



Charter Township of Meridian
Downtown Development Authority (DDA) –West Hamilton and Okemos Subcommittee
Central Fire Station, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Monday, September 8, 2025 – Minutes

Members

Present: Treasurer Phil Deschaine, Renee Korrey, and David Fosdick

Members

Absent: Ron Sdao

Staff

Present: Neighborhoods & Economic Development Director Amber Clark, Township Manager Tim Dempsey, and Executive Assistant Michelle Prinz

Others

Present: None

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Director Clark called the meeting to order and read the mission statement at 7:36 am.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION BY MEMBER KORREY TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY TREASURER DESCHAIINE.
MOTION APPROVED 3-0.**

3. COMMUNICATIONS

Director Clark reviewed a letter from Fire Marshal Tavis Millerov explaining the requirements needed for the fire trucks to safely be able to respond to emergencies given the Boulevard and HVD issues of the site.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consumers Energy and the HVD Powerlines Discussion

Director Clark reported that the Village of Okemos Site Prospectus is nearly complete. The largest unknown is the cost of the water/sewer work. Okemos Road will need to be widened for any development to accommodate a left turn lane. Currently, the Road Department is asking the developer to handle the estimated \$4 million cost of this roadwork. This is not feasible for any developer.

There was discussion about the potential of the Township putting up resources for design work on the project to assist the developer because the exact size of the property left, following the road improvements, is unknown.

B. What's Next?

Director Clark will schedule meetings with the Road Commission and Drain Commission to discuss road design, water storage and grant opportunities along with learning how they envision a development on the site. Also, a follow up meeting with Hubbell, Roth, & Clark, Inc. (HRC) is needed to discuss the design work they have done in the past, for this site with KEBS, and any possible transportation funding grants. Following those meetings, the known information on infrastructure costs would be presented to the Township Board at a late fall meeting.

It was mentioned that it is not necessary to discuss the HVD lines for now. Questions were raised about the potential for road funding in 2030 and possible dollars from the Parks funds for site amenities.

6. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS

Treasurer Deschaine is retiring on Tuesday, September 16th. Trustee Kathy Sundland will be taking Treasurer Deschaine's place as the Township Board representative to the West Hamilton and Okemos Subcommittee.

7. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

a. October 6, 2025, 7:30am-Township Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29am without objection.