

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING – **APPROVED AS AMENDED-**
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
853-4000, Town Hall Room
TUESDAY, March 3, 2009 **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie, Trustees Dreyfus,
LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra
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, Attorney Andria Ditschman

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor McGillicuddy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the roll of the Board.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

Leonard Provenchur, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett, spoke in support of the Supervisor and Treasurer's leadership by example in promotion of walkability and bicycle activity in Meridian Township. He expressed appreciation to the Township Manager for e-mail responses to his previous questions and spoke in support of three items on the agenda this evening.

Ganesh Reddy, 3614 Ponderosa Drive, Okemos, expressed caution regarding violation of citizens' constitutional rights with passage of Zoning Amendment #07050. He also believed the \$750.00 spent for the Policy Governance Review consultant could have been better spent for another purpose. Mr. Reddy also urged the Board to adopt Robert's Rules of Order as the parliamentary authority for the Township.

Phil Ballbach, 2723 E. Lake Lansing Road, East Lansing, expressed concern with the execution of Policy Governance within the Township.

Cecilia Kramer, President, Forest Hills Homeowners Association, 4560 Oakwood, Okemos, urged the Board to take into consideration subdivisions which do not have curb and gutter when deliberating on Zoning Amendment #07050.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

5. REPORTS/BOARD COMMENT/NEW WORRIES

Trustee Ochberg reported she attended the Capital Area District Library (CADL) meeting last Thursday at the Supervisor's request and learned CADL will not seek a special millage before it asks for a renewal of its current ten (10) year millage.

Treasurer Brixie announced the Okemos Public Schools Steering Committee will hold a meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the Senior Center to address its financial needs.

Trustee Dreyfus reported he will be working on a committee with the Michigan Township Association (MTA) which is reviewing state statutes as they relate to Townships. A telemeeting will be held Monday, March 9, 2009 to begin looking at the Township Act.

Trustee Veenstra attended the Tri County Regional Planning Commission and noted that approximately five percent (5%) of the projects it received on wish lists from local governments will be funded with stimulus money. He stated it will be helpful for the Board to pass resolutions endorsing the Bridge over the Red Cedar River (Okemos Road Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge) and Phase II of the Interurban Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway projects on tonight's consent agenda in an effort to receive the enhancement grants.

Trustee Veenstra requested the Township Manager provide the Board with an update on the implementation of its Energy Policy and requested an annual update on energy efficiency efforts thereafter. He requested staff to keep in mind that motions prepared should be explanatory of Board action (i.e., amount of money to be spent, where it is coming from, where it is going and its purpose) to aid in the Board goal of openness and transparency.

Supervisor McGillicuddy announced William Conklin, Managing Director, Ingham County Road Commission will be in attendance at the March 17, 2009 to discuss roads.

Trustee Veenstra clarified that the bridge on Van Atta Road (currently narrowed to one lane) will not be replaced with a one (1) lane bridge; the replacement will be for a two lane bridge when it happens in the future.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA — OR CHANGES

Treasurer Brixie moved to approve the agenda amended as follows:

- **Add Agenda Item #7M – Authority to Open an Account**

Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.

Trustee Veenstra offered the following amendment:

- **Add new agenda item #13. “Final Board Comment” and requested this item be a permanent addition to the agenda**

Seconded by Trustee Dreyfus.

VOICE VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT: Motion carried unanimously.

VOICE VOTE ON THE MAIN MOTION: Motion carried unanimously.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor McGillicuddy reviewed the consent agenda.

Treasurer Brixie moved to adopt the Consent Agenda amended as follows:

- **Amend Agenda Item #7M - Add Michigan State University Federal Credit Union as a new institution**

Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

The adopted Consent Agenda items are as follow:

A. Communications

1) Regional Linkage (RL)

William Conklin, Managing Director, Ingham County Road Commission, 301 Bush Street, Mason; RE: 2009 Local Road Improvement Program

(2). On File in the Clerk's Office (OF)

Material received at the February 17, 2009 Board Meeting
Ronald D. Richards, Jr. 6275 W. Reynolds Road, Haslett; RE: Zoning Amendment #07050

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 Trustee Veenstra.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

B. Minutes

Treasurer Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the February 17, 2009 Regular Meeting as **submitted. Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

C. Bills

Treasurer Brixie moved that the Township Board approve the Manager's Bills as follows:

Common Cash	\$ 257,065.57
Public Works	\$ 21,429.43
Total Checks	\$ 278,495.00
Credit Card Transactions	\$ 7,216.31
Total Purchases	<u>\$ 285,711.31</u>
ACH Payments	<u>\$ 377,946.49</u>

Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

[Bill list in Official Minute Book]

D. Assessing Stipulations

Treasurer Brixie moved that the Township Assessor be authorized to sign a stipulation with Joseph King, on the following property:

YEAR	DOCKET NO.	ADDRESS OF PROPERTY
2008	0346037	6398 Ridgepond Place, East Lansing
Assessment	2008	AV/TV \$314,800/314,800
Proposed Assessment	2008	AV/TV \$265,000/265,000

Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Brixie moved that the Township Assessor be authorized to sign a stipulation with Nianzheng Liu, on the following property:

YEAR	DOCKET NO.	ADDRESS OF PROPERTY
2008	0348029	5050 Wardcliff, East Lansing
Assessment	2008	AV/TV \$90,000/90,000
Proposed Assessment	2008	AV/TV \$86,000/86,000

Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Appointment to Community Resources Commission (CRC)
Treasurer Brixie moved that Andrea Faes be appointed to fill the vacant position on the Community Resources Commission for the term to expire December 31, 2010. Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

- F. F.I.R.E. Act Prevention Grant
Treasurer Brixie moved to authorize the Fire Department to apply for and accept a Fire Investment and Response Enhancement Act (F.I.R.E.) Grant through the Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$10,700, of which \$1,070 will come from the Fire Restricted Donation Fund and \$9,630 will come from federal funds, to purchase a fire safety education robotic device. Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

- G. Amendment to Township Fee Schedule
Treasurer Brixie moved to authorize an amendment to the 2009 Summary of Fees to add the HOM-TV studio production rate card as recommended by the Cable Communications Commission for use of services for government and non-profit organizations. Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

H. Investment Policy

Treasurer Brixie moved [and read into the record] NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby approves the updated Meridian Township Investment Policy attached, in conformance with Public Act 20 of 1943 as amended. Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

I. Jolly Oak Road Improvements Special Assessment District #36, Set Public Hearing Date (April 7)
Treasurer Brixie moved to approve Jolly Oak Road Public Road Improvements Special Assessment District #36, resolution #4 which files the proposed final special assessment roll with the Township Clerk and sets the date for a public hearing on April 7, 2009. Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

J. Resolutions of Support for Transportation Enhancement Grant Applications

1. Bridge over Red Cedar River
2. Phase II of Interurban Pathway (Okemos Road to Marsh Road)

Treasurer Brixie moved to approve Resolutions of Support for application for Transportation Enhancement Grants and for construction of the projects for the proposed pedestrian/bicycle bridge over the Red Cedar River along the west side of Okemos Road, and for phase II of the Old Inter-Urban pathway along the north side of the Canadian National Railroad from Okemos Road to Marsh Road. Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

K. Champion Woods Public Streetlighting Improvements, Special Assessment District #322,
Resolution #4, Set Public Hearing Date (April 7, 2009)

Treasurer Brixie moved to approve the Champion Woods Public Streetlighting Improvements Special Assessment District #322, Resolution #4, which files the proposed final special assessment roll with the Township Clerk and sets the date for a public hearing on April 7, 2009. Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

L. Sale of 0.23 Acres of Tax Reverted Land

Treasurer Brixie moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby authorizes the Township Manager to proceed with an agreement to sell a portion of the Township property, with the following conditions:

1. **Approval of the resolution shall authorize the Township Manager to finalize the sale of an approximate 0.23 acre parcel to be joined with the property at 4444 River Glen Drive.**
2. **Approval of the resolution is subject to the Certified Boundary Survey and legal description, prepared by KEBS, Inc., and dated February 17, 2009.**

Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

M. Authority to Open Accounts

Treasurer Brixie moved to adopt a resolution entitled “Authority to Open an Account” at Mason State Bank and Michigan State University Federal Credit Union. Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

8. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY (See Agenda Item #10 B)

9. HEARINGS (None)

10. ACTION ITEMS/ENDS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public comment.

Lynne Page, President, Briarwood Homeowner’s Association, 3912 Raleigh Drive, Okemos, spoke in support of Zoning Amendment #07050. She requested storage of trailers or recreational vehicles in the public road right of way be voted upon by the Board as a separate issue.

Richard Kerbawy, 1398 Hickory Island Drive, Haslett, spoke in support of Zoning Amendment #07050 while expressing concern with outdoor storage of trailers and/or recreational vehicles in the public road right of way.

Tim McCarthy, 6076 Columbia, Haslett, expressed appreciation for the work accomplished on Zoning Amendment #07050.

Phil Ballbach, 2723 E. Lake Lansing Road, East Lansing, requested the Board review the registration/licensing language contained in Zoning Amendment #07050.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed public comment.

- A. 2008 Order to Maintain Sidewalks, Special Assessment District #10, **Resolution #5**
Treasurer Brixie moved to approve the 2008 Order to Maintain Sidewalk Special Assessment District No. 10, Resolution No. 5, which approves the special assessment roll; designates the project as “2008 Order to Maintain Sidewalk Special Assessment District No. 10”, the assessment roll as the “2008 Order to Maintain Sidewalk Special Assessment District No. 10 Special Assessment Roll”, and the district as the “2008 Order to Maintain Sidewalk Special Assessment District No. 10”; adopts the amount of \$1,906.45 as the final amount for the assessment roll; and orders and directs the assessment roll to be paid and collected. Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.

Trustee Veenstra offered the following amendment:

- **Resolution No. 5 – Remove the last two sentences from subsection 4 which states: In the event the Township Board determines it in the best interest of the district and the Township at large to issue bonds pledging the receipts of said special assessment roll and the full faith and credit of the Township, then and in that event, the interest on the unpaid installments shall be adjusted to not more than 1% greater than the average interest rate at which the bonds were sold. Said interest shall be payable annually on each installment due date.**

Seconded by Trustee LeGoff.

VOICE VOTE: Motion failed 1-6.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Zoning Amendment #07050 (Planning Commission), request to amend Section 86-2 Definitions, Section 86-368(b)(9) Outdoor Storage of a trailer or recreational vehicle, and Section 86-506 Outdoor Storage of commercial vehicles and trailers, to facilitate regulation of recreational and utility trailer storage in single-family residential districts

Parking of recreational vehicles on public right-of-ways: (See Agenda Item #8 (Questions for the Attorney))

Q. Is it possible for us to insert words to the effect that we don't want to have recreational vehicles parked on public right-of ways? Or, do we need to do that at a separate meeting?

A. I recommend you do that at a separate meeting after more research has been done as to whether that is appropriate in this Township with the rules that are in effect with the county and state at this time.

Trustee Ochberg moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby INTRODUCES FOR PUBLICATION AND SUBSEQUENT ADOPTION Ordinance No. _____ entitled "Ordinance Amending the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, Chapter 86, Article I, by amending Section 86-2, and Chapter 86, Article V, Division 2, by amending Section 86-503."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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.

Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

Board members and staff discussed the following:

- Consideration of language referencing road right of way
- Disappointment with lack of consensus on limitation of the number of allowed trailers or recreational vehicles to two (2)
- Disappointment more restrictive language did not receive Board consensus
- State act already addresses inoperable, unlicensed or unregistered vehicles parked in the right-of-way
- Concern whether state statute gives authority to the Township regarding a properly parked licensed or registered vehicle in the road right-of-way
- Belief it is bad policy for the Township to make unregistered boats or trailers illegal

Trustee Veenstra moved to amend the motion to remove the words unlicensed or unregistered in the fifth and seventh whereas clauses. Seconded by Trustee LeGoff.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees LeGoff, Veenstra
NAYS: Trustees Dreyfus, Ochberg, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk
Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
Motion failed 2-5.

Continued Board discussion:

- Personal research revealed a national pattern for recreational vehicle public street parking from 72-96 hours
- Possible monitoring and tracking of complaints to revisit the issue in one year
- Need for leaking oil and fuel language within the amended language

Trustee Dreyfus offered the following amendment:

- **Amend Sec. 86-503(a) after “dismantled” by adding “or leaking oil or fuel.”**

Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Dreyfus offered the following amendment:

- **Amend language to include “There shall be no recreational vehicle stored on public roads or right of ways for a period of more than one consecutive week.**

Seconded by Trustee Brixie.

Continued Board discussion:

- Concern that private roads currently placed in subdivisions are not addressed
- Board should consider this item at a subsequent meeting

Trustee Dreyfus withdrew his amendment.

Trustee Veenstra offered the following amendment:

- **Amend the definition of recreational vehicle in Section 86-2 by adding “but not bicycles” after the word “vehicle”**

Supervisor McGillicuddy requested the Township Attorney speak to the proposed amendment by Trustee Veenstra.

ATTORNEY COMMENT: If Trustee Veenstra is amending the motion that was already made, then it is a legitimate concern. You can make the amendment and see if there is a second.

Seconded by Trustee Dreyfus.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees LeGoff, Veenstra
NAYS: Trustees Dreyfus, Ochberg, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk
Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
Motion failed 2-5.

Trustee Veenstra offered the following amendment:

- **Amend section 86-2 by deleting the definition of watercraft**

Seconded by Trustee LeGoff.

Board discussion:

- Definition of watercraft as written is too broad and could include docks and rafts

Definition of watercraft: (See Agenda Item #8 (Questions for the Attorney))

- Q. Andria, this is clearly a definition and not a regulation, correct? Part of our code is the definition of what a watercraft is.
- A. Under Section 86-2 it is a definition that will apply to all of the zoning ordinance. If Trustee Veenstra is speaking of taking watercraft out of 86-503(a) or (b), then it goes to the regulation.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Veenstra
NAYS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
Motion failed 1-6.

Clerk Helmbrecht called the question.

VOICE VOTE TO END DISCUSSION: Motion carried 6-1 (Veenstra)

ROLL CALL VOTE YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Clerk Helmbrecht
ON THE MAIN NAYS: Trustee Veenstra, Treasurer Brixie, Supervisor McGillicuddy
MOTION: Motion carried 4-3.

C. Board Policy Manual Amendments

Clerk Helmbrecht moved approval of amendments to the Board Policy Manual discussed and developed at the Board meeting held on February 17, 2009, as follows:

- **Policy 2.5 – Added # 10, “Accept grant match awards without going through new appropriations procedures.”**
- **Policy 2.10– Added – “Regional Cooperation – Cooperation with township neighbors is critical to building a dynamic township. As a result, the Township Manager shall not be insular or isolationist. Further, without limiting the scope of the foregoing by this enumeration, he or she shall not: 1. Ignore or overlook opportunities for regional cooperation to achieve Township Ends. 2. Ignore opportunities to explore appropriate inter-jurisdictional ordinances and agreements.”**
- **Policy 3.1 – Added # 7, “The board shall follow Robert’s Rules of Order with the Township Manager acting as the parliamentarian.”**
- **Policy 3.10 – Moved – Sections 5.0 – 5.2 moved to Section 3.10 and title changed from “Board-Commission Linkage” to “Community Linkage”.**

Seconded by Trustee Dreyfus.

Board discussion:

- Changes address a number of questions which continue to resurface

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
NAYS: Trustee Veenstra
Motion carried 6-1.

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS/ENDS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened and closed public comment.

A. Parking Standards

Director Kieselbach summarized the proposed zoning amendment regarding off-street parking standards for office uses as outlined in staff memorandum dated February 27, 2009.

Board members and staff discussed the following:

- Amendment to off-street parking standards speaks to Board ends
- Reduction of parking spaces may lead to an expansion in building size
- Incentives to reduce the number of cars driving to a building not included in the proposed language
- Deferred parking still in the current parking standards
- Overall number of parking spaces already required for office uses being reduced
- Need for more research to reduce parking based on transit oriented design or other modes of transportation
- Appreciation to staff for information provided to the Board on this topic
- Ordinance change will lower the number of requests for parking variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals
- Developer's choice to pick the number of parking spaces between the minimum and maximum is fashioned after language for the commercial district
- Consideration of incentives for pervious concrete and asphalt surfaces

The consensus of the Board was to place this item on for action at the March 17, 2009 Board meeting.

- B. Chapter 20 Drains – Ingham County Drain Commissioner Patrick Lindemann
Ingham County Drain Commissioner (ICDC) Patrick Lindemann availed himself for Board questions.

Board members and the Drain Commissioner discussed the following:

- History of creation of Chapter 20 drains
- Ingham County Drain Commissioner assessment to the Township for maintenance of Chapter 20 drains
- Chapter 20 drains are primarily assessed to the Township with a portion to the Ingham County Board of Commissioners and MDOT where appropriate
- Township prerogative to levy Chapter 20 drain assessments against affected property owners
- Difference between Chapter 20 and Chapter 8 Drains
- Concern with additional tax burden which would be placed on both Township residents and the business community to pay for Chapter 20 drain maintenance assessments
- Relatively low maintenance costs incurred by the Township for Chapter 20 drains as a percentage of the budget and as compared to the rest of the Township drain bill
- Agreement by previous Board(s) for the Township to pay Chapter 20 drain assessments
- Lengthy process to set up Chapter 20 drain special assessment districts for payment by taxpayers
- Grettenberger and Okemos Drains serve Meijer
- Okemos Drain serves the Meridian Mall
- Mud Lake Drain also serves the Meridian Mall
- Chapter 20 drains used primarily in the 1950's to offer infrastructure placement to spur development
- Maintenance assessment is low because the ICDC "touches" each Chapter 20 drain every year
- Chapter 20 drains may be converted to Chapter 8 drains through a specific process
- ICDC suggestion for Board members to view drainage film entitled *Liquid Assets* by Penn State University and other water/utility management entitles

The consensus of the Board was not to pursue special assessment districts for Chapter 20 drains at this time.

12. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

Will White, 2142-1/2 Hamilton Road, Okemos, expressed appreciation for Board progress on the off-street parking standards for office uses. He urged the Board to also consider the on-street parking issue and the idea of parking structures and underground parking.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

13. FINAL BOARD COMMENT

Trustee Dreyfus requested the Board consider the issue of outdoor storage of recreational vehicles on public roads and right-of-ways at a future meeting.

Supervisor McGillicuddy added this topic could be discussed with William Conklin, Managing Director of the Ingham County Road Commission when he attends the March 17, 2009 Board meeting.

Trustee Veenstra expressed concern with the financial pressure the General Fund would encounter if there was a major repair to a Chapter 20 drain in the future. He noted Phase II of the Interurban Pathway was ranked second on Tri-County Regional Planning Commission's list of enhancement projects to receive stimulus project money.

Trustee Veenstra requested staff report to the Board in the near future on plans for using LED streetlights within the Township.

Trustee Ochberg added there was discussion at the last CADL meeting regarding a proposal to use kindle machines which have the ability to download entire books to read on a handheld screen.

Manager Richards stated he received a response back from Representative Mark Meadows on stimulus funding. He stated Representative Meadows pointed out all monies coming to the state, with the exception of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, must first be appropriated by the Legislature and approved by the Governor. Manager Richards indicated the stimulus money is expected to come to the state sometime in May. He noted Representative Meadows believed projects previously on our list where funding had been requested and turned down (e.g., pathway bridge over the Red Cedar River and Towner Road Park), would probably receive consideration. Manager Richards stated the twenty one (21) projects submitted by Meridian Township were placed in several categories and he will apprise the Board of any future developments on this issue.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy adjourned the meeting at 8:14 P.M.

SUSAN MCGILLICUDDY
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT, CMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Sandra K. Otto, Secretary