

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING **-APPROVED-**
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198
517-349-1232, Virtual Meeting via Zoom
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 **6:00 pm.**

PRESENT: Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Wisinski

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Township Manager Walsh, Director of Public Works Perry, Fire Chief Hamel, Police Chief Plaga, Community Planning Director Kieselbach, Information Technology Director Gebes, Parks and Recreation Director Maisner, Finance Director Mattison, Human Resources Director Tithof, Communications Manager Yates, Principal Planner Menser

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Styka called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor Styka led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Clerk Dreyfus called the roll of the Board.

4. PRESENTATIONS

5. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Styka opened public remarks at 6:02pm.

Supervisor Styka closed public remarks at 6:03pm.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Clerk Dreyfus asked to add an item #7C Approval to Temporary Relocated Precincts #6 & #10.

Trustee Opsommer moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Seconded by Clerk Dreyfus.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried: 7-0

7. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

A. Pine Village Brownfield Plan

Trustee Opsommer moved to adopt the resolution approving the Pine Village Brownfield Plan in an amount not to exceed \$2,883,702 over an estimated 15-year period. Seconded by Treasurer Deschaine.

Discussion: Tiered interest rate staggered to give the applicant incentive to demolish the buildings as soon as possible, belief that an incentive is needed to gain developer's cooperation for timeframe, concerns about project built up much larger due to taxpayer funding of project launch than what would occur without Brownfield Plan, belief that large percentage of project is funded by Brownfield Plan, concern that anything higher than 1% interest is very generous in today's market conditions, project is in area that needs redevelopment.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Wisinski, Supervisor Styka, Treasurer Deschaine

NAYS: Clerk Dreyfus

Motion carried 6-1

B. 2021 Recommended Budget

Treasurer Deschaine moved that the Township Board approve the 2021 Recommended Budget Resolution. Seconded by Trustee Jackson.

Discussion: Elements of 2021 Proposed Budget discussed.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Opsommer, Sundland, Wisinski, Treasurer Deschaine, Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Trustee Jackson

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 7-0

C. Approval to Temporarily Relocate Precincts #6 & #10

Clerk Dreyfus moved to approve the temporary relocation of Precinct #6 from the Town Hall Room to the Haslett High School, and the temporary relocation of Precinct #10 from the Gaylord Service Center to Murphy Elementary School. Seconded by Trustee Jackson.

Discussion: Board informed of this issue previously, Election Commission approved temporary relocation.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Sundland, Wisinski, Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Jackson, Opsommer

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 7-0

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Supervisor Styka Opened Public Remarks at 6:35pm.

Phyllis Vaughn, 6100 Balog Ct, Haslett; appreciation for Budget proposal, not supportive of Senior Facility on Haslett & Marsh but support redevelopment of area.

Supervisor Styka Closed Public Remarks at 6:37pm.

9. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Courtney Wisinski reported that Chippewa Middle School is hosting a recycling event this weekend.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Opsommer moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Jackson.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 7-0.

Supervisor Styka adjourned the meeting at _____ pm.

RONALD J. STYKA,
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

BRETT DREYFUS,
TOWNSHIP CLERK