

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING **-APPROVED-**
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198
853-4000, Town Hall Room
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2018 **6:00 pm.**

PRESENT: Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Brixie, Trustees Deschaine, Jackson
(arrived at 6:13), Sundland

ABSENT: Trustee Opsommer

STAFF: Township Manager Frank Walsh, Director of Public Works Derek Perry, Economic
Development Director Chris Buck, Fire Chief Mike Hamel, Police Chief Ken Plaga,
Information Technology Director Stephen Gebes, Principal Planner Peter Menser,
Community Planning & Development Director Mark Kieselbach, Communications
Director Deborah Guthrie, HOMTV Executive Producer Brandie Yates

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Styka called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor Styka led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

The Recording Secretary called the roll of the Board.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. HOMTV National Recognition

HOM-TV Executive Producer Yates presented on the first place award in Overall Excellence that was earned by HOMTV from the Alliance for Community Media during the Hometown Media Awards.

5. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Styka opened public remarks at 6:06 pm.

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett; addressed Agenda Item 12E: supports the use of the previous firm and the use of online methods to gather responses.

Jeff Keyes, Kebs inc., 2116 Haslett Road, Haslett; addressed Agenda Item 12A, explained the elimination of 2 parking spaces in the Panera site plan and the added condition of removing more spaces when a frontage road is constructed. Stated that this reduces the impervious surface coverage by almost 7%.

Supervisor Styka closed public remarks at 6:08 pm.

6. TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT

Township Manager Walsh noted the September 4th Board Meeting will include discussion of rezoning at Robin’s Way, Medical Marijuana, 2019 Budget presentation, Walnut Hills consent judgment, and Abood concept plan proposed development. He stated the Williamstown Township Police contract is being put out to bid.

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Sundland reported:

- Attended Communications Commissions Meeting for the announcement of the HOMTV award and honorable mention for the website.
- HOMTV Studio Open House on Sept. 20, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.
- Visited the MSU Facility for Rare Isotope Beams, thinks it will increase housing demand

Treasurer Brixie reported:

- Attended Employee Appreciation event, along with other Board members, thanked staff for their hard work.

Trustee Deschaine reported:

- Attended CATA board meeting, expanded service was approved: 38% more service.
- CATA’s new Redi-Ride fare: \$2.50 for riders, \$1.25 for seniors and those with disabilities.
- Discounted fare cards for low-income families at 10 rides for \$6.00.
- Transportation Commission will meet Thursday August 23rd 6:00 pm, Town Hall Room.

Clerk Dreyfus reported:

- Will be providing video showing problems with high-speed tabulator
- County Board of Canvassers approved August 7, 2018 Election Primary results, sent to State Board of Canvassers for certification.

Supervisor Styka reported:

- Friends of Historic Meridian Blue and Grey Day, September 8th and 9th
- CATA discounted fare tickets to be available through Community Resource Commission

8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Clerk Dreyfus moved to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Trustee Jackson.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-0

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor Styka reviewed the consent agenda.

Supervisor Styka moved to add the Minutes of August 9th, 2018 to the agenda for action under Regular Action Item 12G.

Treasurer Brixie moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended. Seconded by Trustee Deschaine.

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

NAYS:
Motion carried 6-0

A. Communications

Treasurer Brixie 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 Deschaine

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

NAYS:
Motion carried 6-0

C. Bills

Treasurer Brixie moved to approve that the Township Board approve the Manager’s Bills as follows, seconded by Trustee Deschaine:

Common Cash		\$	248,032.30
Public Works		\$	440,325.91
Trust & Agency		\$	1,089,404.60
	Total Checks	\$	1,777,762.81
Credit Card Transactions		\$	10,811.35
Aug. 2 nd to Aug. 15 th			
	Total Purchases	\$	<u>1,788,574.16</u>
ACH Payments		\$	<u>486,353.24</u>

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

NAYS:
Motion carried 6-0

D. 2019 Budget Public Hearing Date

Treasurer Brixie moved that a Public Hearing be held at 6:00 pm in the Town Hall on September 4, 2018 for the purpose of taking comments regarding the 2019 Charter Township of Meridian Recommended Budget. Seconded by Trustee Deschaine.

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

NAYS:
Motion carried 6-0

10. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY - NONE

11. HEARINGS

A. 2018 Order to Maintain Sidewalk SAD #18

Director Perry explained the proposed 2018 Order to Maintain Sidewalk SAD #18.

Public hearing called to order at 6:24 pm.

No public comment.

Public hearing closed at 6:25 pm.

12. ACTION ITEMS

A. Commercial Planned Unit Development #18024 (Affinity 9 Investments-Panera)

Trustee Jackson moved to adopt the resolution approving Commercial Planned Unit Development #18024 to construct a new restaurant with a drive-through window and work in the 100 year floodplain. Seconded by Trustee Sundland.

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

NAYS: Treasurer Brixie

Motion carried 5-1

B. Section 61 Application – Land Preservation

Treasurer Brixie moved to approve to forward a request to the Planning Commission for approval of revisions to the Township’s Comprehensive Development Plan as required by MCL 125.39 (Section 61 Review) of Parcel Number 33-02-02-35-403004. Seconded by Clerk Dreyfus.

Board Discussion:

- This is a 2.47 acre addition to an existing preserve, review needed by Planning Commission

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

NAYS:

Motion carried 6-0

C. Update Property Maintenance Code

Trustee Deschaine moved to approve the resolution for the introduction of the amendment to Chapter 14, Article III, of the Code of Ordinances to adopt the 2015 International Property Maintenance with Township amendments. Seconded by Trustee Jackson.

- Director Kieselbach explained how the Township has already adopted the 2015 edition of Michigan Construction and Residential Codes, this would keep consistency in what State Codes we are using and avoid conflict with existing ordinances.

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

NAYS:
Motion carried 6-0

D. Meridian Redevelopment Fund

Treasurer Brixie moved to adopt the resolution to establish the Meridian Redevelopment Fund (MRF) and the project district boundaries. Seconded by Trustee Deschaine

Board discussion: goals of MRF, vagueness vs specificity, application process, vetting process, loans vs grants, conflicts of interest, use or non-use in other municipalities, cost of MRF, should budget be increased before program rolls out, targeting Okemos & Haslett vs using MRF for whole township, sustainability vs economic development, Township attractiveness to developers, transparency in awarding funds, public hearings and Board oversight.

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

NAYS: Clerk Dreyfus
Motion carried 5-1

E. 2018 Citizens Survey

Trustee Deschaine moved to authorize the Township Manager to proceed with the 2018 Citizen Survey using the National Citizen Survey at a cost of \$14,985.00. Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

Board discussion: use of previous survey instrument vs using new in-house survey, costs of old vs new, customizable questions, changes made with next survey.

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

NAYS: Clerk Dreyfus
Motion carried 5-1

F. Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant

Clerk Dreyfus moved that the Meridian Township Fire Department submit an application for a Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant for two pieces of life saving equipment to support the Townships emergency response mission for the amount of \$10,572. Seconded by Trustee Jackson.

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

NAYS:
Motion carried 6-0

G. Minutes of August 9th, 2018

Trustee Jackson moved to approve and ratify the minutes of August 9th, 2018 with amendments. Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

Trustee Jackson moved to amend Item 4A Board Discussion section with submitted changes. Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 5-1

Trustee Jackson moved to amend Item 13A Board Discussion section with submitted changes without the term "overwhelming." Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-0

Treasurer Brixie moved for a five minute recess at 7:46 pm. Seconded by Trustee Jackson.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-0

Supervisor Styka called the meeting back to order at 7:52 pm

Trustee Jackson moved to amend the Election Report section with submitted changes. Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 5-1 (Clerk Dreyfus)

Supervisor Styka moved to amend Item 5 and Item 13D with submitted changes. Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 5-1 (Clerk Dreyfus)

Supervisor Styka asked for a vote on the original motion to approve and ratify the minutes of August 9th, 2018 with amendments.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 5-1 (Clerk Dreyfus)

13. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2018 Order to Maintain Sidewalk SAD #18

Director Perry provided description and status of the proposed special assessment district.

14. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Supervisor Styka Opened Public Remarks at 7:58 pm.

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett; disappointed in the Board proceedings and time wasted this evening. Does not think that “belief” is an appropriate term to be added in official minutes, thinks that “opinion” is more appropriate.

Supervisor Styka Closed Public Remarks at 7:59 pm.

15. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Supervisor Styka commented:

- Asked why Board communication provided by Treasurer Brixie was not included in packet.

Clerk Dreyfus commented:

- The board packet provides communications for issues that concern the Board and their deliberations, this communication did not fit that parameter. Email conversation between a citizen and Clerk’s Office was inappropriately copied by the Treasurer and sent to Board, all Board members had already received the email.

Trustee Deschaine moved to have the email chain that Treasurer Brixie shared with the Board included in the next packet. Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 5-1 (Clerk Dreyfus)

16. CLOSED SESSION – Confidential Legal Opinion Summer Park Realty LLC

Trustee Jackson moved that the Board move to closed session for the Confidential Legal Opinion re. Summer Park Realty LLC. Seconded by Trustee Deschaine.

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

NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0

Supervisor Styka adjourned the open session at 8:07 pm.

Clerk Dreyfus moved to return the meeting to an open session. Supported by Trustee Deschaine.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-0.

Supervisor Styka returned the meeting to open session at 8:44 pm

17. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Deschaine moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Jackson

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-0.

Supervisor Styka adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm

18. POSTSCRIPT - NONE

RONALD J. STYKA,
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

BRETT DREYFUS,
TOWNSHIP CLERK