

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
TOWNSHIP BOARD WORK SESSION - **APPROVED** -  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198  
349-1200, Town Hall Room  
TUESDAY, MAY 4, 1999, **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger, Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such  
ABSENT: None  
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development Mark Kieselbach, Director of Engineering & Public Works Roger Buell, EMS/Fire Chief Fred Cowper, Assessor Scott Cunningham, Personnel Director/Assistant Manager Paul Brake, Sewer System Maintenance Supervisor Larry Ondrias, Attorney Steve Schultz, Wetland Consultant Doug Fuller

1. CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER

Supervisor Little called the Work Session to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. QUESTIONS FOR ATTORNEY

Detailed Accounting of Engineering Fees:

Trustee Such asked if the Township has a legal obligation to account for hours of service in charging for engineering review. Attorney Schultz stated the Township has the ability to charge a fee provided the calculation of the fee bears a rational relationship to the cost of providing the service. Attorney Schultz stated neither the law nor the cases require that there be a specific formula or method used in the calculation of the fee. Trustee Such asked the Attorney to review the current engineer fee proposal before the Infrastructure Committee. Attorney Schultz stated he would review the proposal.

Ingham County Prosecutor's Findings for Rezoning #98170 (North American Equities) Referendum Petition Investigation:

Trustee McGillicuddy asked how the Prosecutor's Office could state there is evidence of fraud, when based on the law at the time, there was no requirement for the circulator to sign the petition. Attorney Schultz stated she should direct her question to Kathleen Ray Price at the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office.

Board Members discussed the Rezoning #98170 (North American Equities) referendum petition.

Board's Options in Setting Election Date:

Trustee Such asked if the Board has the option to decide not to certify the election based on allegations of fraud. Attorney Schultz stated the responsibility falls on the Clerk and not the Board. Attorney Schultz stated the Clerk must fulfill her responsibility as to whether to validate the petitions. Trustee Such stated the Board is really only voting on the date and not the question of should the Township hold an election. Attorney Schultz stated the issue is not discretionary as to whether there should or should not be an election.

Board Members discussed the Rezoning #98170 (North American Equities) referendum petition.

Independent Auditor to Review Petitions:

Trustee Squiers asked if there is any legal ground to employ an independent auditor to review the petitions for validity. Attorney Schultz stated this is not a statutory issue, but a policy issue for the Board to discuss.

Right to Refuse Validation of Petitions Based on Allegations of Fraud:

Trustee Squiers asked if the Clerk has the legal right to refuse validation of a petition, knowing that fraud is involved. Attorney Schultz stated this is a hypothetical question based on the particular situation to include the kind of election, the circumstances, and the kind of fraud being alleged.

Obligation of Township to Pay for Elections:

Trustee McCullough asked if the Township is obligated by statute to hold elections at Township cost. Attorney Schultz stated the Township is obligated to pay the costs of elections as this is a function of government.

3. TELECOMMUNICATIONS PERMIT AGREEMENT & ORDINANCE

Attorney Schultz introduced the proposed telecommunications permit agreement and ordinance.

The following points were discussed:

- Use of Rights-of-Way
- Basis of Fees for Telecommunications Permits versus Wireless Towers
- Reaching Maximum Capacity for Telecommunication Lines in Rights-of-Way
- Abandoned Lines
- Statutory Time Limits
- Ability of Township to Deny Permits
- Phone Michigan's Construction Plans
- Tree Trimming in Rights-of-Way

Supervisor Little referred the item to the Infrastructure Committee.

4. DISCUSSION ON 7:00 AGENDA ITEM TOPICS

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

- Communications (FOI-1999-16)
- Agenda:
  - Add Item #16.G. Outdoor Gathering Permit, VFW
  - Add Item #16.H. Replacement Fire Engine
- Consent Agenda: #3CD (Minutes), #4 (Communications), #11A (Bank Resolution), #16.A. (Manager's Bills), #16.C. (Pan & Tilt Camera), #16.D,E,G, (Outdoor Gathering Permits), #16.F. (Assessing Stipulations), 17A(5)d (Pan & Tilt Camera)
- Minutes (March 30)
- Manager's Bills
- Proposed Land Preservation/Development Rights Millage

Supervisor Little referred the millage proposal to the Planning & Development Committee and the Financial Planning & Budgeting Committee.

- Streetlighting Districts
- Stipulations

Manager Richards introduced Township Assessor Scott Cunningham to answer questions about the Assessing Stipulations.

- BWL Electric Franchise Expansion
- Agenda:
  - Remove Item #17.A.(5).c. 1999 Road Project
  - Move Item #17.A.(5).e. to #9.A. Piper Road Public Road Improvements S.A. District #32 - Resolution
- Communications (BI-2)

5. OTHER BUSINESS (None)

6. PUBLIC REMARKS (None)

7. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Little adjourned the Work Session 7:02 p.m.

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BRUCE A. LITTLE  
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT  
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Paul J. Cassidy, Secretary

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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Little called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA — OR CHANGES

TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:  
ADD ITEMS: #16.G. (Outdoor Gathering Permit, VFW) & #16.H. (Replacement Fire Engine);  
REMOVE ITEM #17.A.(5).c. (1999 Road Project); AND MOVE ITEMS #17.A.(5).e. (Piper Road Public Road Improvements Special Assessment District #32 – Resolution) TO #9.A.; AND  
CONSENT AGENDA TO INCLUDE ITEMS #3.C & D. (April 20, 1999 Work Session & Regular Meeting Minutes); #4. (Communications); #11.A. NBD Bank Resolution; #16.A. (Bills); #16.C. (Pan & Tilt Camera for Public Works); #16.D. (Outdoor Gathering Permit, Thin Blue Line); #16.E. (Outdoor Gathering Permit, Heritage Festival); #16.F. (Assessing Stipulations); #16.G. (Outdoor Gathering Permit, VFW); #17.A.(5).d. (1999 Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathways Construction Program).  
SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

3. CORRECTION, APPROVAL & RATIFICATION OF MINUTES

- A. March 30, 1999 Work Session (See Item #6)
- B. March 30, 1999 Regular Meeting (See Item #6)
- C. April 20, 1999 Work Session (See Consent Agenda)
- D. April 20, 1999 Regular Meeting (See Consent Agenda)

4. COMMUNICATIONS (See Consent Agenda)

A. Board Information (BI)

- BI-1 Gary Shoup, 2449 Graystone, Okemos; RE: P.U.D. #99014 (Dunn & Balesky) [Refer to Planning & Development Committee]
- BI-2 Mark K. Clouse, Esq., Financial and Legal Counsel, Eyde Company; RE: Central Park Drive Property [Refer to Planning & Development Committee]
- BI-3 Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce; RE: Celebrating Success
- BI-4 Michigan Township Association, Legislative Fax, April 16, 1999 edition
- BI-5 Michigan Township Association, Legislative Fax, April 23, 1999 edition
- BI-6 Okemos Public Schools Board of Education May 3, 1999 Meeting Agenda
- BI-7 Environmental Commission Report; RE: Essentiality Determinations for Wetlands 4-20, 4-27, and 4-46
- BI-8 Anne & Thomas Woiwode, 5088 Powell Road, Okemos; RE: Intent to file a petition to reverse the Board's action regarding Rezoning #98220 (Newman Equities)
- BI-9 Patricia M. Hagen, 4135 Wabaningo Road, Okemos; RE: Intent to file a petition to reverse the Board's action regarding Rezoning #98220 (Newman Equities)
- BI-10 Michigan Township Association, Legislative Fax, April 30, 1999 edition

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- B. Freedom of Information (FOI) [On file in Clerk's Office]
  - FOI-1999-15 Wayne V. McLellen, 1459 Cheboygan Road, Okemos; RE: Township Board Members' Job Descriptions
  - FOI-1999-16 Cynthia Wolker-Chopp, 2858 E. St. Joe Hwy, Grand Ledge; RE: S.U.P. #99041 (Bone)
- C. On File in Clerk's Office (OF)
  - OF-1 Ingham County Board of Commissioners Statutory Equalization Meeting Packet for April 27, 1999
- D. Staff Response (SR)
  - SR-1 Letter from Director Kieselbach to Charles Louis Willems, 1387 Hickory Island, Haslett; RE: Fence, Hickory Island Drive/Carlton Street

5. QUESTIONS OF ATTORNEY (None)

6. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor Little opened Public Remarks.

Cynthia Bridge, 1920 Raby Road, Haslett, spoke in opposition to Wildflower #2 Streetlighting District.

Ann Woiwode, 5088 Powell Road, Okemos, spoke regarding her communication (BI-8).

Carla Clos, Environmental Commissioner, discussed the Environmental Commission's report and recommendation regarding the Essential Wetland Determination on Newton Road.

[Report in Official Minute Book]

Dr. Glen Goff, Paul B. Lapham and Associates, Inc, Vital Resources Consulting, spoke regarding the Essential Wetland Determination on Newton Road in favor of a determination that wetland #10 be considered non-essential.

Mark Taylor, Marketing Manager, Board of Water & Light, spoke in support of BWL's electric franchise expansion.

Ernie Sakraska, Area Manager, Consumers' Energy, spoke in opposition to BWL's electric franchise expansion.

Susan Swan, Electric Field Manager, Consumer's Energy, spoke in opposition to BWL's electric franchise expansion.

David Joos, President & CEO – Electric S.B.U., Consumers' Energy, spoke in opposition to BWL's electric franchise expansion.

Frederick "Sonny" France, 4932 Grandview Ave, Okemos; spoke in support of Chief Cowper's recommendation for a replacement Fire Engine.

Supervisor Little closed Public Remarks.

TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED TO APPROVE AND RATIFY THE MINUTES OF MARCH 30, 1999 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SQUIERS.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA TO INCLUDE ITEMS # #3.C. & D. (April 20, 1999 Work Session & Regular Meeting Minutes); #4 (Communications); #11.A. NBD Bank Resolution; #16.A. (Bills); #16.C. (Pan & Tilt Camera for Public Works); #16.D. (Outdoor Gathering Permit, Thin Blue Line); #16.E. (Outdoor Gathering Permit, Heritage Festival); #16.F. (Assessing Stipulations); #16.G. (Outdoor Gathering Permit, VFW); #17.A.(5).d. (1999 Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathways Construction Program).. SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

Board Members discussed the Manager's Bills. Treasurer Klunzinger explained the reason for the adjustment of the late tax penalty for George Su.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 7-0.

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

A. APRIL 20, 1999 MINUTES (Agenda Items #3C & D):

TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED TO APPROVE AND RATIFY THE MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 1999 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING. SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 7-0.

B. COMMUNICATIONS (Agenda Item #4):

TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED THAT THE COMMUNICATIONS BE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE, THAT BI-2 BE REFERRED TO THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; AND ANY COMMUNICATIONS NOT ALREADY ASSIGNED FOR DISPOSITION BE REFERRED TO THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER OR SUPERVISOR FOR FOLLOW-UP OR FURTHER DISPOSITION. SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 7-0.

C NBD BANK RESOLUTION (Agenda Item #11.A.):

TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION OF CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
AUTHORITY TO OPEN ACCOUNT

RESOLVED, That NBD Bank, ("Bank"), is hereby designated a depository of Charter Township of Meridian and that funds deposited therein may be withdrawn upon checks or other instruments of Charter Township of Meridian ("Township").

RESOLVED FURTHER, That all checks, drafts, notes, withdrawals or orders drawn against said funds shall be signed by Thomas E. Klunzinger, Township Treasurer, and any one of the following: Bruce A. Little, Supervisor; Gerald J. Richards, Manager; and Mary M. G. Helmbrecht,

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Clerk; or in case of the inability of the Treasurer to exercise this function, any two of the following: Bruce A. Little, Gerald J. Richards, or Mary M. G. Helmbrecht.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That Thomas E. Klunzinger, Township Treasurer, is authorized to make verbal telephone requests upon the Bank for the purchase investments by use of the Personal Identification Number assigned to him and in the case of his inability to exercise this function, any two of the following may issue written instructions to the Bank for the purchase of investments: Bruce A. Little, Supervisor; Gerald J. Richards, Manager; and Mary M. G. Helmbrecht, Clerk.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Bank is hereby authorized and directed to honor any withdrawals and to pay any checks and other instruments drawn against said funds, whether such instruments are payable, individually or otherwise, to the order of any person(s) signing and/or countersigning such instruments, and whether such checks or other instruments are deposited to the individual credit of any person signing and/or countersigning such instruments.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the above designated officers are hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the Township, signature cards, or other documents, containing the rules and regulations of the Bank and the conditions under which deposits are accepted, and to agree on behalf of the Township to those rules, regulations, and conditions.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk shall certify to the Bank the names, of those holding the offices or positions listed above and shall thereafter as changes in those offices may occur, immediately certify to the Bank a revised list of officers who are authorized to act in accordance with this resolution. Bank may rely on such certifications and shall be indemnified by the Township from and against any claims, expenses, or losses resulting from honoring the signature of any officer so certified, or from refusing to honor any signature not so certified. These resolutions shall remain in force until written notice to the contrary shall have been received by the Bank, but receipt of such notice shall not affect any prior action taken by the Bank in reliance on this resolution or any certification made in connection herewith.

This resolution supersedes all prior resolutions.

SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor  
Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 7-0.

D Bills (Agenda Item #16.A.):

TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVE THE MANAGER'S BILLS AS FOLLOWS:

General Fund/Special Revenue	\$235,566.12
<u>Public Works</u>	<u>\$190,720.65</u>
Total	<u>\$426,286.77</u>

SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor  
Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 7-0.

[Bill list for 5/4/99 in Official Minute Book]

E PAN & TILT CAMERA FOR PUBLIC WORKS (Agenda Item #16.C.):

TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER BE AUTHORIZED TO PURCHASE A PAN AND TILT CAMERA AT A COST OF \$18,000 FOR THE SEWER MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY OF THE PUBLIC WORKS FUND. SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 7-0.

F OUTDOOR GATHERING PERMIT, THIN BLUE LINE (Agenda Item #16.D.):

TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVE THE OUTDOOR ASSEMBLY LICENSE FOR THE THIN BLUE LINE OF MICHIGAN. SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 7-0.

G OUTDOOR GATHERING PERMIT, HERITAGE FESTIVAL (Agenda Item #16.E.):

TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVE THE OUTDOOR ASSEMBLY LICENSE FOR THE HERITAGE FESTIVAL. SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 7-0.

H ASSESSING STIPULATIONS (Agenda Item #16.F.):

- TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN A TAX TRIBUNAL STIPULATION WITH WILLIAM & PATTI EASTIN, ON THE FOLLOWING RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY:

<u>YEAR:</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>
1998/1999	253592	57 Samuel Oaks Drive
<u>Assessment</u>	1999	\$214,800
	1998	210,400
<u>Proposed Assessment</u>	1999	\$173,800
	1998	171,100

SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

\*\* Rationale: This Stipulation is recommended to correct the 1998 and 1999 Assessed Values. After extensive research, it has been determined that our Assessment exceeds 50% of the property's True Cash Value, therefore the Proposed Assessment is recommended.

- TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR BE AUTHORIZED TO

SIGN A TAX TRIBUNAL STIPULATION WITH CHRISTOPHER CUMMINS, ON THE FOLLOWING RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY:

<u>YEAR:</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>
1999	258672	Island – Indian Lakes
<u>Assessment</u>	1998	\$2,900
<u>Proposed Assessment</u>	1998	\$ 100

SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

\*\* Rationale: This Stipulation is recommended to correct the 1998 Assessed Values. After extensive research, it has been determined that our Assessment exceeds 50% of the property's True Cash Value, therefore the Proposed Assessment is recommended.

- TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN A TAX TRIBUNAL STIPULATION WITH STEVEN & MARY JENSEN, ON THE FOLLOWING RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY:

<u>YEAR:</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>
1998/1999	258656	5465 Jessalee Circle
<u>Assessment</u>	1999	\$136,400
	1998	131,800
<u>Proposed Assessment</u>	1999	\$128,000
	1998	126,000

SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

\*\* Rationale: This Stipulation is recommended to correct the 1998 and 1999 Assessed Values. After extensive research, it has been determined that our Assessment exceeds 50% of the property's True Cash Value, therefore the Proposed Assessment is recommended.

- TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN A TAX TRIBUNAL STIPULATION WITH RONALD HAGAMAN, ON THE FOLLOWING RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY:

<u>YEAR:</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>
1998/1999	258589	2315 Barnsbury Road
<u>Assessment</u>	1999	\$152,900
	1998	146,000
<u>Proposed Assessment</u>	1999	\$137,200
	1998	135,000

SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

\*\* Rationale: This Stipulation is recommended to correct the 1998 and 1999 Assessed Values. After extensive research, it has been determined that our Assessment exceeds 50% of the property's True Cash Value, therefore the Proposed Assessment is recommended.

- TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN A TAX TRIBUNAL STIPULATION WITH JUZER & SHAMINA MODI, ON THE FOLLOWING RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY:

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<u>YEAR:</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>
1998/1999	256865	4140 Cornell Road
<u>Assessment</u>	1999	\$115,500
	1998	114,300
<u>Proposed Assessment</u>	1999	\$109,600
	1998	108,500

SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

\*\* Rationale: This Stipulation is recommended to correct the 1998 and 1999 Assessed Values. After extensive research, it has been determined that our Assessment exceeds 50% of the property's True Cash Value, therefore the Proposed Assessment is recommended.

- TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN A TAX TRIBUNAL STIPULATION WITH MARGARET A. BRANTLEY, ON THE FOLLOWING RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY:

<u>YEAR:</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>
1998/1999	252567	4416 Copperhill
<u>Assessment</u>	1999	\$90,000
	1998	85,700
<u>Proposed Assessment</u>	1999	\$83,000
	1998	82,296

SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

\*\* Rationale: This Stipulation is recommended to correct the 1998 and 1999 Assessed Values. After extensive research, it has been determined that our Assessment exceeds 50% of the property's True Cash Value, therefore the Proposed Assessment is recommended.

- TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN A TAX TRIBUNAL STIPULATION WITH PATRICIA NUMMER, ON THE FOLLOWING RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY:

<u>YEAR:</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>
1997/1998/1999	247114	4659 Liverance
<u>Assessment</u>	1999	\$53,200
	1998	52,300
	1997	49,900
<u>Proposed Assessment</u>	1999	\$44,600
	1998	43,700
	1997	42,400

SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

\*\* Rationale: This Stipulation is recommended to correct the 1997, 1998 and 1999 Assessed Values. After extensive research, it has been determined that our Assessment exceeds 50% of the property's True Cash Value, therefore the Proposed Assessment is recommended.

- TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN A TAX TRIBUNAL STIPULATION WITH RICHARD & JOAN WITTER, ON THE FOLLOWING RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY:

<u>YEAR:</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>
1998/1999	255826	1799 Elk Lane
<u>Assessment</u>	1999	\$211,600
	1998	195,900
<u>Proposed Assessment</u>	1999	\$182,900
	19	

SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

\*\* Rationale: This Stipulation is recommended to correct the 19 Assessed Values. After extensive research, it has been determined that our Assessment exceeds 50% of the property's True Cash Value, therefore the Proposed Assessment is recommended.

ABOVE STIPULATIONS (8 TOTAL)

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 7-0.

I OUTDOOR GATHERING PERMIT, VFW (Agenda Item #16.G.):

TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVE THE OUTDOOR ASSEMBLY LICENSE FOR VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL RIDES AND GAMES CONTINGENT UPON SATISFACTORY FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY REVIEWING AGENCIES AS REQUIRED BY ORDINANCE. SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 7-0.

J 1999 PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE PATHWAYS CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM (Agenda Item #17.A.(5).d.):

TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED THAT A PUBLIC HEARING BE SCHEDULED FOR 18 MAY 1999 TO HEAR COMMENT ON THE 1999 PATHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM. SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 7-0.

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee McGillicuddy stated she thought the Community News legal notice for rezoning #98220 (Newman Equities) was in error as it did not list the RR (Rural Residential) zoning to the east and RA (Single Family-Low Density) zoning to the north.

Director Kieselbach stated he would verify the legal ad.

[The legal notice for rezoning #98220 (Newman Equities) was found to be complete and accurate in its content]

9. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Little asked Manager Richards to discuss the City of East Lansing's attempted annexation of the Soccer Complex and Aquatics Center Park.

Manager Richards stated the City of East Lansing is considering annexation of the park parcel, and that once East Lansing takes action the resolution will be forwarded to the Township Attorney for consideration of the legality of the process.

A. Piper Road Public Road Improvements S.A. District #32 – Resolution #3

TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

**PIPER ROAD PUBLIC ROAD IMPROVEMENTS  
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT #32**

**RESOLUTION NO.3**

**WHEREAS**, The Township Board, pursuant to the provisions of Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, did on March 2, 1999, adopt a resolution tentatively approving the construction of certain public road improvements on Piper Road, from Van Atta Road to Meridian Road, by grading, graveling, and paving, and the establishment of a special assessment district for the purpose of paying the cost thereof, which special assessment district is more specifically hereinafter described; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board did meet on March 30, 1999, at 7:00 p.m., the time, date and place set by the Board to hold a public hearing to hear any objections to the improvement and to the special assessment district therefore; and

**WHEREAS**, estimates of cost of said project are on file with the Township Clerk and have been on file since March 2, 1999 and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board on May 4, 1999, approved a 25% match (estimated at \$25,000) to defray the cost of the public road improvements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Township Board hereby approves the construction of the following described improvement: Grade, gravel and pave Piper Road, between Van Atta Road and Meridian Road; and to defray the cost thereof by a 25% match by the Township Board from the 1999 Township Streets & Highways Construction/Improvements budget, and the remaining cost to be defrayed by special assessment against the properties specially benefited thereby.
2. The Township Board hereby approves the estimate of cost in the sum of \$98,320 as presented by the Ingham County Road Commission.
3. The Township Board finally determines that the special assessment district shall be described as follows:

(SEE ATTACHED PROPERTY DESCRIPTIONS)

4. The Supervisor is hereby directed to make a special assessment roll in which shall be described all the parcels of land to be assessed as set forth with the names of the owners thereof if known, and the total amount to be assessed against each parcel of land which amount shall be such relative portion of the whole sum to be levied against all parcels of land in the assessment district as the benefit to such parcel bears to the total benefit of all parcels of land in the special assessment district. The term of the special assessment district shall continue until the special assessments, as approved or modified, have been collected in full.
5. When the Supervisor shall have completed the special assessment roll there shall be affixed thereto a certificate stating that said roll was made pursuant to a resolution of the Township

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Board of the Charter Township of Meridian adopted May 4, 1999, and that in making the assessment roll the Supervisor has, according to his best judgement, conformed in all respects to the directions contained in said resolution and the statutes of the State of Michigan and the Supervisor shall then report the special assessment roll with the certificate attached thereto, to the Township Board.

6. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

Board members discussed the following points:

- Lack of Governing Policy
- Community Benefit
- Classification of Township Roads
- Paving of other gravel roads
- Maintenance Cost
- Past Local Road Millage Proposal
- Safety Issues
- Van Atta Road Paving Rebate
- Drafting of Policy
- Equitable Assessment
- Haslett to Piper Road Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway
- Precedence

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

10. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Helmbrecht reported several hundred volunteers helped the Ingham County Christmas in April in the cleanup and maintenance of homes including four Meridian Township homes. She presented Chief Gibbons a Certificate of Appreciation from Christmas in April for his work.

- A. Rezoning #98170 (North American Equities) Referendum  
CLERK HELMBRECHT MOVED THE FOLLOWING:

**WHEREAS**, on March 8, 1999, 122 petition sheets with 2105 signatures were submitted to the Office of the Clerk; and,

**WHEREAS**, since that time, the Office of the Clerk has validated signatures exceeding the required # of signatures (1544); and

**WHEREAS**, on November 2, 1999 Meridian Township will be holding a CATA millage election,

Now therefore be it resolved by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian to direct the Township Clerk to place this issue on the November 2, 1999 CATA election ballot:

**Proposal 1**  
**Meridian Township Zoning Referendum**

On February 2, 1999, The Township Board adopted Zoning Ordinance Amendment #98170 which amended the Township Zoning Map to rezone certain parcels of land:

Area 1: From RP (Research and Office Park) to RAA (Single Family low density),  
approximately 25 acres.

Area 2: From RP (Research and Office Park) to RR (Rural Residential), approximately 40  
acres.

- Area 3: From RR (Rural Residential) to RA (Single Family medium density), approximately 33 acres.
- Area 4: From RR (Rural Residential) to RA (Single Family medium density), approximately 40 acres.
- Area 5: From RR (Rural Residential) to RB (Single Family high density), approximately 40 acres.

These parcels are located East of Hagadorn, West of Hulett, North and South of Bennett Road.

**Do you wish to approve this Zoning Ordinance Amendment?**

**YES** \_\_\_\_\_

**NO** \_\_\_\_\_

Map delineating property to be placed here

SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

Board members discussed the following points:

- Referendum Process
- Special Elections
- Petition Fraud
- Ministerial Responsibility
- Role of L.I.N.C. in Land Development and Special Elections
- Setting an Election date provides for preparation of Clerk’s Staff and Legal Action by North American Equities

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-1 (Squiers).

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Klunzinger reported on follow-up action from notices of delinquent personal property taxes. He reported five (5) businesses have not as yet responded, and to whom he paid a personal visit.

A. NBD Bank Resolution (See Consent Agenda)

12. TOWNSHIP BOARD

13. SPECIAL HEARINGS/APPEALS

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

A. Unfinished Business

(1) Rezoning #99020 (Forsberg) – FINAL ADOPTION

Director Kieselbach introduced the request to rezone property west of Okemos Road and north of Jolly Road from I (Industrial) to PO (Professional Office).

TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH MOVED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, T.A. Forsberg, Incorporated, initiated a rezoning of approximately 0.80 acres, located on the north side of Jolly Road and east of Kansas Street, from I (Industrial) to PO (Professional Office); and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on February 8, 1999, and recommended approval of the rezoning to PO (Professional Office) on March 8, 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board has reviewed the staff and Planning Commission material forwarded under cover memorandum dated April 16, 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed rezoning is consistent with the 1997 amendments made to the 1993 Comprehensive Development Plan's Future Land Use Map for Section 33; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed rezoning will provide for a transition from the existing CS (Community Service) commercial zoning, located to the east and the RA (Single Family-Low Density) zoning, located to the north; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed rezoning will allow for development that is compatible with existing and future surrounding uses, which incorporates both office and commercial uses; and

**WHEREAS**, public water and sanitary sewer are available to serve the site and the site is located within the Urban Service Boundary; and

**WHEREAS**, Rezoning #99020 (T.A. Forsberg, Inc.) was introduced for publication and subsequent adoption by the Township Board on April 20, 1999.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, the Township Board hereby **FINALLY ADOPTS** Ordinance No. 1999-12, entitled "Ordinance Amending the Zoning District Map of Meridian Township Pursuant to Rezoning Petition #99020 I (Industrial) to PO (Professional Office)."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Charter Township of Meridian is directed to publish the Ordinance in the form in which it is finally adopted at least once prior to the next regular meeting of the Township Board.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1999-12**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP  
OF MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP  
PURSUANT TO REZONING #99020**

The Charter Township of Meridian ordains:

Section 1. Amending of Zoning District Map #99020.

The Zoning District Map of Meridian Township, as adopted in Section 82-1.3 of the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, as previously amended, is hereby amended by changing the I (Industrial) District symbol and indication as shown on the Zoning District Map, for the property legally described as:

That part of the Southwest (1/4) of the Southwest (1/4) of Section 33, Town 4 North, Range 1 West, Meridian Township, Ingham County, Michigan described as: commencing at the South (1/4) corner of Section 33: Thence S89°46'20"W, 1,777.61 feet along the South line of said Section to the point of beginning; thence S89°46'20"W 132.00 feet; thence N00°18'16"W, 264.00; thence N89°46'20"E, 132.00 feet; thence S00°18'16"E 264.00 feet, to the point of beginning, containing 0.80 acres. Subject to the use of the southern most 33 feet thereof for road right-of-way.

to that of the PO (Professional Office) District, and a corresponding use district is established in the above-described property.

Section 2. Validity and Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and the invalidity of any phrase, clause, or part of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of the Ordinance.

Section 3. Repealer Clause. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 4. Savings Clause. This Ordinance does not affect right and duties matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun, before its effective date.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective seven (7) days after its publication, or upon such later date as may be required under 1996 Public Act 297 after filing a notice of intent to file a petition for a referendum.

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

Board Members discussed the following point:

- Rescission of Second Rezoning under #99020

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such,  
Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger

NAYS: None

Motion carried 7-0.

(2) Zoning Amendment #99040 (Planning Commission), – FINAL ADOPTION

Director Kieselbach introduced the proposed amendment to allow hotels/motels in the RP (Research & Office Park) district by Special Use Permit

TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH MOVED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission initiated a zoning amendment to allow hotels or motels in the RP (Research & Office Park) District by special use permit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed zoning amendment on March 8, 1999, and recommended approval of the amendment at its meeting on March 22, 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board has carefully reviewed the staff and Planning Commission material forwarded under cover memorandum dated April 16, 1999;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed amendment is consistent with the 1993 Comprehensive Development Plan goal to maintain a viable flourishing economical life in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed amendment encourages complementary uses in the Research & Office Park District that are commonly linked in today's suburban lifestyle thus potentially contributing to the wise use of existing infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, Zoning Amendment #99040 (Planning Commission) was introduced for publication and subsequent adoption by the Township Board on April 20, 1999.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN that the Township Board hereby **FINALLY ADOPTS** Ordinance No. 1999-13, entitled "Ordinance Amending the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, by Amending Section 82-14.3f.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Clerk of the Charter Township of Meridian is directed to publish the Ordinance in the form in which it is finally adopted at least once prior to the next regular meeting of the Township Board.

**ORDINANCES NO. 1999-13  
ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, MICHIGAN**

**BY ADDING SECTION 82-14.3.f**

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN ORDAINS:**

Section 1. Amendment of Section 82-14.3 of Section 82-14 RP (Research and Office Park) District. Section 82-14.3 entitled Uses Permitted by Special Use Permit, of the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, is hereby amended by adding Section 82-14.3f, entitled Hotels or Motels to read as follows:

- f. Hotels or Motels:** In addition to the standards in Chapter 87, the following shall be required:
1. The hotel or motel shall be located in a designated Research and/or Office Park containing a minimum of 20 acres.
  2. A transition strip 100 feet wide shall be maintained between the use and any abutting residential zoning district. Landscape screening shall be provided within the transition strip. No accessory uses, including parking and access drives shall be permitted within the transition strip.
  3. Access to the site shall be from a street designed as a major arterial in the Master Plan for Major Streets and Highways or via a street designated for the sole purpose of serving the Research or Office Park.

Section 2. Validity and Severability. Should any portion of this Ordinance be found invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 3. Repealer Clause. Any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 4. Savings Clause. This Ordinance does not affect rights and duties matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun, before its effective date.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective seven (7) days after its publication, or upon such later date as may be required under 1996 Public Act 297 after filing of a notice of intent to file a petition for a referendum.

SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

Board members discussed the following point:

- Proper zoning for hotel/motel use

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger

NAYS: Trustee McGillicuddy

Motion carried 6-1.

**B. New Business**

**(1) Essential Wetland Determination, Newton Road**

Director Kieselbach introduced the request from Newton Property to make a determination to reclassify wetland #10 as a non-essential wetland.

Board members asked questions of Director Kieselbach and Tip of the Mit Wetland Consultant Doug Fuller and discussed the following points:

- Agreement between the Township's and Developer's Consultants
- Past Determinations of Essentiality
- Mitigation Authority and Possibility of Flooding Adjacent Township Property
- Mitigation requirements

- State and Township Involvement in Mitigation

TRUSTEE MCGILLICUDDY MOVED TO APPROVE THE ESSENTIAL WETLAND DETERMINATION FOR THREE (3) WETLANDS (WETLANDS 4-20, 4-27, AND 4-46), IDENTIFYING THEM AS ESSENTIAL TO THE PRESERVATION OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE TOWNSHIP. APPROVAL IS BASED UPON THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE TOWNSHIP'S WETLAND CONSULTANT, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN WETLAND PROTECTION ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 105). SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

Board members discussed the following points:

- Definition of Essentiality
- Wetland Consultant Report
- Standing Water in Township
- Rezoning of Parcel

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 7-0.

#### 16. MANAGER'S REPORT, INVOICES & BILLS

- A. Bills (See Consent Agenda)
- B. Proposed Land Preservation/Development Rights Millage (See Work Session Item #4)
- C. Pan & Tilt Camera for Public Works (See Consent Agenda)
- D. Outdoor Gathering Permit, Thin Blue Line (See Consent Agenda)
- E. Outdoor Gathering Permit, Heritage Festival (See Consent Agenda)
- F. Assessing Stipulations (See Consent Agenda)
- G. Outdoor Gathering Permit, VFW (See Consent Agenda)
- H. Replacement Fire Engine

Chief Cowper summarized his recommendation and proposal to replace a twenty-two- (22) year old fire engine.

TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO PURCHASE A 1999 PIERCE SABER FIRE TRUCK AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$165,000 AS OUTLINED IN A MEMORANDUM TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD DATED MAY 4, 1999. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MCGILLICUDDY.

Board members discussed the following points:

- Support of Fire Chief
- Funding/Budgeting
- Life Span of Truck
- Composition of Window Glass
- Fire Department Organizational Structure

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 7-0.

#### 17. BOARD MEMBER, BOARD COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

- A. Standing Committee Reports
  - (1) Physical Operations & Activities (None)
  - (2) Financial Planning and Budgeting

Treasurer Klunzinger reported the next meeting is scheduled for May 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. to discuss possible amounts for the Land Preservation/Development Rights millage and possible effects from a local CATA millage.



2. That the Supervisor make a special assessment according to the roll submitted to the public hearing which is confirmed in the amount of Eight Hundred Seventy and no/100 Dollars (\$870.00) for the first year of operation of said improvement and the sum of Seven Hundred Twenty and no/100 Dollars (\$720.00) annually thereafter (subject to rate adjustments), said sums to be assessed against the lands specified in the assessment roll herewith confirmed. The special assessment roll is hereby ordered filed with the Township Assessor for spreading annually on the tax roll.

3. That the Township Board hereby authorizes Consumers Energy Company to proceed with the installation of the streetlighting facilities previously described and that the streetlighting contract dated December 1, 1980, be further amended to include the cost of these additional streetlights. The Clerk and Supervisor are hereby authorized to sign the Authorization for Change in Streetlighting Contract as prepared by Consumers Energy Company.

SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

Board Members discussed the following points:

- Application of Criteria for Revised Policy to Current Streetlighting District Requests

TRUSTEE MCGILLICUDDY MOVED TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF THE STREETLIGHTING DISTRICTS UNTIL AFTER THE REVIEW OF THE STREETLIGHTING POLICY BY THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE. SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

Board Members discussed the motion to postpone.

- Public Remarks During Hearing
- Fairness of Process
- Public Safety & Streetlighting
- Cost of Installation After Development

MOTION TO POSTPONE

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

MOTION TO APPROVE STREETLIGHTING DISTRICT WILDFLOWER #2  
VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-1 (McGillicuddy)

- ii. Whitehills Woods #5, Resolution #2

TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

**WHITEHILLS WOODS #5 STREETLIGHTING DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 2**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board by resolution adopted on March 30, 1999, acting in accordance with Act 246, Michigan Public Acts of 1931, tentatively declared its intention to make a certain improvement consisting of the installation of three (3) streetlights and tentatively approved the cost estimates and the proposed assessment roll for said streetlighting special assessment district; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing on said proposed improvement, the estimated cost thereof, and the assessment roll for said special assessment district was held on April 20, 1999, after



**WHEREAS**, a public hearing on said proposed improvement, the estimated cost thereof, and the assessment roll for said special assessment district was held on April 20, 1999, after due notice by publication and by mail to all owners of land in the proposed district whose names appeared on the Township Assessor's records.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN**, as follows:

1. That the Township Board hereby confirms the plans and estimate of costs for streetlighting improvements for the Hiawatha Lakes #6 & #7 Streetlighting District as follows:

HIAWATHA LAKES #6 & #7 STREETLIGHTING DISTRICT

A. The expense to install and operate the proposed streetlights shall be defrayed by a special assessment district against lands in Section 33, T4N, R1W, Meridian Township, Ingham County, Michigan, (excluding all public streets, roads, and highways therein) described as follows: Lots 66 through Lot 72 (inclusive) and Lot 74 through Lot 77 of Hiawatha Lakes #6 Subdivision, and Lot 78 through Lot 100 (inclusive) of Hiawatha Lakes #7 Subdivision.

B. Proposed streetlights to be installed and/or maintained in size and location as follows: Install twelve (12) 8500 lumen high-pressure sodium streetlights along Autumnwood Lane and Timberview Drive.

C. Estimated Cost and Assessment: \$ 1,590.18 First Year (\$46.77/benefit)  
\$ 1,440.00 Annually Thereafter  
(\$42.36/benefit)  
(Subject to Adjustment)

2. That the Supervisor make a special assessment according to the roll submitted to the public hearing which is confirmed in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Ninety and no/100 Dollars (\$1590.00) for the first year of operation of said improvement and the sum of One Thousand Four Hundred Forty and no/100 Dollars (\$1440.00) annually thereafter (subject to rate adjustments), said sums to be assessed against the lands specified in the assessment roll herewith confirmed. The special assessment roll is hereby ordered filed with the Township Assessor for spreading annually on the tax roll.

3. That the Township Board hereby authorizes Consumers Energy Company to proceed with the installation of the streetlighting facilities previously described and that the streetlighting contract dated December 1, 1980, be further amended to include the cost of these additional streetlights. The Clerk and Supervisor are hereby authorized to sign the Authorization for Change in Streetlighting Contract as prepared by Consumers Energy Company.

SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-1 (McGillicuddy).

b. BWL Electric Franchise Expansion

TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF WATER AND LIGHT REQUEST TO EXPAND ELECTRIC SERVICE INTO THE ENTIRE TOWNSHIP BE GRANTED CONDITIONED ON ALL DISTRIBUTION LINES BE CONSTRUCTED UNDERGROUND, UNLESS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER. SECONDED BY

TRUSTEE SQUIERS

Board Members discussed the following points:

- Competition in Electrical Service
- Duplication of Infrastructure
- Franchise Fee
- Article on Deregulation of Electrical Service<sup>1</sup>
- Comparison to Telephone Deregulation

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

d. 1999 Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathways Construction Program (See Consent Agenda)

(6) Public Safety

Clerk Helmbrecht reported the meeting for the 14<sup>th</sup> is canceled and needs to be rescheduled to occur before the next Board meeting.

(7) Recreation

Trustee McCullough reported the next meeting is scheduled for May 5, 1999 at noon in the Administrative Conference Room.

B. Special Committees

C. Liaison Representative Reports

- Human Resources Commission (See Item #19)

18. OTHER REPORTS

TRUSTEE SQUIERS MOVED TO RESCIND THE DENIAL OF REZONING #99020 (T.A. FORSBERG) REFERENCED ON PAGE 19 OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 20, 1999 TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING, TO PERMIT THE APPLICANT AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO REDESIGN THE SITE PLAN. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH.

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

Supervisor Little referred Rezoning #99020 (T.A. Forsberg) to the Planning & Development Committee.

19. NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer Klunzinger reported the Meridian Senior Luncheon is scheduled for May 12<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Michigan Athletic Club.

Trustee McGillicuddy reported the Meridian Volunteer Council is scheduled to meet May 5<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Township Hall Room.

20. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor Little opened Public Remarks.

Dennis Forsberg, President, T.A. Forsberg, thanked the Board for rescinding the denial of Rezoning #99020 (Forsberg).

Wayne V. McLellen, 1459 Cheboygan, Okemos, spoke regarding the Freedom Of Information Act

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<sup>1</sup> Governing Magazine, May 1999, "The Politics of Power", pages 37-40.

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process and his request to look at the police file on the investigation of the Rezoning #98170 (North American Equities) referendum petition.

Cynthia Bridge, 1920 Raby Road, Haslett, thanked the Board Members who voted to defer consideration of the Streetlighting districts until after a review of the policy.

21. FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Such asked if the police file on the investigation of the Rezoning #98170 (North American Equities) referendum petition has been distributed to anyone. Chief Gibbons stated this report has not been distributed to the public.

Supervisor Little asked if the police file would be available for review now that the investigation has been completed. Manager Richards stated the ~~file~~ file would not be available for public review based on the Township Attorney's review of the Freedom of Information Act.

22. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Little adjourned the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

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BRUCE A. LITTLE  
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

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MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT  
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Paul J. Cassidy, Secretary