



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
Communications Commission Regular Meeting **APPROVED** Minutes
Wednesday, December 17, 2025 | 6:00 pm

PRESENT: Commissioner (Chair) Lisa Whiting Dobson Commissioner Amol Pavangadkar;
Commission (Vice Chair) Leslie Charles; Commissioner Megan English;
Commissioner Mike Nevells;
ABSENT: Angela Demas, Township Clerk
STAFF: Samantha Diehl, Communications Manager
TOWNSHIP: None
COUNSEL: None
COMCAST/AT&T: None

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Whiting Dobson called the meeting to order at **6:07 pm**

2. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

None.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Charles moved **TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED**. Seconded by Commissioner English.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Charles moved **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 REGULAR MEETING**. Seconded by Commissioner Nevells.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER REPORT**

Manager Diehl went over the 4th quarter manager report.

7. **COMMISSION MEMBERS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Communications Chair: None.

Township Board Liaison: None.

Commissioners Report: None.

8. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. 2026 Communications Commission Meeting Schedule

Manager Diehl presented the proposed 2026 meeting scheduled. Chair Whiting Dobson stated that the March 2026 meeting date might be an issue, so she proposed an earlier date. The Commissioners agreed and Manager Diehl will amend the schedule.

Commissioner Nevells **MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2026 COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE AS AMENDED.** Seconded by Commissioner English.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Communications Commission Applications

Manager Diehl asked the Commission to consider two applicants who applied for the Communications Commission. Chair Whiting Dobson suggested inviting them to a future meeting. Manager Diehl then suggested she reach out to see if they're still interested before inviting them to a meeting.

B. Communications Commission Goals

Manager Diehl asked the Commission to think about what goals they want to accomplish in 2026. Manager Diehl brought up finding additional revenue sources for HOMTV due to the decreasing amount of PEG and franchise fees. The decrease in funds will impact the ability to buy future video production equipment.

Commissioner Nevells asked how other municipalities are handling the decrease in fees as well and was wondering how we can fundraise. He wasn't sure what could be done since HOMTV and the Commission are part of the township.

Chair Whiting Dobson asked if there were any grants we could apply for. Manager Diehl brought up advertising in podcasts or magazines as an option. It was suggested that we talk to other organizations to see how they are being funded.

The three goals decided on for 2026 were: review the Commission's policies and procedures to modernize their scope of work, create a plan and sponsorship packet to use for potential fundraising, and create opportunities for Okemos and Haslett High School students to engage with HOMTV.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Compliments/Complaints

None.

B. Correspondences

None.

11. REPORTS

A. Video Service Provider(s)

None.

B. Programming

None.

C. Website & Social Media

None.

D. Promotions/Publications

None.

E. Finance

None.

F. HOMTV Internship/Alumni

None.

G. Broadband

None.

12. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Nevells moved **TO ADJOURN THE MEETING**. Seconded by Commissioner Charles.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Whiting Dobson adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.