

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
REGULAR MEETING TOWNSHIP BOARD -**APPROVED**-
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198
517.853.4000, Township Hall Room
THURSDAY, November 6, 2025, 6:00PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

ABSENT: Treasurer Burghardt

STAFF: Township Manager Dempsey, Parks and Recreation Director Wisinski, Communications Manager Diehl, Assistant Police Chief Crane, Community Planning and Development Director Schmitt, IT Director Gebes

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Hendrickson called the November 6, 2025, Regular Township Board meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor Hendrickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Hendrickson asked those present to send good thoughts to Treasurer Burghardt who is recovering from surgery.

3. ROLL CALL

Clerk Demas called the roll of the Board. Six Board members present at 6:01 pm.

Treasurer Burghardt was absent.

4. PRESENTATION

A. Volunteers of the Year – Missy and Dave Foran

Director Wisinski and Market Manager Cary recognized and thanked Missy Foran and Dave Foran for their dedicated service to the Farmers’ Market. Director Wisinski presented Mrs. and Mr. Foran with a certificate.

B. Pancake Breakfast Check Presentation

Communication Manager Diehl presented checks to Muscular Dystrophy Foundation and to local Scouts. Ted Farris accepted the check on behalf of the Scouts. Chuck Melesco, President of the Meridian Township Firefighters Association, accepted the check on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation.

C. Introduction of New Police Officer – Jordan Tuttle

Assistant Chief Crane introduced Officer Tuttle.

5. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Hendrickson opened public comment at 6:15 pm.

David Kloc, Kristina Kloc, Robert Metko, Josh Nahum, Bradley Shaw, Jerry Fedewa, and Brett Stockhall spoke about SUP #25-20, agenda item 10.B.

Beth Bechtel spoke about toxic heavy metals found in solar arrays.

Supervisor Hendrickson closed public comment at 6:38 pm.

6. TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT

Manager Dempsey gave updates on:

- Final listening session is November 13th at 6pm at 2|42 Community Center, 2630 Bennet Rd.
- Warned residents that scammers have been posing as township officials in emails and recommended residents call to speak with staff before submitting payments.
- Recognized Chief Engineer Younes Ishraidi and Administrative Assistant II Denise Green for their response to resident concerns, along with all the project engineers and technicians.
- Recognized Fire Department for their response to a significant house fire last evening.

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Sundland attended Economic Development Corporation meeting.

Clerk Demas thanked staff for fielding election questions, and reminded residents of the upcoming Democracy Class on November 17th.

Trustee Lentz attended the Environmental Commission meeting and thanked emergency service staff for their response to a highway crash he witnessed.

Supervisor Hendrickson noted that Bill Fowler resigned from Planning Commission and there are numerous vacancies on appointed Boards and Commissions. He also attended the Spooktacular event.

8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Supervisor Hendrickson requested the addition of a consent agenda item, 9.J Placement of Delinquent Special Assessments, Delinquent Utilities, Delinquent False Alarms, Unpaid Lot Mowing/Code Violations and Misc. Fees on the Winter Tax Roll for 2025.

Trustee Wilson moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Supported by Trustee Lentz.

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 6-0

9. CONSENT AGENDA

November 6 Closed Session minutes were provided to Board Members.

Clerk Demas moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Supported by Trustee Trezise.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 6-0

10. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Special Use Permit #25-21 – St. Martha’s Parish and School – 1100 West Grand River – Addition to a building over 25,000 feet

Director Schmitt gave an overview of the discussion to date.

Board members outlined their reasonings for support regarding the SUP.

Trustee Wilson moved to adopt the resolution approving Special Use Permit #25-21, a request from St. Martha Parish and School to expand the existing building that is greater than 25,000 square feet by 11,000 square feet, to accommodate an expansion to the school. The property is located at 1100 West Grand River Avenue (Parcel Id No 33-02-02-23-476-001) and is zoned RR, Rural Residential. Supported by Trustee Trezise.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 6-0

At 6:56 Supervisor Hendrickson called for a 5-minute recess. The Board reconvened at 7:02.

- B. Special Use Permit #25-20 – Fedewa Holdings – 4601 Dobie Road – Construct a series of buildings larger than 25,000 feet

Director Schmitt gave an overview of the discussion to date. He followed up on questions from Board discussion.

Board members asked about the driveway on the parcel and the neighboring property, conditional rezoning, clarity on the definition of hazardous and detrimental in Section 86-126, building height, dumpster relocation, potential for increased traffic, consideration given to how Township notifies property owners of nearby development in the future, and screening of the property from neighboring properties.

Board members gave information about past discussions that are relevant to questions asked in this discussion, noting the modifications the applicant has made in response to Board input.

Board members discussed concerns raised by residents including traffic and noise levels.

Board members suggested adding adequate screening as a condition to be approved by the Director of Community Planning and Development.

Board members outlined their reasonings for support regarding the SUP.

Trustee Trezise moved to adopt the resolution approving Special Use Permit #25-20, a request from Fedewa Holdings to construct four buildings at 4601 Dobie Road (Parcel Id No 33-02-02-22-454-003) north of Faith Lutheran Church, subject to the following conditions:

- Approval is granted in general accordance with the proposed site plan as prepared by BRS Engineering, as received by the Township on August 22, 2025.
 - Any future changes to the SUP will require an amendment to SUP #25-20.
 - All conditions for REZ #25-01 shall continue to apply.
 - SUP #25-20 will become void if construction related to the SUP has not commenced within 24 months of the effective date of the SUP, or if all construction related to the SUP is not completed within 36 month of the effective date of the SUP, unless an extension is granted.
 - No more than 32 dwelling units shall be permitted on the property.
 - A 100 foot building setback is required along the western property line of the parcel as well as adequate screening as determined by the Building Department and the Director of Community Planning and Development.
 - All buildings on the site shall be 2 ½ stories or less.
 - All buildings on the site shall be 35 feet tall or less.
 - No construction on the site shall begin until all approvals of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner and the Ingham County Road Department have been granted.
- Supported by Trustee Wilson.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: Clerk Demas

Motion carried: 5-1

C. 3rd Quarter Budget Amendments

Manager Dempsey gave an overview of the requested amendments.

Board members asked about 425 amendment funding.

Trustee Wilson moved to approve the third quarter 2025 budget amendments with an increase in budgeted fund balance for the General Fund in the amount of \$266, 209 which projects an increase in fund balance of \$66,902. Based on 2024 results, the projected fund balance at December 31, 2025, will be \$12,720,162. Supported by Trustee Lentz.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 6-0

D. Public Act 152 Annual Healthcare Exemption Option

Manager Dempsey gave an overview of the proposed exemption option.

Clerk Demas moved to approve the resolution to adopt the Annual Exemption Option (Section 8) as set forth in 2011 Public Act 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act. Supported by Trustee Lentz.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 6-0

11. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Township Manager Review Process

Supervisor Hendrickson outlined the process to date.

Board members asked about the review process and discussed potential improvements.

12. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Supervisor Hendrickson opened public comment at 8:11 pm.

Kristina Kloc, David Kloc, and David Fedewa spoke about SUP #25-20, item 10.B.

Supervisor Hendrickson closed public comment at 8:16 pm.

13. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Lentz moved to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Wilson.

VOICE VOTE YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 6-0

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.



Scott Hendrickson
Township Supervisor



Angela Demas
Township Clerk