

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
349-1200, Town Hall Room
THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2004, **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting, Stier, Such, Woiwode
ABSENT: Trustee Brixie
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development
Mark Kieselbach, Director of Engineering & Public Works Ray Severy, Acting Police
Chief Dave Hall, Personnel Director/Assistant Manager Paul Brake

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor McGillicuddy introduced Alec Findlay and Paxton Ostler from Boy Scout Troop 109 who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the roll of the Board.

4. REPORTS/BOARD COMMENT/NEW WORRIES

A. Election Report

Clerk Helmbrecht reported that 7,344 residents in Meridian Township voted in the August 3rd Primary. This represents approximately a 25% turnout. The EMS/Fire millage renewal and the Police millage renewal passed by more than 75%.

Clerk Helmbrecht also noted there will be no mailing of absentee ballot applications for the November 2nd Election, as dual applications have already been sent to the permanent absentee voter list. Requests for an absentee ballot should be directed to the Clerk's office. The ballots are expected to be available the last week of September.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA — OR CHANGES

Trustee Such moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-0.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor McGillicuddy reviewed the consent agenda.

Trustee Such moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Stier, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting

NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

The adopted Consent Agenda items are as follow:

A. Communications

Trustee Such 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 Woiwode.

(1). Board Information (BI)

BI-1 Joseph Leykam, 1645 Dobie Circle, Okemos; RE: Traffic safety in Meridian

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- BI-2 Richard Miksicek, 5319 Bear Lake Drive, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Appeal of Special Use Permit #04051 (Township Board)
- BI-3 Wayne Abbott, 4534 Hawthorne, Okemos; RE: Support for Special Use Permit #04051 (Township Board)
- BI-4 Beth Wojan, 2241 Burcham Drive, East Lansing; RE: Support for Special Use Permit #04051 (Township Board)
- BI-5 Eleanor V. Luecke, President, LINC, PO Box 40, Okemos; RE: Table of Special Use Permit #04041 (Stockwell)

(2) Regional Linkage (RL)

- RL-1 Debbie Alexander, President, Capital Area Rail Council, 4615 Tranter Avenue, Lansing; RE: Appointment of the Meridian Township representative on the Passenger Rail Council (PRC)

(3). Staff Communication/Referral (SC)

- SC-1 Michigan Townships Association Legislative Fax July 16, 2004 Edition
- SC-2 Michigan Townships Association Legislative Fax July 23, 2004 Edition
- SC-3 Mark Kieselbach, Director of Community Planning and Development; RE: Commission Review #04013, 2005-2010 Public Improvements Program (PIP)

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

Materials received at the July 20, 2004 Board Meeting:

- Ann Graham, 2458 Burcham Drive, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Special Use Permit #04051 (Township Board)
- Lucinda Means, 637 Cornell, East Lansing; RE: Bike Path Phobia

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Stier, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

B. Minutes

Trustee Such moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the July 20, 2004 Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Stier, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

C. Bills

Trustee Such moved that the Township Board approve the Manager's Bills as follows:

Common Cash	\$ 238,420.32
Public Works	\$ 185,106.87
Total Checks	\$ 423,527.19
Credit Card Transactions	\$ 13,617.70
Total Purchases	<u>\$ 437,144.89</u>
ACH Payments	<u>\$ 400,315.48</u>

Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Stier, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

[Bill list in Official Minute Book]

D. Gaming License – MABA Cash Raffle

Trustee Such moved approval of a request from the Meridian Area Business Association of Meridian Township, Ingham County, asking that they be recognized as a non-profit organization operating in the community for purposes of obtaining a gaming license or registration and be considered for approval and further that the Township Clerk be authorized to execute the resolution from the State of Michigan. Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Stier, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

E. Reappointments

Trustee Such moved that Thomas Peet be reappointed to the East Lansing-Meridian Water & Sewer Authority for a full term to expire June 30, 2007. Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Stier, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

Trustee Such moved that Robert Francoeur be appointed to the Passenger Rail Council for a term ending September 30, 2006. Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Stier, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

F. Zoning Amendment #04050 (Township Board), request to add access management standards to the Zoning Ordinance to implement the M-43/M-52 Access Management Plan developed by the Michigan Department of Transportation, **Final Adoption**

Trustee Such moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby FINALLY ADOPTS Ordinance No. 2004-06, entitled “Ordinance Amending the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, amending Division 4 by adding Section 86-441, and amending Section 86-2, Section 86-402(5), Section 86-469, Section 86-655(e)(5), Section 86-756(11), and Section 86-757.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Charter Township of Meridian is directed to publish the Ordinance in the form in which it is finally adopted at least once prior to the next regular meeting of the Township Board.

Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Stier, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting

NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

- G. Raby Road Sanitary Sewer Special Assessment District #49, **Resolutions #1 and #2**
Trustee Such moved to approve Raby Road Sanitary Sewer Special Assessment District #49 Resolution #1 and Resolution #2 tentatively declaring the Township Board's intention to construct approximately 330 L.F. of 8" sanitary sewer along Raby Road, from Okemos Road to the west; and to defray the cost by special assessment, tentatively designates the district; and sets a public hearing for September 7, 2004.

Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Stier, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting

NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

- H. Emerald Ash Borer Tree Planting Grant
Trustee Such moved the Township Board supports the proposed project to restore the tree canopy in Meridian Township through a grant offered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and authorizes the submittal and acceptance of the Emerald Ash Borer Tree Planting Grant application. If awarded, the Township Manager shall act as the administrator of the grant funds for the tree planting project. Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Stier, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting

NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

7. TOWN HALL MEETING

Supervisor MCGillicuddy opened the Town Hall Meeting.

Mary LaPorte, 2176 Seminole Drive, Okemos, discussed the following items:

- Wants the Township to take a more positive direction
- Perception among neighboring communities that Meridian Township government is arrogant
- Businesses do not want to move to Meridian Township
- Citizens do not want to move here and it is affecting our schools
- Appreciation for Board decision on Rezoning #04020 (Okemos Public Schools)
- Loss of families in the Township due to difficulty of doing business with the Township
- Community means honoring the spirit of the law, not the letter

Keith Oberg, 1585 Hillside Drive, Okemos, discussed the following items:

- The number of votes which were not counted due to ticket splitting
- Low Town Hall Meeting attendance
- Master Plan graphs on the website are problematic to download

Gloria Anderson, 4565 Manitou Drive, Okemos, discussed the following items:

- Verbally accosted for her support of Township government
- Dismissal/disregard by the Board of LINC recommendations to the ZBA and the Planning Commission
- Function of the ZBA and the Planning Commission
- Flooding and drainage within the Township not a Board issue, but a result of building in the floodplain
- Need for comprehensive systemic approach to deal with flooding problem in the Township

Ann Graham, 2458 Burcham Drive, East Lansing, discussed the following items:

- Opposed to Special Use Permit #04051, a request to construct a pathway between Burcham Drive

and Okemos Road along the Consumer's Energy right-of-way

- Believes the Appeal of Special Use Permit #04051 and the feelings of nearby residents were disregarded by the Board

8. FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Township Manager Richards spoke about the streets which will be resurfaced and the list which will be placed on the Township website for residents' information. Any questions or information regarding a particular street should be addressed to the Township's Engineering Department. He also noted that the Township website has a link which gives the Township's GIS information and gave the website address.

Treasurer Hunting reiterated the Township website address: www.twp.meridian.mi.us.

Trustee Woiwode received an e-mail urging integrated pest management strategies for the Township and believed the concept is worthy of exploration.

Trustee Such added that the chemical industry supports integrated pest management programs and involvement with Michigan State University as mentioned is an excellent idea.

Trustee Stier responded to an earlier comment by stating the Board does not disregard any petition or appeal. The proposed bicycle/pedestrian pathway is an amenity for the entire Township.

Treasurer Hunting noted significant improvements to the CATA Redi-Ride Program and to bus stop areas may be coming soon at no additional expense to the Township. This issue will be an agenda item at a future Board meeting.

Trustee Woiwode thanked the residents for attending and suggested a Citizens Arbitration Process for disputes that arise, in an effort to address the importance of community mentioned by the first speaker.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy adjourned the meeting at 6:40 P.M.

SUSAN MCGILLICUDDY
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Sandra K. Otto, Secretary