda Item 12A.

Jim Giguere, 6253 Fenwick Ct., East Lansing; spoke in support of Agenda Item 12A.

Travis Wilson, 2180 Cider Mill Drive, East Lansing; spoke in support of Medical Marijuana Ordinance for Meridian Township (Agenda Item 13G).

Gustavo de los Campos, 3983 Shoal Drive, Okemos; spoke on safety concerns of the Deer Management Program.

Galit Pelled, Shoals Dr., Okemos; spoke on safety concerns of the Deer Management Program.

David Pierson, 1305 S. Washington, Lansing; spoke in support of Rezoning #18090 – M & J Management (Agenda Item 13B).

Lily Levental, 636 Tarleton Ave., East Lansing; spoke on safety concerns of the Deer Management Program.

Neil Bowlby, 6020 Beechwood Dr., Haslett; spoke in support of Michigan Utility Assoc. membership (Agenda Item 9D) and commented on Agenda Item 13E.

Erica Holmen, 1422 Haslett Dr., Haslett; spoke on safety concerns of the Deer Management Program.

Assaf Gilad, 3975 Shoals Dr., Okemos; spoke on safety concerns of the Deer Management Program.

Alina Gorelik, 2577 Robins Way, Okemos; spoke in opposition of Agenda Item 12A.

Ody Norkin, 3803 Sandlewood Dr., Okemos; spoke on safety of the Deer Management Program.

Andrea Doseff, 3977 Shoals Dr., Okemos; spoke on safety concerns of the Deer Management Program.

Chad Stewart, Shoals Dr., Okemos; spoke on the safety procedures of the Deer Management Program.

Supervisor Styka closed public remarks at 7:08 pm.

6. TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT

Township Manager Frank Walsh reported: Williamstown Township Police Contract, Brownfield Board meetings, Solar Project underway, Farmer's Market groundbreaking.

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Treasurer Quarterly Report – Julie Brixie

Board Discussion: Collected delinquencies, bankruptcies, administrative fees

Clerk Dreyfus reported:

- Recent FOIA requests
- Absentee Ballots have been mailed
- Voter registration deadline for November Election: Oct. 9th 5pm
- New high-speed tabulator has been received, setting up training dates

8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Supervisor Styka added Agenda Item 12B, Board Member Appointment to Land Preservation Board, to the Agenda.

Trustee Opsommer moved to add Agenda Item 13H, Deer Management Program Discussion, to the Agenda. Seconded by Clerk Dreyfus.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 7-0

Treasurer Brixie moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Seconded by Trustee Deschaine.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 7-0

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor Styka reviewed the consent agenda.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Deschaine, Opsommer, Jackson, Sundland, Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus, Supervisor Styka

NAYS:
Motion carried 7-0

A. Communications

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 Dreyfus.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Deschaine, Opsommer, Jackson, Sundland, Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus, Supervisor Styka

NAYS:
Motion carried 7-0

B. Minutes – September 18, 2018 Regular Meeting and September 11, 2018 Special Meeting

(1) Treasurer Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 18, 2018 as submitted. Seconded by Clerk Dreyfus.

(2) Treasurer Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the Special Meeting of September 11, 2018 as submitted. Seconded by Clerk Dreyfus.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Deschaine, Opsommer, Jackson, Sundland, Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus, Supervisor Styka

NAYS:
Motion carried 7-0

C. Bills

Treasurer Brixie moved to approve that the Township Board approve the Manager’s Bills as follows, seconded by Clerk Dreyfus:

Common Cash		\$	433,643.45
Public Works		\$	27,517.79
Trust & Agency		\$	8,364,436.72
	Total Checks	\$	8,825,597.96
Credit Card Transactions		\$	17,260.71
Aug 30 th to Sept. 26 th			
	Total Purchases	\$	<u>8,842,858.67</u>
ACH Payments		\$	<u>519,811.98</u>

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Deschaine, Opsommer, Jackson, Sundland, Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus, Supervisor Styka

NAYS:
Motion carried 7-0

D. Michigan Utility Association Membership

Treasurer Brixie moved to approve the Michigan Municipal Association for Utility Issues Membership Resolution and Authorize Derek N. Perry, Assistant Township Manager and Director of Public Works & Engineering to sign the Municipal Coalition Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the Charter Township of Meridian. Seconded by Clerk Dreyfus.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Deschaine, Opsommer, Jackson, Sundland, Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus, Supervisor Styka

NAYS:
Motion carried 7-0

E. FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant

Treasurer Brixie moved to authorize the Fire Department to apply for and accept an Assistance to Firefighters Grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$940,000.00 with the Township’s 10% share being \$94,000.00 (\$80,000 coming from the Equipment and Staffing Millage set aside for the ladder truck and \$14,000 coming from the 2019 General Fund). Seconded by Clerk Dreyfus.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Deschaine, Opsommer, Jackson, Sundland, Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus, Supervisor Styka

NAYS:
Motion carried 7-0

10. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY - NONE

11. HEARINGS - NONE

12. ACTION ITEMS

A. Rezoning #18080 (Giguere Homes)

Treasurer Brixie moved to adopt the resolution to deny Rezoning Petition #18080, a request to rezone approximately 7.36 acres from RR (Rural Residential) to RA (Single Family-Medium Density) at 3760 Hulett Road. Seconded by Trustee Opsommer.

Board discussion: Community input, developer input, density limits for various zones, comparisons to Walnut Hills development, ranges of development between past proposals, appropriateness of current zoning, risk of developer not providing adequate greenspace protection, Board members acknowledgment of unified neighborhood opposition

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Treasurer Brixie, Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Trustees Deschaine, Jackson, Opsommer

NAYS: Trustee Sundland
Motion carried 6-1

B. Board Member Appointment to Land Preservation Board

Trustee Deschaine moved to appoint Trustee Opsommer as the Township Board Representative to the Land Preservation Board. Seconded by Trustee Jackson.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 7-0

13. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Citizen Survey Questions

Director Perry provided updated questions for the proposed 2018 Citizen Survey.

Board discussion: options provided for answers, content of questions, general wording, motivation behind questions, inherent influence in wording, keep road millage and land preservation millage questions separate.

Board consensus to place item on the Consent Agenda at the next Board meeting.

B. Rezoning #18090 (M & J Management)

M & J Management LLC has requested to rezone a 5 acre parcel located at 1999 Saginaw Highway from I (Industrial) to C-2 (Commercial).

C. Rezoning #18100 (HOS Management)

HOS Management has requested to rezone a 0.42 acre parcel located at 7080 Saginaw Highway from I (Industrial) to C-2 (Commercial).

Board discussion (13B/13C): Advantages of rezoning, , will rezoning allow for expanding of medical marihuana overlay, parcel boundaries, allowed usage, trends in corridor, potential developments.

Board consensus to place both items on for action at the next Board meeting.

D. Rezoning #18110 (Buckley)

Don and Pat Buckley have requested the rezoning of two platted lots, approximately 0.18 acres in total size, located at 5998 Martinus Street.

Board discussion: Construction plans of applicant, reasoning behind rezoning request, importance of investing in the area, rezoning compatibility with adjacent properties, current restrictions regarding development, process of joining parcels, commercial history and planning concepts regarding Marsh and Martinus.

Board consensus to place item on for action at the next Board meeting.

E. Urban Service Boundary Amendment & Road Abandonment Process

Township staff suggests sending Urban Service Boundary amendment requests to the Planning Commission for review and approval.

Board discussion: Use of public hearings, review form, uses of Section 61 review, other review options, Planning Commission's place in process, road abandonment issues.

Board consensus to adopt the use of Section 61 review process.

F. Marsh Pointe PILOT Amendment/Property Donation

Director Kieselbach described a potential land donation of approximately 9 acres of undeveloped land to Meridian Township Parks and a proposed amendment to the original tax exemption and Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for Marsh Pointe senior living complex.

Board discussion: possible developments on property retained by donor, willingness to agree to no development on retained property, Parks Department use, amount of staff time required for upkeep, PILOT amendment details, donation contingent on amendment.

Board consensus to put item on for action at a future meeting.

G. Medical Marihuana Ordinance

Director Kieselbach prepared and discussed additional changes made to the proposed Medical Marihuana Ordinance after the Board Meeting of September 18th, 2018 and asked for input on what additional changes or actions are needed.

Board discussion: Final approval process, required pre-qualifications, application fee, refunds, staff time required, lottery structure, applicant investigations, costs of review, grace period to correct deficiencies, staff discretion to determine deficiencies, number of permits required/allowed, application fees, facilities under same application, overlay district adjustments.

Board consensus to put item on for further discussion at a future meeting.

H. Deer Management Program

Parks Director Maisner explained the Deer Management Program and addressed citizen concerns with safety of the program. Suggested informative measures to help educate the public that may be impacted by this program.

Board discussion: Bow hunting only, need for community education, property boundary buffers in bow-hunting, trajectory of projectiles, check-in process for hunters, safety initiatives, community information meeting.

14. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Supervisor Styka Opened Public Remarks at 10:01 pm.

Jim Giguere, 6252 Fenwick Dr., East Lansing; spoke in support of Agenda Item 12A.

Supervisor Styka Closed Public Remarks at 10:03 pm.

15. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Brett Dreyfus moved to continue business after 10:00 pm. Seconded by Trustee Sundland.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 4-3 (Brixie, Opsommer, Deschaine)

Brett Dreyfus moved to reconsider the vote on Agenda Item 12A. Seconded by Trustee Sundland.

Board discussion: Precedence of surrounding development, timing of new proposal, reapplication option, parliamentary process, applicant concessions to protect greenspace, reduction of risk.

VOICE VOTE: Motion failed 5-2 (Dreyfus, Sundland)

Treasurer Brixie reported:

- Sexual Assault Prevention Committee informational posters and flyers
- Sexual Assault Prevention training, Oct. 18th and 25th 6 pm – 8 pm

Supervisor Styka reported:

- Meridian Cares benefit Oct. 19th

16. CLOSED SESSION – Confidential Legal Opinion – Haslett Marathon

Trustee Opsommer moved that the Board move to closed session for the Confidential Legal Opinion Haslett Marathon. Seconded by Trustee Deschaine.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Deschaine, Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland,
Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Brixie

NAYS: None
Motion carried 7-0

Board moved into a closed session at 10:22pm.

Clerk Dreyfus moved to return the closed session to an open session. Seconded by Trustee Deschaine.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Clerk Dreyfus, Supervisor Styka, Treasurer Brixie, Trustees
Opsommer, Jackson, Sundland, Deschaine

NAYS: None
Motion carried 7-0

Supervisor Styka returned the meeting to open session at 10:39 pm.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Opsommer moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Deschaine.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 7-0

Supervisor Styka adjourned the meeting at 10:40 pm.

18. POSTSCRIPT - NONE

RONALD J. STYKA,
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

BRETT DREYFUS,
TOWNSHIP CLERK