

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
REGULAR MEETING TOWNSHIP BOARD -**APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198
517.853.4000, Township Hall Room
TUESDAY, December 16, 2025, 6:00PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

ABSENT: Treasurer Burghardt

STAFF: Township Manager Dempsey, Deputy Manager Opsommer, Director Clark, Chief Hamel, Director Wisinski, Director Gebes

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Hendrickson called the December 16, 2025, Regular Township Board meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor Hendrickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Hendrickson asked for a moment of silence for former Supervisor Patricia Herring Jackson.

3. ROLL CALL

Clerk Demas called the roll of the Board. Six Board members present at 6:02 pm.

Treasurer Burghardt was absent.

4. PRESENTATION

None

5. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Hendrickson opened public comment at 6:03 pm.

Vince Tomanica spoke about the Authentix Okemos Proposal.

Supervisor Hendrickson closed public comment at 6:07 pm.

6. TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT

Manager Dempsey gave updates on:

- Developer requested the Authentix Project be postponed to a future agenda.
- Reminded residents to be aware of email scams and that the Township does not accept wire transfers.
- M-43 bridge construction is complete and Grand River is open. The pedestrian bridge

will not be complete for a few months.

- Reminded residents to keep sidewalks clear of snow and ice.
- Noted upcoming events and requested residents please check the website for information about multiple upcoming Township events.
- Thanked staff, Board and Commission members, and other volunteers for their work throughout the year.
- Thanked Human Services Specialist Love, Meridian Cares volunteers and donors for providing holiday baskets to community members in need.

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Wilson reported that Santa's First Responders Party fed 600 children and their families.

Trustee Lentz announced cancellation of December's Tri-County Regional Planning Commission Meeting.

8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Wilson moved to approve the Agenda. Supported by Trustee Lentz.

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 6-0

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Trezise moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Supported by Trustee Wilson.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 6-0

10. HEARING

A. Haslett Village Square Brownfield Redevelopment Plan Amendment #2

Director Clark summarized the amendment.

Supervisor Hendrickson opened the Public Hearing at 6:17 pm.

The opportunity to speak during the public comment section was given.

Supervisor Hendrickson closed the Public Hearing at 6:17 pm.

11. ACTION ITEMS

A. Supervisor Pro Tem

Supervisor Hendrickson gave an overview of the Supervisor Pro Tem selection process.

Trustee Wilson moved that the Board appoint, through December 31, 2026, trustee Nickolas Lentz to act as Supervisor Pro Tem at any meeting of the Township Board wherein the Supervisor is absent and may act with the statutory authority of Township Supervisor, when specifically delegated that authority by the Supervisor in writing. Supported by Trustee Trezise.

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 6-0

B. 4th Quarter Budget Amendments

Manger Dempsey summarized the proposed budget amendments.

Board discussion took place. The consistency in fund balance over the years was noted.

Trustee Trezise moved to waive our normal process that would require two meetings for this and go ahead and pass this. Supervisor Hendrickson clarified the motion to be to move to suspend our rules for immediate consideration. Supported by Trustee Sundland.

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 6-0

Trustee Trezise moved to approve the fourth quarter 2025 budget amendments with an increase in budgeted fund balance for the general fund in the amount of \$351,697 which projects an increase in fund balance of \$418,599. Based on 2024 results, the projected fund balance at December 31, 2025, will be \$13,071,859. Supported by Trustee Lentz.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 6-0

C. Senior Center-Okemos Public Schools Memorandum of Understanding

Trustee Trezise asked to recuse himself from this discussion.

Trustee Wilson moved to recuse Trustee Trezise. Supported by Clerk Demas.

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: Trustee Trezise

Motion carried: 5-0

Trustee Trezise left at 6:28 pm.

Director Wisinski gave an overview of the discussion that has occurred to date.

Board discussion took place. Delineating responsibilities regarding staff oversight in the future was requested.

Trustee Lentz moved to approve the Meridian Senior Center Memorandum of Understanding – Operations Agreement between the Charter Township of Meridian and Okemos Public Schools, retroactively dated for January 1, 2025, and expiring upon the planned closure of the current Chippewa Middle School facility in May of 2028. Supported by Trustee Wilson.

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 5-0

Trustee Trezise returned at 6:34 pm.

12. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Haslett Village Square Brownfield Redevelopment Plan Amendment #2

Director Clark provided details for the amendment and answered Board questions.

Board discussion took place. Questions were raised regarding notifying other tax jurisdictions, the Housing Subsidy and related gap increase.

The Board expressed interest in taking action after timeline details were presented.

Trustee Lentz moved to suspend rules to take action on this tonight. Supported by Trustee Wilson.

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 6-0

Trustee Lentz moved to adopt the resolution authorizing a second amendment to the Haslett Village Square Brownfield Plan for properties at 1621-1655 Haslett Road, with a total incremental revenue to be captured not to exceed \$16,487,283 over a 26 year capture period. Supported by Trustee Trezise.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 6-0

- B. Cornell Road, White Oak Drive, Wrightwind Drive, Fox Chase Sanitary Sewer Payback District

Deputy Manager Opsommer gave an overview of the item and answered Board questions.

Board discussion took place. Questions were asked regarding whether properties are within the Urban Service Boundary (USB), water use occurring without power, if other Township locations have this type of system, participation in water and sewer system, and notifications to homeowners and buyers.

The Board expressed interest in taking action on this item.

Trustee Trezise moved to suspend our rules to take this matter up for action tonight. Supported by Trustee Lentz.

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 6-0

Trustee Trezise moved to authorize Township staff to proceed with design, bidding and construction of a sanitary sewer to serve parcels location on Cornell Road, White Oak Drive, Wrightwind Drive, Fox Chase and bring back a Resolution to establish the Cornell Road, White Oak Drive, Wrightwind Drive, Fox Chase Sanitary Sewer Payback District and the associated benefit charges once the final costs of the construction are known. Supported by Trustee Lentz.

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 6-0

13. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Supervisor Hendrickson opened public comment at 7:02 pm.

The opportunity to speak was provided to the public.

Supervisor Hendrickson closed public comment at 7:02 pm.

14. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

15. CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Trezise moved to enter closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(h) to consult with the Township attorney regarding a confidential written legal opinion and pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(e) pending litigation in the Ingham County Circuit Court, being Case No. 25-3647-CZ, because discussion of litigation and settlement strategy at an open meeting would have a detrimental financial impact on the litigation and settlement position of the Township. Supported by Trustee Sundland.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 6-0

At 7:04 pm, the Board entered closed session.

At 8:39 pm, the Board returned to open session.

Clerk Demas moved to authorize legal counsel to approve presented settlement agreement for Ingham County Circuit Court case number 25-3647-CZ. Supported by Trustee Trezise.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 6-0

Clerk Demas asked to recuse herself from the following motion.

Trustee Trezise moved to allow Clerk Demas to recuse herself from the upcoming motion. Supported by Trustee Wilson.

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 6-0

Clerk Demas left at 8:40 pm.

Trustee Wilson moved to authorize participation of Attorney Mills, Attorney Fleury, and Manager Dempsey in a previously authorized investigation, which is in no manner to be construed as a waiver of the attorney client privilege or work product doctrine protections. Supported by Trustee Trezise.

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 5-0

Clerk Demas returned at 8:41 pm.

16. ADJOURNMENT

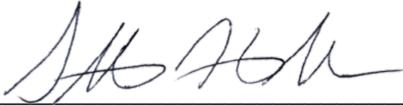
Trustee Trezise moved to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Lentz.

VOICE VOTE YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 6-0

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.



Scott Hendrickson
Township Supervisor



Angela Demas
Township Clerk