

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
REGULAR MEETING TOWNSHIP BOARD **-APPROVED-**
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198
517.853.4000, Township Hall Room
TUESDAY, July 8, 2025, 6:00PM

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Township Manager Dempsey, Assistant Chief Crane, Finance Director Blonde, IT Director Gebes, Neighborhoods & Economic Development Director Clark, Community Development and Planning Director Schmitt

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Hendrickson called the July 8, 2025, Regular Township Board meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor Hendrickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Clerk Demas called the roll of the Board. All board members present at 6:01 pm.

4. Presentation

A. Introduction of New Police Officers-Brandon Nevills & Tom Coddington

Assistant Chief Crane introduces Officer Nevills and Officer Coddington, noting that the Police Department is now fully staffed.

B. 2024 Township Audit-Ali Barnes, Yeo & Yeo

Presentation by Ali Barnes, lead principal auditor.

Board members asked questions regarding road funds.

5. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Hendrickson opened public comment at 6:27 pm.

Jane Southwell spoke about Riverside Cemetery.

Jeff Kessner spoke about Community and Senior Center.

Supervisor Hendrickson closed public comment at 6:33 pm.

6. TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT

Manager Dempsey gave updates on:

- Local Road Program is ongoing, noted that there is additional information online for affected residents.
- Ingham County Road projects are ongoing, noted that they can contact the Road Department with questions about those projects.
- Recognized staff and volunteers for hosting and staffing recent community events, noted upcoming community events.
- Thanked finance staff and auditors for their work.

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clerk Demas gave election information about upcoming August 5, 2025 Special Election.

Supervisor Hendrickson spoke about community events including Juneteenth.

Trustee Lentz, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustee Wilson, and Supervisor Hendrickson spoke about Celebrate Meridian and thanked volunteers.

Treasurer Deschaine gave updates about summer property taxes.

8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 7-0

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Wilson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Supported by Treasurer Deschaine.

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

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 7-0

10. HEARINGS

A. Amendment to the Haslett Village Square Brownfield Plan

Public Hearing opened at 6:46 pm.

Director Clark introduced Dave Van Harren from TriTerra and Chad Koster from SP Holding Company LLC who presented the Brownfield Plan.

Public comment opened at 7:00 pm.

Public comment closed at 7:01 pm.

Public hearing closed at 7:01 pm.

11. ACTION ITEMS

A. Ordinance 2025-04-Parking Ordinance Updates – Final Adoption

Director Schmitt gave a short overview of the discussion to date.

Board members asked for clarification regarding changes to the original ordinance.

Trustee Trezise moved to adopt the resolution approving Text Amendment #2025-04 to amend the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Meridian at Section 86-755 to update the requirements for off-street parking in the Township. Supported by Trustee Lentz.

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

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 7-0

12. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Amendment to the Haslett Village Square Brownfield Plan

Director Clark gave an overview of the discussion that has occurred to date and made note of an adjustment made to the packet item.

Board members asked about costs and market rates of housing units, incentivizing commercial space, and subsidies.

Board members discussed development and affordability efforts.

Board members expressed concern about affordability, cost of rent, and presented rates.

The Board requested tax increment increase and action to be taken at the next Board meeting.

13. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Supervisor Hendrickson opened public comments at 7:43 pm.

Dan Blakey spoke about a construction project at Songbird Point.

Supervisor Hendrickson closed public comments at 7:46 pm.

14. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

15. ADJOURNMENT

Treasurer Deschaine moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Wilson.

VOICE VOTE

YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 7-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm



Scott Hendrickson
Township Supervisor



Angela Demas
Township Clerk