

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR TOWN HALL MEETING - **APPROVED** –
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
853-4000, Town Hall Room
THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2008, **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting, Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra (6:02 P.M.),
Woiwode
ABSENT: Supervisor McGillicuddy
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development
Mark Kieselbach, Police Chief Dave Hall, EMS/Fire Chief Fred Cowper, Assistant
Manager/ Personnel Director Paul Brake

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Clerk Helmbrecht called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Trustee Brixie moved that Trustee Woiwode be appointed Supervisor Pro Tem for the meeting of August 7, 2008. Seconded by Trustee Such.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 5-0.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode called the roll of the Board.

4. REPORTS/BOARD COMMENT/NEW WORRIES

A. Election Results

Clerk Helmbrecht announced that 23% of Meridian Township residents voted in the August 5th Primary. She noted additional parties will be on the General Election ballot. Clerk Helmbrecht indicated that anyone wishing to receive an absentee ballot may apply by contacting the Clerk's Office.

Trustee Brixie announced she attended the Tri-County Groundwater Management Board Meeting today and received an update on the new Michigan Water Withdrawal Law for large water users. She indicated she will apprise the Board with updates as they are received. Trustee Brixie also noted Ingham County will be offering a pharmaceutical collection the first week in October and Meridian Township will also offer a pharmaceutical collection the third Saturday in October.

Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode expressed appreciation to voters for passage of the Farmland Preservation Initiative and renewing the 911 millage.

Trustee Veenstra expressed concern regarding the subject matter of a letter from Planning Commissioner Elizabeth Le Goff contained in the Board packet.

Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode indicated that as both the Supervisor and the Township Attorney are not present, it would be more appropriate to discuss Planning Commissioner Le Goff's concerns at the next Board meeting.

5. PUBLIC REMARKS (CONSENT AGENDA ONLY)

Ganesh Reddy, 3614 Ponderosa, Okemos, spoke to respecting residents opinions regarding public road improvement special assessment districts. He challenged the Board to cut spending while improving the Township's roads.

Ms. Masomeh B. Sticklen, 6397 Ridgepond Place, East Lansing; spoke on behalf of the residents of Whitehills in opposition to Whitehills Public Road Improvement SAD #41.

Elizabeth Le Goff, 5189 E. Brookfield Drive, East Lansing, spoke in opposition to the East End Drive and Circle Resurfacing, SAD #40.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA — OR CHANGES

Township Manager Richards indicated the Township Attorney has determined that over 20% of the residents who have frontage on the roads in the Whitehills special assessment area have objected and, as such, the project will not continue.

Trustee Such moved to approve the agenda amended as follows:

- **Remove Agenda Items #9A and #10A**

Seconded by Trustee Brixie.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-0.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode reviewed the consent agenda.

Trustee Brixie moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Clerk Helmbrecht,
Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

The adopted Consent Agenda items are as follow:

A. Communications

(1). Board Determination (BD)

- 9A/10A-1 Gerald & Jean Aben, 6467 Island Lake Drive, East Lansing; RE: Objection to Whitehills Public Road Improvement SAD #41
- 9A/10A-2 Susan K. Herman, 6411 Pine Hollow Drive, East Lansing; RE: Objection to Whitehills Public Road Improvement SAD #41
- 9A/10A-3 Kenneth W. Beall, Loomis, Ewert, Parsley, Davis & Gotting, 124 West Allegan, Suite 700, Lansing; RE: Objection to Whitehills Public Road Improvement SAD #41
- 9A/10A-4 William and Melanie Melton, 6416 Ridgepond Place, East Lansing; RE: Objection to Whitehills Public Road Improvement SAD #41
- 9A/10A-5 Nahid Massoudi, 6436 Oakenclyffe Lane, East Lansing; RE: Objection to Whitehills Public Road Improvement SAD #41
- 9A/10A-6 Warren W. Wood, 6230 Whitehills Lake Drive, East Lansing; RE: Objection to Whitehills Public Road Improvement SAD #41 as proposed
- 9A/10A-7 Masomeh B. Sticklen, 6397 Ridgepond Place, East Lansing; RE: Objection to Whitehills Public Road Improvement SAD #41
- 9A/10A-8 Robert and Ingeborg Smith, 6443 Ridgepond Place, East Lansing; RE: Objection to Whitehills Public Road Improvement SAD #41
- 9A/10A-9 James and Karen Vance, 6431 Woodcliffe Lane, East Lansing; RE: Objection to Whitehills Public Road Improvement SAD #41
- 9A/10A-10 Ying Qin and Hua Xiao, 6392 Ridgepond Place, East Lansing; RE: Objection to Whitehills Public Road Improvement SAD #41
- 9A/10A-11 John Wagner, III, 6380 Island Lake Drive, East Lansing; RE: Objection to Whitehills Public Road Improvement SAD #41
- 9A/10A-12 David Hudgins, 6242 Pine Hollow Drive, East Lansing; RE: Objection to Whitehills Public Road Improvement SAD #41
- 9A/10A-13 Deborah and Michael Harrison, 2480 Overglen Court, East Lansing; RE:

Objection to Whitehills Public Road Improvement SAD #41
9A/10A-14 Mark K. Clouse, 6268 Mereford Court, East Lansing; RE: Objection to
Whitehills Public Road Improvement SAD #41

(2). Board Information (BI)

- BI-1 Jeanne Kendall, 2456 S. Wild Blossom, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Burcham Drive Special Assessment District #39
- BI-2 Gladys Thomas, 2388 Burcham Drive, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Burcham Drive Special Assessment District #39
- BI-3 Patricia Killam, 2411 Burcham Drive, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Burcham Drive Special Assessment District #39
- BI-4 Vincent Lyon-Callo, 4112 Hulett Road, Okemos; RE: Concerns with traffic safety on Hulett Road
- BI-5 Chris Farougi, 6285 Reynolds, Haslett; RE: Code enforcement for the Lake Lansing area
- BI-6 Elizabeth Le Goff, 5189 East Brookfield Drive, East Lansing; RE: Questions concerning public comment

(3). Staff Communication/Referral (SC)

- SC-1 Memorandum from Mark Kieselbach, Director of Community Planning and Development; RE: Commission Review #08063, Whitcomb Land Preservation Purchase
- SC-2 Memorandum from Manager Richards; RE: Status report on Shaws on Newton Brownfield Plan

(4). On File in the Clerk's Office (OF)

Material received at the July 15, 2008 Board Meeting

- Shane Bolley, J. Richard Robinson, P.C., 1690 Watertower Place, Suite 500A, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Jolly Oak Road Paving Special Assessment District #36
- Glenda F. Henry, 2247 Burcham Drive, East Lansing; RE: Objection to Burcham Drive Public Road Improvements Special Assessment District #39
- Nancy Nyquist, 2452 Burcham Drive, East Lansing; RE: Support for Burcham Drive Public Road Improvements Special Assessment District #39
- Barbara Anderson, 2454 Burcham Drive, East Lansing; RE: Objection to Burcham Drive Public Road Improvements Special Assessment District #39
- Joseph Hinz, 2236 Burcham Drive, East Lansing; RE: Objection to Burcham Drive Public Road Improvements Special Assessment District #39
- Daria Schlega, 2446 Burcham Drive, East Lansing; RE: Objection to Burcham Drive Public Road Improvements Special Assessment District #39
- Cheryl A. Schubel, 5451 Wild Oak Drive, East Lansing; RE: Objection to Burcham Drive Public Road Improvements Special Assessment District #39
- Ann Graham, 2458 Burcham Drive, East Lansing; RE: Objection to Burcham Drive Public Road Improvements Special Assessment District #39
- Brenda Zynda, 5403 Jo Pass, East Lansing; RE: Objection to Burcham Drive Public Road Improvements Special Assessment District #39
- Catherine L. Witchell, 5415 Wild Oak Drive, East Lansing; RE: Objection to Burcham Drive Public Road Improvements Special Assessment District #39
- Ruth E. Clark, 5419 Wild Oak, East Lansing; RE: Objection to Burcham Drive Public Road Improvements Special Assessment District #39
- Douglas & Denise Van Scoy, 2528 Marmon Court, East Lansing; RE: Objection to East End Drive & Circle Resurfacing Special Assessment District #40
- William & Claudia Jefcoat, 5603 Maxwell Court, East Lansing; RE: Objection to East End Drive & Circle Resurfacing Special Assessment District #40

Virginia Nimphie, 5686 DeVille, East Lansing; RE: Objection to East End Drive & Circle Resurfacing Special Assessment District #40
Susan R. Herman, 5610 DeVille Court, East Lansing; RE: Petition from residents of East End Condominiums in opposition to East End Drive & Circle Resurfacing Special Assessment District #40
Leonard D. Espinosa, 2332 Hulett Road, Okemos; RE: Opposition to Hulett Road Resurfacing Special Assessment District #38
Michael V. Walker, 2271 Hulett Road, Okemos; RE: Opposition to Hulett Road Resurfacing Special Assessment District #38
Kelly Gruner, 2354 Hulett Road, Okemos; RE: Opposition to Hulett Road Resurfacing Special Assessment District #38
Sandra Gonzalez, 2375 Hulett Road, Okemos; RE: Opposition to Hulett Road Resurfacing Special Assessment District #38
Tassi Ann Miller, 2326 Hulett Road, Okemos; RE: Opposition to Hulett Road Resurfacing Special Assessment District #38
Mildred Ann Miller, 2326 Hulett Road, Okemos; RE: Opposition to Hulett Road Resurfacing Special Assessment District #38
Susan E. Conrad and David L. Dewitt, 4311 Hulett Road, Okemos; RE: Opposition to Hulett Road Resurfacing Special Assessment District #38
James E. Carter, 2296 Hulett Road, Okemos; RE: Opposition to Hulett Road Resurfacing Special Assessment District #38
Jean M. Doss, 2276 Hulett Road, Okemos; RE: Opposition to Hulett Road Resurfacing Special Assessment District #38
Jeffrey & Rebecca Butler, 2398 Hulett Road, Okemos; RE: Opposition to Hulett Road Resurfacing Special Assessment District #38
Camala Riessinger and Nancy Ridley, 4355 Hulett Road, Okemos; RE: Opposition to Hulett Road Resurfacing Special Assessment District #38
Mary Elizabeth Low, 4646 Ottawa Drive, Okemos; RE: Opposition to Hulett Road Resurfacing Special Assessment District #38
Mary Ellen Cushman, 2402 Hulett Road, Okemos; RE: Opposition to Hulett Road Resurfacing Special Assessment District #38
Jongoon and Myra Kim, 2293 Hulett Road, Okemos; RE: Opposition to Hulett Road Resurfacing Special Assessment District #38
James E. Carter, 2296 Hulett Road, Okemos; RE: Petition in opposition to Hulett Road Resurfacing Special Assessment District #38

Trustee 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 Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Clerk Helmbrecht,
Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

B. Minutes

Trustee Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the July 15, 2008 Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Clerk Helmbrecht,
Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>
2008	0338129	1650 Haslett Road, Haslett
<u>Assessment</u>	2008 <u>AV/TV</u>	\$592,000/592,200
<u>Proposed Assessment</u>	2008 <u>AV/TV</u>	\$572,880/572,880

Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Clerk Helmbrecht,
 Treasurer Hunting
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried 6-0.

Trustee Brixie moved that the Township Assessor be authorized to sign a stipulation with the Michigan State Tax Commission on the following property:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>
2000	0280158	Utility Personal Property
2001		Williamston School District
2002		
2003		
<u>Assessment</u>	2000 <u>AV/TV</u>	\$322,000/322,000
	2001	\$327,100/327,100
	2002	\$324,000/324,000
	2003	\$323,600/323,600
<u>Proposed Assessment</u>	2000 <u>AV/TV</u>	\$213,300/213,300
	2001	\$225,300/225,300
	2002	\$217,100/217,100
	2003	\$206,100/206,100

Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Clerk Helmbrecht,
 Treasurer Hunting
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried 6-0.

F. Fire Promotions

Trustee Brixie moved to authorize the Fire Department to promote Fire Lieutenant Kirk Schalau to the rank of Fire Captain and Firefighter Matt Walters to the rank of Fire Lieutenant. Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Clerk Helmbrecht,
 Treasurer Hunting
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried 6-0.

G. East End Drive and Circle Resurfacing, SAD #40

Trustee Brixie moved to approve East End Drive and Circle Public Road Improvement Special Assessment District #40, Resolution #3, approving the improvements to resurface East End Drive from Park Lake Road to Haslett Road and East End Circle, from East End Drive to end; defraying the cost by special assessment; approving the total estimated cost of \$56,000, and determining the special assessment district. Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Clerk Helmbrecht,
Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

8. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY (None)

9. HEARINGS

~~A. Whitehills Public Road Improvements, SAD #41~~

10. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS/ENDS

~~A. Whitehills Public Road Improvement, SAD #41~~

11. TOWNSHIP HALL MEETING

A. Linking with our Community – An Open Dialogue

Dianne Holman, County Commissioner for northern Meridian Township, 4681 Van Atta Road, Okemos, stated the Ingham County Board looks for possibilities to work together for the good of both the Township and the county. She indicated road activities in the Township and throughout the county over the last year necessitated careful scrutiny when appointing the Ingham County Road Commission members.

Ganesh Reddy, 3614 Ponderosa Drive, Okemos, spoke to safe Township roads and fiscal prudence. He also spoke to first amendment rights of citizens and addressed the cost of Township lawsuits.

Deb Nolan, County Commissioner for southern Meridian Township, 4329 Heartwood Road, Okemos, thanked the Board of Trustees for its vote on Lake Lansing North Park Grant to purchase 120 acres adjacent to Lake Lansing North Park. She added the three county commissioners who represent Meridian Township work closely and cooperatively together to effectively represent the interests of the Township.

Supervisor Pro Tem summarized submitted written comments from Will White, 2142-½ Hamilton Road, Okemos, who suggested: 1) town hall meetings be held more often; 2) more informality of the official proceedings; 3) a more interactive web site and 4) use of more Township based resources for economic development.

12. FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Trustee Brixie expressed appreciation for the attendees to tonight's meeting. She indicated she is always interested in hearing comments of the residents. Trustee Brixie expressed appreciation for residents' votes on the Farmland Preservation millage, noting every vote counts and each person is important.

Treasurer Hunting reminded residents that summer taxes are due by September 14, 2008.

Trustee Veenstra observed that based on the number of communications received, special assessments for road resurfacing are very unpopular. He expressed concern with the sparse number of residents in attendance at tonight's meetings and offered that better notification could bring more residents out to the meeting. Trustee Veenstra agreed with Will White that town hall meetings should be held on a quarterly basis.

Clerk Helmbrecht added additional communications beyond the required 20% objecting to the Whitehills Public Road Improvements SAD #41 were received by the Clerk's office and are available for viewing. She added that two (2) of the recent special assessments for road resurfacing were initiated by neighborhood request.

Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode offered that the Supervisor is not in attendance at this evening's meeting as she is with her elderly father in Germany. She indicated there are several opportunities at every Board meeting for residents to bring any issue forward.

Trustee Brixie stated she would be interested in a discussion of the special assessment district (SAD) procedure and road "issue" at the next Board meeting.

Treasurer Hunting offered that scare public attendance at this meeting could be due to the fact residents believe the Board is doing a good job. He added neighborhoods which would like to have their road resurfaced have the right to petition the Board to do so. Treasurer Hunting noted the petition requires more than 50% of the property owners' signatures.

Trustee Veenstra paid tribute to Paul Kindel, a Meridian Township resident, who spearheaded the drive for the Farmland Preservation millage request.

Manager Richards offered that the first meeting in August was picked as the date for the Town Hall Meeting due to primary elections held the first Tuesday in August. In addition, the Board felt items of high priority should not be on the agenda as action items at a meeting date which was not the normal Tuesday meeting day. The consensus was that the Township Hall Meeting forum was a good use of Board time.

Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode noted the conversation with the community through the Town Hall Meeting forum is of the highest priority for the Board as it looks to the Township's residents to voice what is of interest.

13. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode opened and closed Public Remarks.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode adjourned the meeting at 6:55 P.M.

ANNE WOIWODE
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR PRO TEM

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT, CMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Sandra K. Otto, Secretary