

**MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP  
COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 6, 2024  
ADMIN CONFERENCE ROOM**

PRESENT: Vice-Chair Robinson, Commissioner Webster, Commissioner Turimella, Commissioner Langhals, Commissioner Whiting-Dobson, Commissioner Maingu

ABSENT: Chair Styka

STAFF: Human Services Specialist Love

BOARD LIASON: Trustee Wilson

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

A: Vice-Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

Accepted as written.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Commissioner Maingu moves to approve the October 9, 2024, minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Langhals Motion Carried 6-0**

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

A: Coat Drive

- Coat drive is wrapping up.
- The ACTION club at OHS participated as well.
- Okemos Community Church will let us know when they will be dropping off the remainder of the donations and we will get the leftover items to local women's shelter, school needs closets and Cristo Rey.

B: Sparrow Health Clinics

- Commissioner Webster gave a report. We are finished with all Fall events.
- Overall, the events went well and would like to participate again in the future.
- Commissioner Webster wrote thank you cards.

C: Holiday Food Assistance

- We are currently working on completing funding and distribution of items.
- For Thanksgiving, Meridian Cares will take care of Marsh Point with Meijer good only gift cards.

- We have 8 volunteers through New Hope Church that will help deliver food only gift cards and food donations to Edgewood Village area.
- Walmart also did a food donation box that they will be delivering this week.
- St. Lukes will take care of getting delivery to Grange Acres and Carriage Lane on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- We may want to reach out to Colin Jankowski 269-274-0983 at Fox 47 to do a story about these events.

#### D: Santas First Responders

- December 14<sup>th</sup> from 12-1:30 p.m. at Murphy Elementary School.
- The event is for neighbors in need. It is catered for by Olive Garden. The children are given high value toys.
- Dawn and Lisa at Walmart will be providing and donated needed items for us to hand out. Hamburger helper, spaghetti sauce, noodles, taco seasoning.
- We will plan details at the next meeting.

#### E: Police Halloween Open House

- Several hundred families came through the Halloween Open House.
- Commissioner Webster attended the event and said it was extremely well attended and very BUSY!

### 5. NEW BUSINESS:

#### A: New Commissioner Application

- Dawn Orr has applied to join the Community Resource Commission.
- We have 2 open spaces currently.

**Vice-Chair Robinson moves to submit Dawn Orr's application for inclusion on the Community Resource Commission to Supervisor Hendrickson for consideration. Seconded by Commissioner Whiting-Dobson. Motion carried 6-0.**

#### B: Ambulance Waiver request

- The total bill submitted is \$247.55. He has submitted all proper documents.
- Based upon the numbers they would qualify for a 50% exemption.

**Vice-Chair Robinson voiced and approved with a signature the request for 50% exemption for ambulance bills dated 10/9/24 for Bardy. Commissioner Maingu seconded and signed for approval.**

### 6. HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT

- We had a donation of \$2100.00 from Faith Lutheran Church donated for holiday food.

- \$3,468.83 from The Peoples Church that they have designated for the Emergency Needs Fund.
- We have used \$44,973.97 out of \$50,000 budgeted for the year.
- July and August care round ups were \$535.37.
- We have a total of \$10,364.82 to use for the holiday food basket project as of 10/31/24.

## **7. BOARD LISASON REPORT**

- The Township has received very good applicants for the Township Manager position. The interviews will be in December.
- The Village of Okemos developers have reached out to the Township board again to possibly restart conversations.
- The Community/Senior center tasks force continues to meet. Site selection is still underway.

## **8. OPEN FORUM**

## **9. ADJOURNEMENT**

Commissioner Langhals made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 P.M. with no opposition.