

APPROVED

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
MERIDIAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC)
MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 25, 2017

PRESENT: Commissioners: Chair Hackbarth (left at 7:25 p.m.), Vice-Chair Potter, Hudson, Kolbasa
Deschaine and Vagnozzi

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Ken Plaga, Assistant Chief of Police
Mark Kieselbach, Director of Community Planning and Development

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Hackbarth called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Deschaine moved to approve the agenda as written.

Seconded by Vice-Chair Potter.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

3. Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Potter requested the minutes of April 27, 2017 be amended to add a bullet point item on the bottom of Page 3 to read as follows:

“The Road Department would support a full signal at Woodlake Drive and Jolly Road to aide pedestrian and bicyclists safely crossing”

And to amend the recommendation for Audible Signals on Page 4 to read as follows:

“Commissioner Vagnozzi moved the Transportation Commission recommend to the Township Board that the Board support keeping the north/south pedestrian crossing on the east side of the Okemos/Jolly intersection and audible signals at all four corners of the Okemos/Jolly intersection”

Commissioner Vagnozzi moved to approve the amended minutes of April 27, 2017

Seconded by Commissioner Deschaine

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

4. Public Remarks

- Brenda Henige introduced herself and stated she had submitted an application to fill the vacancy on the Transportation Commission.
- Donna Rose spoke in support of Brenda Henige's appointment to the Transportation Commission. She also spoke in support of the complete streets concept.
- Commissioner Vagnozzi suggested a member from the Commission attend the Township Board meeting on June 6, 2017 as the Board will discuss the two recommendations made by the Commission.
- Chair Hackbarth asked about the process to fill the vacancy on the Commission. Commissioner Deschaine stated the Commission or an individual could suggest someone to the Township Supervisor. The Supervisor would then make a recommendation subject to Township Board approval.

5. Communications

The Commission accepted the communications that had been received and placed on file.

6. Presentation/Discussion

Chair Hackbarth welcomed Dusty Fancher, Partner, Midwest Strategy Group and Clark Harder, Executive Director. Michigan Public Transit Association.

Dusty Fancher and Clark Harder

- Ms. Fancher is a partner at Midwest Strategy Group.
- She has worked with the Michigan Public Transit Association (MTPA) for approximately 7 years.
- Mr. Harder has been with the MPTA for almost 20 years.
- CATA is not a member of MPTA
- MPTA represents many forms of transportation, not just buses
- The transit system is not the same as it was 5 or 10 years ago
- More people use the transit system due to age, health or economic reasons
- Many millennials are choosing not to drive
- Public transit systems need to be planning for the next 20 years
- Uber and autonomous cars could change mobility
- Federal Transit Authority (FTA) sets the national standards
- Public transit in large urban areas such as CATA deal directly with FTA
- Public transit in rural or small urban areas deal with Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
- The information is provided to a client typically through a transit agency
- Information on Redi-Ride should be on the Township Website
- Mobility Management identifies all available public/private transportation options in a community
- Non-Emergency Medical Transportation provide rides for doctor appointments or to the pharmacy
- Can schedule a ride through the 211 system
- CATA may provide a service as well

- Advancement in technology to track a bus location could be used to schedule and pay for a ride
- A public/private partnership could provide job rides
- Negotiation of pick up times
- CATA four hour cancellation policy for Redi-Ride
- Providing transfers
- Reporting issues is important
- Redi-Ride could cross county line with inter-local agreement
- State awards CATA based on the amount of millage money it receives
- In 2017 CATA was awarded approximately 30 percent of eligible operating cost

A copy of presentation is available on the Township Website

7. Commission Discussion/Review

A. Redi-Ride

- Need to review Redi-Ride agreement
- Start discussing the 2018 millage renewal
- What changes to the Redi-Ride are needed
- Expand service area, capacity and hours
- Negotiate changes to Redi-Ride
- Redi-Ride will be the main topic for the June MTC meeting

B. Vacancy

- The Commission can recommend a person to fill the vacancy
- The Commission can interview candidates prior to making recommendations
- Review previous public service applications
- Place a notice of the vacancy on the Township website

8. Commission Comments

- Commission would like to review the local road projects for 2017
- Is there a need to increase the local road millage to keep up with paving
- 2017 Road Funding: local road millage \$407,000, Board authorized allocation of \$250,000, Ingham County contribution \$115,000
- Total budget is \$772,000

9. Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting date is June 15, 2017

10. Adjournment

Vice-Chair Potter called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

Commissioner Hudson moved to adjourn the meeting

Seconded by Commissioner Vagnozzi

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously
Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.