

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES - **APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
349-1200, Town Hall Room
TUESDAY, May 2, 2000, **6:00 P.M. — 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger, Trustees
McGillicuddy, Milliman
ABSENT: Trustees Squiers, Such
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development
Mark Kieselbach, Director of Engineering & Public Works Roger Buell, EMS/Fire Chief
Fred Cowper, Personnel Director/Assistant Manager Paul Brake, Computer Specialist
Stephen Gebes and Attorney Brian Goodenough

1. CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER

Supervisor McCullough called the Work Session to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. QUESTIONS FOR ATTORNEY (None)

3. DISCUSSION ON 7:00 AGENDA ITEM TOPICS

The following 7:00 p.m. agenda items were discussed:

- Minutes
- Communications
- Consent Agenda
- Road Paving Policy
- Year 2000 Road Projects (less Towner Road)
- Agenda: Add 17A(6)iii (Vehicle Replacement Schedule (Fire))
- Police Mutual Aid Agreement

4. OTHER BUSINESS

A. CATA Presentation on New Routes

Treasurer Klunzinger presented information regarding CATA's "Redi-Ride" program and new routes.

5. POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION (None)

6. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McCullough opened Public Remarks.

Charles Louis Willems, 1387 Hickory Island, Haslett, requested consideration of a Hickory Island replat.

Supervisor McCullough closed Public Remarks.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McCullough adjourned the Work Session at 6:22 p.m.

BILL McCULLOUGH
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Paul J. Cassidy, Secretary

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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor McCullough called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
Supervisor McCullough introduced Chief Cowper to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Cowper led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- B. Ingham County Board of Commissioners Presentation to Recognize Geri Snell
Supervisor McCullough introduced Ingham County Commissioner Wally Juall.

Commissioner Juall presented a plaque from the Ingham County Board of Commissioners to Geri Snell in recognition of her service to the Township, the Towar Gardens neighborhood, and the East Lansing School District

Geri Snell thanked her late husband Jake, her children, the residents of Towar Gardens, Albert White, Township Board Members and Staff, and Virginia White.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA — OR CHANGES

Treasurer Klunzinger moved to approve the agenda as amended by adding item # 17.A.(6).iii. (Vehicle Replacement Schedule (Fire)) and consent agenda to include items #3 (Minutes), 4 (Communications), 15A(3) (Zoning Amendment #00030), 16A (Bills), 16B (Interior Modification of Service Center Storage Building), 17A(1)i (Liquor License Transfer – Ahmad El Bast), 17A(3)i (Authorization to fill Personnel Office Position), 17A(3)ii (Pension Program for Department Head), 17A(5)i (Road Paving Policy), 17A(5)ii (Year 2000 Road Projects), 17A(5)iii (I-96 and Okemos Road Resolution), 17A(6)i (Police Mutual Aid Agreement Approval with Bath Township), 17A(6)ii. (COPS Grant Application), 17A(6)iii (Vehicle Replacement Schedule (Fire)). Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-0.

3. CORRECTION, APPROVAL & RATIFICATION OF MINUTES (See Consent Agenda)

- A. April 18, 2000 Work Session
B. April 18, 2000 Regular Meeting

4. COMMUNICATIONS (See Consent Agenda)

- A. Appreciation & Commendation (AC)
AC-1 Bob Wilson, 4456 Oakwood Drive, Okemos; RE: Commendation for Initiating the Practice of Opening Township Board Meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance
AC-2 Phillip C. Vorlander, Fire Chief, City of East Lansing; RE: Appreciation for Assistance in Final Four Preparations.

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B. Application for Public Service (***)

- PC-6 Linda Rasor, 5905 Eagles Way, Haslett; RE: Planning Commission
- PC-7 Kelly C. Miller, 1427 Biscayne Way, Haslett; RE: Planning Commission

C. Board Deliberation (BD)

- BD-1 Kathleen Murphy and Dan Keedy, 5532 Earliglow Lane, Haslett; RE: opposition to Rezoning #97090 (Bird)
- BD-2 Craig Winston, 641 Canoga Lane, Haslett; RE: Support of Rezoning #97090 (Bird)
- BD-3 Maira Hoffman, 653 Canoga Lane, Haslett; RE: Support of Rezoning #97090 (Bird)

D. Board Information (BI)

- BI-1 Charles Louis Willems, 1387 Hickory Island, Haslett; RE: Replat Request for Hickory Island
- BI-2 Subdivision Floodplain Program, D.E.Q., State of Michigan; RE: Ember Oaks; Tributaries to the Red Cedar River
- BI-3 Michael St. Bernard, Operator/Manager, East Lansing Meridian Water and Sewer Authority; RE: No Detection of MTBE's in Water Authority's Supply Lines
- BI-4 C.A.D.L., Internet Access and Acceptable Use Policy
- BI-5 Bernie Stephens, Office Manager, Stephens Consulting Services, P.C.; RE: Personal Property Taxes
- BI-6 R.E. Olds Transportation Museum; RE: Annual Golf Outing
- BI-7 Dan Wyant, Director, Department of Agriculture; RE: Michigan Right to Farm Program
- BI-8 Okemos Public Schools Board of Education May 1, 2000 Meeting Agenda [March 20, 2000 Minutes on File]
- BI-9 Michigan Townships Association Legislative Fax, April 7, 2000 edition
- BI-10 Michigan Townships Association Legislative Fax, March 31, 2000 edition
- BI-11 Michigan Townships Association E-News, April 3, 2000 edition
- BI-12 Karina Broker, 1915 Danbury E, Okemos; RE: Lake Lansing Park Fee
- BI-13 Charles Louis Willems, 1387 Hickory Island, Haslett; RE: Hickory Island Replat
- BI-14 Charles Louis Willems, 1387 Hickory Island, Haslett; RE: Hickory Island Replat

E. Freedom of Information (FOI) [On file in Clerk's Office]

- FOI-2000-12 Satnam Singh Bhugra, 2163 White Owl Way, Okemos; RE: Negative Adjustments to Taxable Value and Assessments in Township for Past 15 to 25 years.
- FOI-2000-13 Vincent P. Stahl III, 19823 Doyle Road, Gregory, MI; RE: Parking Ticket #B005638

F. News Release (NR)

- NR-1 Adult Softball League Registration
- NR-2 Free Summer Playground Programs
- NR-3 4 on 4 Adult Soccer Leagues
- NR-4 Adult 3 on 3 Basketball Leagues
- NR-5 Adult 4 on 4 Sand Volleyball Leagues
- NR-6 4 on 4 Youth Soccer Leagues
- NR-7 Adult Tennis Leagues
- NR-8 Flower Exchange
- NR-9 Breakfast with the Birds
- NR-10 Teaching Photography Workshops this Spring
- NR-11 Nature Day Camp Enrollment Begins at Harris Nature Center

G. On File in Clerk's Office (OF)

- OF-1 Jon W. Coleman, Executive Director, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission; RE: Commission Adoption of Resolution Urging Continued Funding of AMTRAK Rail Passenger Service.

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- OF-2 State Tax Commission, Department of the Treasury, State of Michigan; RE: Millage Requests and Millage Rollbacks
- OF-3 Ingham County Board of Commissioners; RE: Ingham County Solid Waste Issues
- OF-4 Jon W. Coleman, Executive Director, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission; RE: Commission Adoption of Resolution Urging Continued Air Passenger Service Between Lansing and Chicago by American Eagle Airlines
- OF-5 Charles Louis Willems, 1387 Hickory Island, Haslett; RE: Resubmission of April 18, 2000 Board Communications
- OF-6 Okemos Public Schools Board of Education April 17, 2000 Agenda and March 6, 2000 Minutes

5. QUESTIONS OF ATTORNEY (None)

6. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McCullough opened Public Remarks.

Julie Brixie, 2294 Hamilton Road, Okemos, spoke in support of modifications to Rezoning #99130 (LandEquities). She submitted sketches of her recommended modifications for the record.

Jay Duquette, 1998 Jolly Road, Okemos, spoke regarding Rezoning #99130 (LandEquities) and the importance of treating all properties along Jolly consistently.

Barb Hanson, 1801 Birchwood, Okemos, spoke in opposition to Rezoning #99130 (LandEquities).

[Trustee Such arrived at 7:18 p.m.]

Peter Trezise, President, Okemos School Board, spoke in opposition to Rezoning #99130 (LandEquities).

Bruce Hunting, Okemos School Board Member, spoke in opposition to Rezoning #99130 (LandEquities).

Pat Hagen, 4135 Wabaningo, Okemos, spoke in opposition to Rezoning #99130 (LandEquities),

Supervisor McCullough closed Public Remarks.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Klunzinger moved to adopt the consent agenda to include items: #3 (Minutes), 4 (Communications), 15A(3) (Zoning Amendment #00030), 16A (Bills), 16B (Interior Modification of Service Center Storage Building), 17A(1)i (Liquor License Transfer – Ahmad El Bast), 17A(3)i (Authorization to fill Personnel Office Position), 17A(3)ii (Pension Program for Department Head), 17A(5)i (Road Paving Policy), 17A(5)ii (Year 2000 Road Projects), 17A(5)iii (I-96 and Okemos Road Resolution), 17A(6)i (Police Mutual Aid Agreement Approval (Bath)), 17A(6)ii. (COPS Grant Application), 17A(6)iii (Vehicle Replacement Schedule (Fire)). Seconded by Trustee Such.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Supervisor McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger, Trustees McGillicuddy, Milliman, Squiers, Such

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Therefore, the above actions were taken with the votes as follow:

A. CORRECTION, APPROVAL & RATIFICATION OF MINUTES (Agenda Item #3)

Treasurer Klunzinger moved to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2000 work session and the regular meeting, corrected as follows:

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Page 1, Para 7, Line 2 – Item #2

Change “THE ADDITION OF ITEM #17.A.(5)iii....” to “THE ADDITION OF ITEM #17.A.(5)iv....”

Page 2, Para 2, line 2 – Item #6:

Change “... discussing concerns regarding Rezoning #99130 (Land Equities).” to “... opposing Rezoning #99130 (LandEquities).”

Page 6, Para 11, bullet 4 – Item #15.B.(1)

Change “Support of Okemos High School” to “Consideration of Okemos High School’s Need for More Students”

Page 7, Para 7, Roll Call Vote, Yeas – Item #15.B.(1)

Change “Trustees McCullough, ..., Supervisor Little,” to “Trustees Milliman, ..., Supervisor McCullough,”

Seconded by Trustee Such.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Supervisor McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger, Trustees McGillicuddy, Milliman, Squiers, Such
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously.

C Zoning Amendment #00030 (Planning Commission) – Final Adoption (Agenda Item #15A(3))

Treasurer Klunzinger moved that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian hereby FINALLY ADOPTS Ordinance No. 2000-05, entitled “Ordinance Amending the Code of Meridian Township, Michigan, by Amending Section 85-5.4.a. Seconded by Trustee Such.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Supervisor McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger, Trustees McGillicuddy, Milliman, Squiers, Such
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously.

[Signed and Sealed Resolution in Official Minute Book]

D. Manager's Bills (Agenda Item #16A):

Treasurer Klunzinger moved that the Township Board approve the Manager’s Bills as follow:

General Fund/Special Revenue	\$150,513.12
<u>Public Works</u>	<u>\$ 29,549.80</u>
Total	<u>\$180,062.92</u>

Seconded by Trustee Such.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Supervisor McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger, Trustees McGillicuddy, Milliman, Squiers, Such
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously.

[Bill list for 5/2/00 in Official Minute Book]

E. Interior Modification of Service Center Storage Building (Agenda Item #16B)

Treasurer Klunzinger moved that the Township Manager be authorized to expend \$3,150 for interior additions to the storage building at the service center with funding to come from the building maintenance activity of the General Fund as part of the second quarter budget amendments. Seconded by Trustee Such

Roll call vote: Yeas: Supervisor McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger,
Trustees McGillicuddy, Milliman, Squiers, Such
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously.

F. Liquor License Transfer Request - Ahmad El Bast (Agenda Item #17A(1)i)

Treasurer Klunzinger moved approval of the transfer request from Ahmad El Bast, of the Class C Licensed Business, be approved at 3536 Meridian Crossing, Suite 210, Okemos, MI 48864, Meridian Township, Ingham County and the Township Clerk be authorized to execute the authorizing resolution. Seconded by Trustee Such.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Supervisor McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger,
Trustees McGillicuddy, Milliman, Squiers, Such
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously.

[Signed and Sealed Resolution in Official Minute Book]

G. Authorization to Fill the Personnel Office Position (Agenda Item #17A(3)i)

Treasurer Klunzinger moved that the Township Manager be authorized to fill the Personnel Office vacancy as proposed. Seconded by Trustee Such.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Supervisor McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger,
Trustees McGillicuddy, Milliman, Squiers, Such
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously.

H. Pension Program for Department Head (Agenda Item #17A(3)ii)

Treasurer Klunzinger moved approval of Amendment No. 4 to the Meridian Township Employee Pension Plan, and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the necessary document subject to final attorney review. Seconded by Trustee Such.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Supervisor McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger,
Trustees McGillicuddy, Milliman, Squiers, Such
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously.

I. Road Paving Policy (Agenda Item #17A(5)i)

Treasurer Klunzinger moved that the following policy on the paving of roads be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Road Commission has indicated that they will only contribute 50% to any non-primary road project, and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County General Fund does not contribute to road improvements, and

WHEREAS, the Township does not receive any funds directly from Public Act 51 for road

maintenance or repair, and

WHEREAS, the Township has 143.6 miles of local roads that are considered non-primary, and

WHEREAS, approximately 30 miles of local non-primary roads are in a condition that need repair at an estimated cost of \$1.62 million,

THEREFORE, the Township hereby adopts the following policy for paving local non-primary roads.

All non-primary roads shall be divided into two categories. Local non-primary subdivision roads shall be those roads constructed inside a subdivision. Local non-primary non-subdivision roads shall be those roads that were not constructed within the confines of a subdivision.

The Township will assist with the resurfacing of any local non-primary roads when presented with a petition from the property owners with a 25% subsidy, as funds permit.

If the Ingham County Road Commission does not contribute sufficient funds for the local road construction program, the Township will contribute the entire 25%, as funds permit.

The Township will prioritize the existing paved local non-primary non-subdivision roads on a regular basis to resurface or reconstruct and contribute 50% towards the resurfacing or reconstruction, as funds permit.

Seconded by Trustee Such.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Supervisor McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger,
Trustees McGillicuddy, Milliman, Squiers, Such
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously.

J. Year 2000 Road Projects (Agenda Item #17A(5)ii)

Treasurer Klunzinger moved to recommend the following road improvement projects be submitted to the Ingham County Road Commission

- **Provide \$100,000 in assistance to subsidize the establishment of special assessment districts for local subdivision roads. The actual amount of subsidizing will be 25%**
- **Set aside an additional \$80,000 for the reconstruction of Hatch Road (\$150,000 from 1999 is earmarked for reconstruction).**
- **Provide \$80,000 for the reconstruction of Cornell Road from Hatch Road north to Grand River Avenue.**
- **The proposed Towner Road reconstruction project not be pursued in year 2000.**

Seconded by Trustee Such.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Supervisor McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger,
Trustees McGillicuddy, Milliman, Squiers, Such
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously.

K. I-96 and Okemos Road Resolution (Agenda Item #17A(5)iii)

Treasurer Klunzinger moved that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian Resolve:

1. **The planning and construction of improvements to the I-96 Okemos Road interchange are needed immediately.**
2. **Meridian Township join with Alaiedon Township, Ingham County, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, the Michigan Department of Transportation, and businesses and property owners to accomplish that goal and to ensure improvements that will serve the long term needs of the community.**
3. **The Supervisor and the Clerk of Meridian Township communicate this Resolution and meet with representatives of local, county, and state governments and businesses to accomplish the goals set forth in this resolution.**

Seconded by Trustee Such.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Supervisor McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger, Trustees McGillicuddy, Milliman, Squiers, Such
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously.

[Signed and Sealed Resolution in Official Minute Book]

- L. Police Mutual Aid Agreement Approval (Bath Charter Township) (Agenda Item #17A(6)i)

Treasurer Klunzinger moved to approve the proposed Mutual Aid Agreement for Police assistance with the Charter Township of Bath, Michigan subject to attorney review, and to authorize the listed officials to sign the agreement. Seconded by Trustee Such.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Supervisor McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger, Trustees McGillicuddy, Milliman, Squiers, Such
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously.

- M COPS Grant, Requesting Authorization to Apply for Funding (Agenda Item #17A(6)ii)

Treasurer Klunzinger moved to authorize the Meridian Township Police Department to apply for funding for one (1) additional Police Officer under the COPS Universal Hiring Program. Seconded by Trustee Such.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Supervisor McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger, Trustees McGillicuddy, Milliman, Squiers, Such
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously.

- N. Vehicle Replacement Schedule (Fire) (Agenda Item #17A(6)iii)

Treasurer Klunzinger moved to recommend the proposed vehicle replacement schedule to the Township Board for approval. Seconded by Trustee Such.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Supervisor McCullough, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger, Trustees McGillicuddy, Milliman, Squiers, Such
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously.

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (None)
9. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT (None)
10. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Helmbrecht reported applications for the June school election would be going out next week. She reported absentee ballots would be available May 23rd for walk-in voting and mailed May 26th. She reported the close of registration for this election is May 11th.

Clerk Helmbrecht reported the filing deadline for candidates for State or local offices is May 16th at 4:00 p.m.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Klunzinger reported a good response from the first letter to those with delinquent personal property taxes. He reported the letters represent \$300,000 in delinquent taxes.

12. TOWNSHIP BOARD

A. Appointments

* ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:

Supervisor McCullough recommended Kelly Miller for appointment to the Economic Development Corporation.

Treasurer Klunzinger moved to confirm the supervisor's appointment of Kelly Miller to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION for the remainder of a term to expire December 31, 2000. Seconded by Trustee Such.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

* PLANNING COMMISSION:

Supervisor McCullough recommended Linda Rasor for appointment to the Planning Commission.

Treasurer Klunzinger moved to confirm the supervisor's appointment of Linda Rasor to the PLANNING COMMISSION for the remainder of a three-year term to expire December 31, 2001. Seconded by Trustee Such.

Board Members discussed candidate interviews.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

13. SPECIAL HEARINGS/APPEALS

A. Rezoning #97090 (Bird)

Director Kieselbach introduced the request to rezone approximately 21 acres located north of Piper Road and east of Van Atta Road from RR (Rural Residential) to RAAA (Single Family-Low Density) and RAA (Single Family-Low Density)

Supervisor McCullough opened the floor to the applicant.

Bob Homan, Representing Sam and Mary Bird, spoke in support of rezoning #97090 (Bird). He discussed the three zoning districts and the development of the Strawberry Farm Subdivision. He stated that the applicant has set a limit of thirty-three (33) lots for development.

Supervisor McCullough opened the public hearing.

Ronald Burns, 720 Piper Road, Haslett, spoke in support of the rezoning. He stated a concern that if the subdivision has an entrance onto Piper Road, the special assessment for the paving of Piper Road be extended to the new subdivision.

Mark Roberts, 421 Piper Road, Haslett, spoke in support of the rezoning. He stated development of the property is not desirable in respect to the reasons he purchased his home. He stated however, that the property owner has a right to develop it in a reasonable and appropriate manner and that the proposal is reasonable and appropriate.

Warren Heilman, 5529 Strawberry Lane, Haslett, spoke in opposition to the rezoning. He stated he purchased his property because of the rural nature of the property. He stated his property is adjacent to the parcel being considered for rezoning. He stated he would like to have someone

explain specifically why this rezoning is necessary. He stated he wanted to voice his opposition to the rezoning so as not to give the Board the impression that all the residents of Strawberry Farms support the request. He asked that the residents of Strawberry Farms be consulted in the design of the development if the rezoning is approved. He stated concerns about the amount of traffic in the Strawberry Farms subdivision if there is no access from Piper Road. He stated a concern about the loss of open space.

Joel Buczkowski, 564 Piper Road, Haslett, spoke in support of the rezoning. He stated he has discussed the rezoning with the applicant and does not see anything detrimental to surrounding properties. He stated the applicant has worked with the residents in good faith. He stated the development is appropriate. He requested the Board use whatever influence it has in the matter to prohibit direct access to Piper Road. He stated a connection to the Strawberry Farms subdivision is more logical in addressing utility connections and continuity between the existing and proposed subdivision. He submitted for the record a letter of support from his neighbors, Spencer and Susan Austin, 710 Piper Road.

Michelle Kopcha, 460 Piper Road, Haslett, stated her concerns regarding an outlet onto Piper Road. She asked that if the Ingham County Road Commission requires an access to Piper Road, the special assessment for the paving of Piper Road be extended to the new development.

Doug Nyberg, 5572 Strawberry Lane, Haslett, spoke in support of the rezoning. He stated he favors the transition from the RAA (Single Family-Low Density) to RAAA (Single Family-Low Density) zoning.

Supervisor McCullough opened the floor to the applicant for rebuttal.

Bob Homan, representing the applicant, stated he submitted a letter to the Planning Commission, June 23, 1997, stating that there is no requirement, intention or desire to include direct access from the subdivision onto Piper Road.

Supervisor McCullough closed the public hearing.

Treasurer Klunzinger stated a concern for public safety if there is no access to Piper Road as there should be no more than fifty (50) homes using a single access for fire safety.

Supervisor McCullough asked if Piper Road access is required by the Ingham County Road Commission for this development, is there property to develop such an access.

Bob Homan stated there is property to add such access if required.

Trustee Milliman moved to refer the request to the Planning Commission for review to consider the recent removal of the Urban Service Boundary, and return a recommendation to the Board in no more than 60 days. Seconded by Treasurer Klunzinger.

Board Members discussed the following points:

- The questions have been answered or are answerable tonight
- Support of Residents
- Change in Rezoning not Sufficient to Require Planning Commission Review

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Milliman, Such, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger
NAYS: Trustees McGillicuddy, Squiers, Supervisor McCullough
Motion carried 4-3.

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (None)

15. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

A. Unfinished Business

(1) Planned Unit Development #99014 (Dunn & Balesky)

Director Kieselbach introduced Bennett Village Condominiums, north of Bennett Road and

west of the Smith Drain – Final Plan Review

Treasurer Klunzinger moved that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian hereby grants FINAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL for Planned Unit Development #99014, subject to all conditions as approved by the Planning Commission March 27, 2000. Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht

Board Members discussed the following points:

- Not Optimal Use of Land
- Questionable Development for Families with School Aged Children
- Significant Population of Students from Single Parent Homes Whom Don't Necessarily Live in Large Single-Family Homes
- Condos are Marketed to Empty Nesters
- Preference for Developments to Attract Young Families
- Marketing of a Development is not a Consideration of a Policy-Making Board
- Empty Nesters Within the Community will Move into Such Developments and Free Up their Single-Family Homes for Young Families

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Milliman, Squiers, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger
NAYS: Trustees McGillicuddy, Such, Supervisor McCullough
Motion carried 4-3.

(2) Rezoning #99130 (LandEquities),

Director Kieselbach introduced the request to rezone 126 acres at the northeast corner of Jolly Road and Hulett Road from RR (Rural Residential) to PO (Professional Office) and RB (Single Family-High Density)

Trustee Milliman moved that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian hereby FINALLY ADOPTS Ordinance No. 2000-04, entitled “Ordinance Amending the Zoning District Map of Meridian Township Pursuant to Rezoning Petition #99130 from RR (Rural Residential) to PO (Professional Office) and RB (Single Family-High Density). Seconded by Trustee Squiers

Board Members discussed the following points:

- Not Optimal Use of Property
- RAA (Single Family-Low Density) Preferable Zoning
- Traffic Increase on Jolly Road
- Student Drivers on Heavier Trafficked Roads
- PO (Professional Office) Inappropriate Next to Schools
- Schools Draw Residents to Township
- PO (Professional Office) Best Zoning on Jolly Road
- Rezoning Provides Housing for Families Directly Across from High School
- Office Traffic and School Traffic do not Coincide
- Appropriateness of PO (Professional Office) vs. Residential
- Site Plan to be considered by Planning Commission
- Smaller Homes Allow Empty Nesters to Move and open up Larger Homes for New Families
- Planning Commission Record Does Not Show Same School Interest as at Board
- Problem of Ordinances in Requiring this Rezoning
- Board Obligation to Protect Financial Viability of Community Schools
- Greater Traffic Impact of Residential Zoning Over Office Zoning
- Township Control of Traffic by Controlling Zoning

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Milliman, Squiers, Such, Supervisor McCullough, Treasurer Klunzinger
NAYS: Trustee McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht
Motion carried 5-2.

[Signed and Sealed Resolution in Official Minute Book]

- (3) Zoning Amendment #00030 (Planning Commission), amend Section 85-5.4A to clarify when a second free-standing sign is permitted on a parcel in the NS (Neighborhood Service), CS (Community Service) and CR (Commercial Recreation) zoning districts – Final Adoption (See Consent Agenda)

B. New Business (None)

16. MANAGER'S REPORT, INVOICES & BILLS

- A. Bills (See Consent Agenda)
B. Interior Modification of Service Center Storage Building (See Consent Agenda)

17. BOARD MEMBER, BOARD COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

- A. Standing Committee Reports
(1) Physical Operations & Activities
i. Liquor License Transfer Request - Ahmad El Bast (See Consent Agenda)
(2) Financial Planning and Budgeting
i. Enhanced Access Policy Fee Schedule
Treasurer Klunzinger introduced the Enhanced Access Policy Fee Schedule.

Board Members discussed the following points:

- Cost of Reproduction vs. Cost Recovery
- Records are Generated by Tax Dollars and Should be Publicly Available
- Documents are Generated as a Daily Function of Government.

Trustee Squiers moved that the Township charge a fee equal to 0% of the costs to assemble any enhanced information plus specific personnel time and materials to produce the information in response to a public request. Seconded by Treasurer Klunzinger

Board Members discussed the following points:

- Reconsider Policy as FOIA States the Same as the Above

Trustee Squiers withdrew the motion. Treasurer Klunzinger withdrew the second.

Board Members discussed the following points:

- Need for Fee Schedule to Go with the Policy
- Personal Use vs. Commercial Use

Treasurer Klunzinger moved that the Township charge a fee equal to 0% of the costs to assemble any enhanced information plus specific personnel time and materials to produce the information in response to a public request. Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

Trustee Squiers asked Director Buell to address the issue.

Director Buell discussed the fee schedule. He stated the intent of the policy is to recoup the significant investment of the water and sewer ratepayers in the computer system.

Trustee Such moved to refer the Enhanced Access Fee Schedule and related policy to the Physical Operations Committee for a recommendation on the original policy. Seconded by Trustee McGillicuddy

Board Members discussed the following points:

- A 0% Fee Makes an Affirmative Statement that there Should be no Cost Recovery.

- Need for Policy Itself if There is no Cost Recovery

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 5-2 (Squiers, Klunzinger)

(3) Personnel

- i. Authorization to Fill the Personnel Office Position (See Consent Agenda)
- ii. Pension Program for Department Head (See Consent Agenda)

(4) Planning and Development

Trustee Milliman reported the next meeting would be Tuesday, May 9th at 8:30 a.m. (See Agenda item #17.A.(7).)

(5) Infrastructure

- i. Road Paving Policy (See Consent Agenda)
Trustee Such reported the Road Paving Policy puts in place specific directions for those residents desiring the repaving of their roads. He reported Engineering Staff can provide assistance related to this policy. He stated he would be willing to attend community meetings to discuss the policy for interested residents
- ii. Year 2000 Road Projects (See Consent Agenda)
- iii. I-96 and Okemos Road Resolution (See Consent Agenda)

(6) Public Safety

- i. Police Mutual Aid Agreement Approval (Bath Charter Township) (See Consent Agenda)
- ii. COPS Grant, Requesting Authorization to Apply for Funding (See Consent Agenda)
- iii. Vehicle Replacement Schedule (Fire) (See Consent Agenda)

(7) Recreation

Trustee Milliman reported the Planning & Development meeting may not happen at the specified time, but would occur at the beginning of the week.

Trustee Milliman updated the Semi-Monthly Report on Parks & Recreation Programs.

B. Special Committees

Trustee McGillicuddy reported the Meridian Volunteer Council would meet Wednesday, May 3rd at noon.

Clerk Helmbrecht reported the Land Preservation Task Force met last Thursday. She reported on the satisfaction of all participants, including developers and environmentalists, in the direction of Task Force. She reported the next meeting would be Wednesday, May 3rd at 6:30 p.m., and would hold a Public Forum May 11th.

C. Liaison Representative Reports

18. OTHER REPORTS

Trustee Such asked Board Members and the public to review the proposed Pathway Benches Policy

19. NEW BUSINESS (None)

20. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McCullough opened public remarks.

Satnam Singh Bhugra, 2163 White Owl Way, Okemos, asked the Board to address his request to reduce the assessment on his home.

Vance Kincaid, 4530 Nakoma Drive, spoke in opposition to Wal-Mart possibly carrying products produced by children in sweatshops.

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Barb Hansen, 1801 Birchwood Drive, Okemos, rebutted Treasurer Klunzinger's comments regarding Okemos School Board Members not attending meetings in which the Planning Commission considered Rezoning #99130 (LandEquities).

Sam Black, Editor, East Lansing Towne Courier, spoke in opposition to the Enhanced Access Policy.

Supervisor McCullough closed public remarks.

21. FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Milliman stated he was happy to see bylines on the stories in the Meridian Monitor.

22. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McCullough adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

BILL McCULLOUGH
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Paul J. Cassidy, Secretary