

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
TOWNSHIP BOARD BUDGET DELIBERATION - **APPROVED** -  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198  
349-1200, Town Hall Room  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 09, 2003, **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor McGillicuddy, Treasurer Hunting, Trustees Brixie, Stier  
ABSENT: Clerk Helmbrecht, Trustees Such, Woiwode  
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Engineering & Public Works Ray  
Severy, Police Chief Gary Gibbons, EMS/Fire Chief Fred Cowper, Director of Finance  
Diana Hasse

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER  
Supervisor McGillicuddy called the meeting to order at 6:08 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. BUDGET DISCUSSION  
Director Hasse summarized the budget objectives and types of revenue for discussion.

Board Members discussed the following:

- Homeowners insurance claims for fire suppression fee
- Organizational changes and/or physical moves in various departments

Director Hasse summarized the General Fund for discussion.

Board Members discussed the following:

- Creation of Recreation as a new department
- Street repair included in Public Works bar graph on 3 Year Comparison Expenditure Chart
- Contractual services of Level IV Assessor budgeted for a maximum of six (6) months
- Outside services within various departments
- Staff reductions through improved efficiencies and centralization of personnel
- Inclusion of car port construction for police vehicles in 2003 Budget
- Sale of used ambulance
- Ingham County Road Commission eleven percent (11%) administrative fee for local street resurfacing
- Projected Snell Towar Recreation improvements from last year
- Increase in costs for Meridian Senior Center
- Potential Township seat on the Senior Center governing body
- Heart Monitor upgrades as a mandate from MIOSHA
- Capital Outlay for computer equipment, mobile data for police, and installment payment for digitized phone system

Director Hasse summarized the Public Works & Engineering funds for discussion.

Board Members discussed the following:

- 6.9% rate increase for water as revenue
- Personnel costs in relation to the Public Works total cost
- Non-proprietary radio-read meter system
- 7.5% rate increase for sewer as revenue
- Towar Garden sewer system upgrade
- Sewer fund contribution to the storm sewer system project

Director Hasse summarized the Motor Pool funds for discussion.

Board Members discussed the following:

- Auto fleet reduction through shared key system
- Vehicle replacement schedule

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened the floor for general budget discussion.

Board Members discussed the following:

- Investment Policy information as a general overview of goals
- Items 7 and 9 on page 161 of the draft budget are identical
- Data for Internal Monitoring Report No. 15-09-03, Policy Provision #7 as the Board approved investment policy
- Increase in insurance deductible limits to realize corresponding reduction in premium payments
- Cut in state revenue sharing resulted in 10.8% reduction to the Township
- Possible increase in ballot initiative renewals next year for Police & Fire
- Rate of inflation as the limit for increase in property tax revenue
- Adequacy of Police and Fire staffing levels in relation to new residential developments

Supervisor McGillicuddy announced cancellation of the September 23<sup>rd</sup> Budget Deliberation Meeting.

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

No one spoke.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy adjourned the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

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SUSAN MCGILLICUDDY  
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

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MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT  
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Sandra K. Otto, Acting Secretary