



AGENDA

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
Downtown Development Authority

February 1, 2021 7:30 am
VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING
Municipal Building - Town Hall Room
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos



1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. MISSION: The Meridian Township DDA mission is to beautify and revitalize downtown Okemos as a very desirable place to shop, live, and do business. It is a commitment to promoting and improved quality of life by creating a friendly, walkable community embracing the natural aesthetics of the river and parks.
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 4, 2021
5. PUBLIC REMARKS
6. FINANCIAL REPORT
7. AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENTS
 - A. Consumers Energy Bill January 2021 (prepaid)
8. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Village of Okemos Progress Report
9. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Village of Okemos Celebration – Subcommittee Event and Celebration Planning
 - B. Proposed Village of Okemos Mural
10. REPORTS
 - A. Township Board
 - B. Planning Commission
 - C. Chair
 - D. Staff
11. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS
12. PUBLIC REMARKS
13. NEXT MEETING DATE
 - A. March 1, 2021, 7:30am – Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos
14. ADJOURNMENT

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Meridian Township Board by contacting:
Township Manager Frank L. Walsh, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 or 517.853.4258 - Ten Day Notice is Required.
Meeting Location: 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 Township Hall



Charter Township of Meridian
Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Rd., Okemos, MI 48864
Monday, January 4, 2021 – Minutes

Members

Present: Susan Fulk, Renee Korrey, Scott Weaver, Peter Campbell, Will Randle, Bill Cawood, Supervisor Ron Styka and Tom Stanko

Members

Absent: Jim Spanos and Jim Raynak

Staff

Present: Community Planning & Development Director Mark Kieselbach, Neighborhoods & Economic Development Director Amber Clark, and Township Manager Frank L. Walsh

Others

Present: Trustee Patricia Herring Jackson

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Fulk called the meeting to order at 7:30am and read the mission statement.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION BY MEMBER KORREY TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER WEAVER.
MOTION APPROVED 8-0.**

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2020

**MOTION BY SUPERVISOR STYKA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER RANDLE.
MOTION APPROVED 8-0.**

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Staff provided a summary update on the December 2020 Financial Report. Report on file. Chair Fulk requested the Finance Team give an update at the February meeting.

6. AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENTS

Chair Fulk stated the December Consumers Energy bill is \$147.55.

MOTION BY MEMBER KORREY TO AUTHORIZE THE DECEMBER PAYMENT TO CONSUMERS ENERGY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$147.55. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER CAWOOD. MOTION APPROVED 8-0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Village of Okemos Progress Report

Director Clark reported that demolition is beginning today with the former Tuba Museum building, followed by the former White Bros. Music building, and then block 2. There will be a public hearing for the project permit amendments on Thursday.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Annual Officer Election

MOTION BY MEMBER RANDLE TO NOMINATE RENEE KORREY AS CHAIR. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER CAWOOD. MOTION APPROVED 8-0.

MOTION BY MEMBER KORREY TO NOMINATE SUSAN FULK AS VICE CHAIR. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER WEAVER. MOTION APPROVED 8-0.

MOTION BY MEMBER RANDLE TO NOMINATE PETER CAMPBELL AS SECRETARY/TREASURER. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER KORREY. MOTION APPROVED 8-0.

b. Meridian Township Small Business Grant Relief Program

Director Clark stated that the Township Board held a special Board meeting on December 18th to discuss using \$500,000 of the Meridian Redevelopment Fund to create a second round of small business relief grants. The grant application process was promoted to the community and applications were accepted immediately. To date 68 applications have been received. On Friday, a subcommittee will meet to determine the grant award winners. The following Friday the financial awards will be given with a maximum of \$7,000 per grant.

9. REPORTS

A. Township Board

Supervisor Styka reported the following:

- The Board has been working on the development of the small business relief grants.
- The Board has been confirming appointments and re-appointments to Boards and Commissions.

B. Township Manager

Manager Walsh reported the following:

- The deer management program is doing well this year and is on track to meet its 300 deer goal.
- The \$500,000 used from the redevelopment fund for the grants has been replaced.
- The 2021 local road plan has been approved.
- The Board will be discussing recreational marihuana in the coming weeks.

C. Planning Commission

Director Kieselbach provided a summary of recent Planning Commission activities.

D. Chair Report

Chair Fulk thanked the DDA for the opportunity to serve as Chair. Also, she commented on the great Township masks that were delivered.

E. Staff Report

Director Clark reported that the DDA Annual Report will be an item coming up along with more development projects.

10. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS

None.

11. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

12. NEXT MEETING DATE

a. February 1, 2021, 7:30am

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Meridian Twp DDA
Preliminary Financial Statements
 Period Ending 1/31/2021 - UNAUDITED

BALANCE SHEET

	Year to Date
ASSETS	
Cash	\$41,844.59
Due from General Fund	\$0.00
Taxes Receivable	\$0.00
Accounts Receivable	\$0.00
Prepaid Expense	\$0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$41,844.59
LIABILITIES	
Accrued Interest Payable	\$0.00
Due to General Fund	\$0.00
Unearned Revenue	\$0.00
Deferred Inflows of Revenue	\$0.00
LT Note Payable	\$124,500.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$124,500.00
FUND BALANCE	
Fund Balance 12/31/20	(\$90,640.03)
2020 YTD Net Income	\$854.94
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	(\$89,785.09)
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	\$34,714.91

INCOME STATEMENT

	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
REVENUES			
Tax Capture	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PPT Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DDA Downtown Events/Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
EXPENDITURES			
Operating Costs	\$274.20	\$79.06	\$79.06
Professional Consultant/Contractual Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community Projects	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Communications	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Conferences	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Special Events - Celebrate Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tax Appeal Refunds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest on Loan	\$0.00	(\$934.00)	(\$934.00)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$274.20	(\$854.94)	(\$854.94)
2020 Net Income	(\$274.20)	\$854.94	\$854.94

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR MERIDIAN TWP
 PERIOD ENDING 01/31/2021

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2021 AMENDED BUDGET	YTD BALANCE 01/31/2021	ACTIVITY FOR MONTH 01/31/2021	AVAILABLE BALANCE	% BDGT USED
Fund 900 - DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY						
Revenues						
Dept 000.000						
900-000.000-402.000	CURRENT PROPERTY TAXES	6,500.00	0.00	0.00	6,500.00	0.00
Total Dept 000.000		6,500.00	0.00	0.00	6,500.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES		6,500.00	0.00	0.00	6,500.00	0.00
Expenditures						
Dept 000.000						
900-000.000-728.000	OPERATING SUPPLIES	3,000.00	79.06	79.06	2,920.94	2.64
900-000.000-995.000	DEBT SERVICE-INTEREST	3,735.00	(934.00)	(934.00)	4,669.00	(25.01)
Total Dept 000.000		6,735.00	(854.94)	(854.94)	7,589.94	(12.69)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		6,735.00	(854.94)	(854.94)	7,589.94	(12.69)
Fund 900 - DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:						
TOTAL REVENUES		6,500.00	0.00	0.00	6,500.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		6,735.00	(854.94)	(854.94)	7,589.94	12.69
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		(235.00)	854.94	854.94	(1,089.94)	363.80

Fund 900 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

GL Number	Description	Balance
*** Assets ***		
	Cash	41,844.59
	Investments	0.00
	Accounts Receivable	0.00
	Other Assets	0.00
	Due From Other Funds	0.00
	Total Assets	41,844.59
*** Liabilities ***		
	Accounts Payable	0.00
	Liabilities-ST	0.00
	Liabilities-LT (over 1 year)	124,500.00
	Due To Other Funds	0.00
	Total Liabilities	124,500.00
*** Fund Balance ***		
	Unassigned	(90,640.03)
	Total Fund Balance	(90,640.03)
	Beginning Fund Balance - 2020	(90,640.03)
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - 2020	7,129.68
	*2020 End FB/2021 Beg FB	(83,510.35)
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - Current Year	854.94
	Ending Fund Balance	(82,655.41)
	Total Liabilities And Fund Balance	41,844.59

* Year Not Closed



Questions:
Visit: ConsumersEnergy.com
Call us: 800-805-0490

Amount Due: \$158.13
Please pay by: February 09, 2021

C/O DOWNTOWN DEV AUTH
MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
5151 MARSH RD
OKEMOS MI 48864-1104

▶ **Thank You** - We received your last payment of \$147.55 on **December 28, 2020**

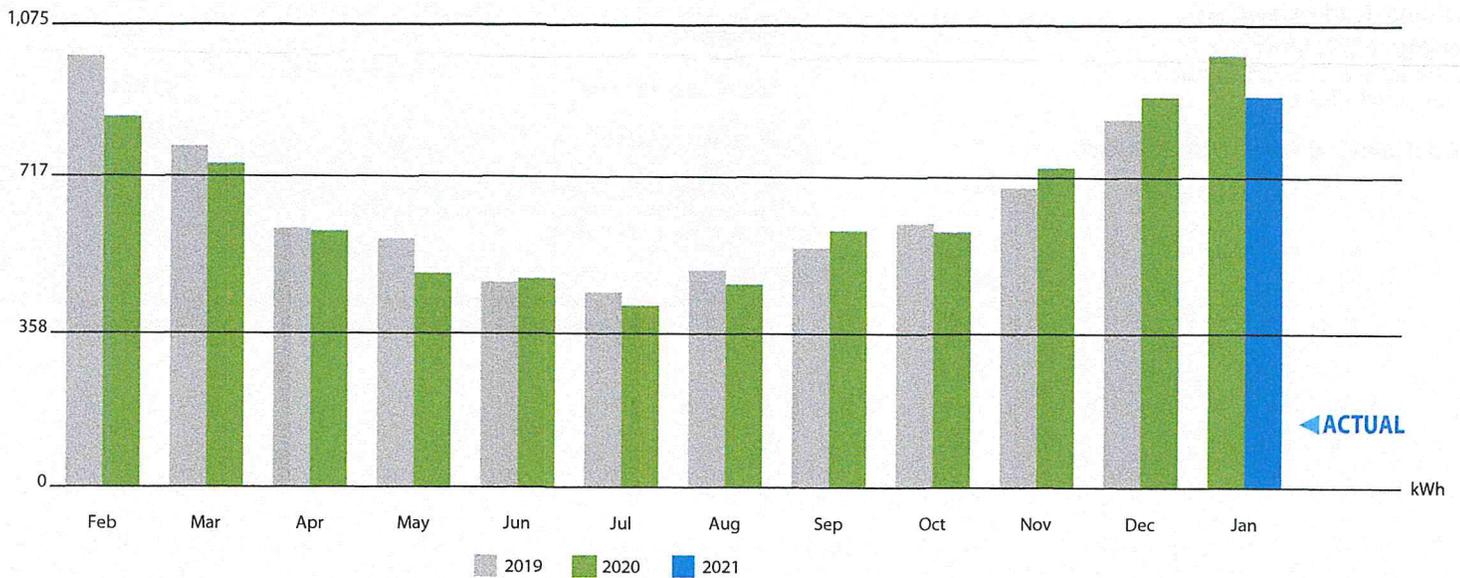
▶ **Service Address:**
2167 Hamilton Rd
Okemos MI 48864-1643



January Energy Bill

Service dates: December 16, 2020 - January 14, 2021 (30 days)

Total Electric Use (kWh - kilowatt-hour)



January Electric Use

912 kWh
January 2020 use: 1,009 kWh

Cost per day:

\$5.27

kWh per day:

30

Prior 12 months electric use:

7,805 kWh

STAY SAFE: Call 9-1-1 and 800-477-5050. We'll respond day or night.



Downed power lines.
Stay 25 feet away. Call from a safe location.



If you smell natural gas.
If the "rotten egg" odor of gas is apparent, call from a safe location.

Your next scheduled meter read date is on or around 02/12/2021

Electric Service:

Smart Meter
Meter Number: 31278553
POD Number: 0000004053513
Beginning Read Date: 12-16
Ending Read Date: 01-14
Beginning Read: 29743
Ending Read: 30655 (Actual)
Usage: 912 kWh

Total Metered Energy Use: 912 kWh

Cap. Tax Reform Credit	486@ 0.000446-	\$0.22-
PSCR	912@ 0.002020	\$1.84
System Access		\$28.22
U20697 Deferral Surcharge	426@ 0.000555	\$0.24
Distribution	486@ 0.042472	\$20.64
Distribution	426@ 0.047786	\$20.36
FCM Incentive	426@ 0.000098	\$0.04
Dist. Tax Reform Credit	486@ 0.000848-	\$0.41-
Power Plant Securitization	912@ 0.001342	\$1.22
Low-Income Assist Fund		<u>\$0.91</u>
Total Electric		\$158.13
Total Energy Charges		\$158.13

Amount Due: \$158.13
by February 09, 2021

If you pay after the due date, a 2% late payment charge will be added to your next bill.

Please make any inquiry or complaint about this bill before the due date listed on the front. Visit ConsumersEnergy.com/aboutmybill for details about the above charges.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Please see the insert for details on the environmental characteristics of electricity delivered to customers.

ALERT - Beware of phone and email scams regarding utility payments: Consumers Energy

never demands payment using only a prepaid card. Many options at www.ConsumersEnergy.com/waystopay.

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Ways to pay your energy bill:



Auto-pay
Checking or savings
Auto-pay
Discover® MasterCard®
or Visa®
(Eligibility varies)



eLockbox
via ACH
Secure electronic payment with emailed remittance



Same-day payment
ConsumersEnergy.com
Discover® MasterCard®
or Visa® or eCheck



Same-day payment
866-329-9593
Discover® MasterCard®
or Visa® or eCheck



By mail
Check, money order
Consumers Energy
Payment Center
P.O. Box 740309
Cincinnati, OH 45274-0309



In person
Cash, check, card
or money order
Varies by authorized payment location
Fee may apply

For more information, visit ConsumersEnergy.com/waystopay

From: [Consumers Energy](#)
To: [Amber Clark](#)
Subject: Consumers Energy: Payment Posted
Date: Monday, December 28, 2020 2:26:56 PM



 LOG IN

Payment Posted

Account Number: xxxx xxxx 2681

Service Address: 2167 Hamilton Rd Okemos MI 48864-1643

Hello,

Your payment for C/O DOWNTOWN DEV AUTH at 2167 Hamilton Rd Okemos MI 48864-1643 in the amount of \$147.55 has been applied on December 28, 2020.

Your confirmation number is: 1377738794.

Please log into your [online account](#) to view your payment.

Thanks for being our customer.

Sincerely,
Consumers Energy

Please do not reply to this automated email message.

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Development Project Updates

February 28, 2021

Opening

- Anna's House-1753 West Grand River (former Pizza Hut)-remodeling permits issued
- Klingmans Furniture-1705 Newman Road--new store location (former Toys R Us)
- Oriental Market-interior remodel- 2800 East Grand River Avenue

Under Construction

- Haslett Marathon-1619 Haslett Road-new building construction/approved Brownfield Plan
- Clarion Pointe-2736 East Grand River-significant renovation
- Joe's on Jolly (restaurant)-2360 Jolly Road-significant renovation of former tire store
- Elevation Phase 2-2362 Jolly Oak-five new residential buildings
- Fedewa Homes-1730 Chief Okemos-residential project
- Red Cedar Manor-Mixed Use--site plan review-Northwind Drive
- Silverstone Estates-- 25 single family residential homes at Powell Road north of Grand River
- Cooper Creek-residential development NE corner of Haslett and Van Atta Roads
- Haslett Gallery, Inc.-SUP approved for medical marihuana provisioning center at 2119
- Okemos Community Church--4734 Okemos Road-interior remodeling

Approved/Not Commenced

- Woda Cooper-residential development North of Whole Foods
- Newton Park Apartments, SE Corner Newton Road/Saginaw Hwy. Multifamily mixed use Haslett Road (SE corner Okemos/Haslett)
- Pine Village MUPUD-Haslett Village Square--senior housing community, 3-4 stories, 133 dwelling units, first floor commercial/public
- Buddy's Pizzeria-2010 Grand River-new store location (former Burger King)

- Williams Volkswagen of Okemos-2186 Jolly Road-expansion-site plan review
- Green Peak Innovations-medical marihuana provisioning center-east side Northwind Drive
- Silverleaf PUD--plans submitted for residential development-Bennett Road

Closings/Postponements

- The Cured Leaf TC, Inc.-SUP approved for MM provisioning center at 3520 Okemos Road (N of Jolly)
- The W. Investment Holdings-SUP approved for MM provisioning center at 1614 Grand River (just west of Central Park-new building)
- Andev senior housing community-230-unit senior living community at the east end of Hannah Blvd. Mix of assisted living, memory care, and independent living



To: Downtown Development Authority

From: Amber Clark Director Neighborhoods & Economic Development

Date: February 1, 2021

Re: Village of Okemos Update

To maintain records of the Village of Okemos project progression we will submit the monthly report that is provided by the developer on the progress of the project as it continues. Demolition for the 6 blighted structures on the NE and SE corners of Hamilton and Okemos Road began on January 4, 2021. The entire demolition was proposed to be completed by January 29th 2021. Project to date is ahead of that schedule with buildings down and basement foundations compacted by January 15h, 2021. Attached are the weekly reports from the developer for the site.

Director Clark

Village of Okemos Redevelopment

BLIGHT ELIMINATION & PAD READY PROJECT – BLOCKS 1 & 2

Okemos, Meridian Township, Michigan

Developer – Village of Okemos, LLC

ADVANCED
REDEVELOPMENT
SOLUTIONS



TRUE
NORTH
DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Summary Report
Week Ending - January 16, 2021

Project Description

VILLAGE OF OKEMOS REDEVELOPMENT, OKEMOS, MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP, MI

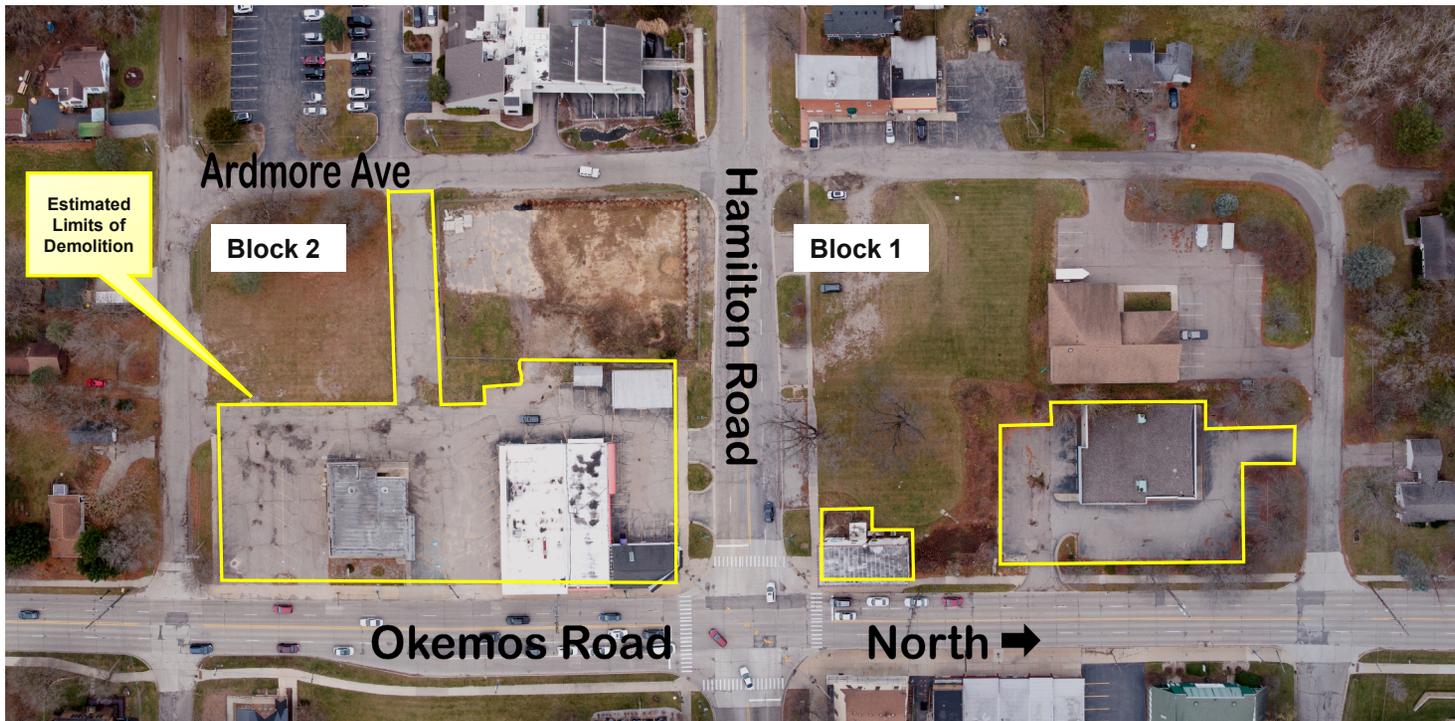
Blight Elimination & Pad Ready Project – Blocks 1 & 2 Description:

- To assist in positioning the two blocks for the redevelopment of parcels located at 2137, 2138 and 2143 Hamilton Road and 4661, 4675 and 4695 Okemos Road by completing appropriate:
 - ✓ Asbestos Abatement,
 - ✓ Universal Waste Removal, and
 - ✓ Demolition activities.
- The above activities at 4700 Ardmore Avenue will be completed at a later date.

Project Description

VILLAGE OF OKEMOS REDEVELOPMENT, OKEMOS, MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP, MI

Blight Elimination & Pad Ready Project – Blocks 1 & 2 Description:



Schedule of Performance (as of 01-15-2021)

VILLAGE OF OKEMOS REDEVELOPMENT, OKEMOS, MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP, MI

Schedule Description	SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCE					
	Block 1			Block 2		
	4695 Okemos Rd. (Rite Aid)	2138 Hamilton Rd. (Tuba)	2137 Hamilton Rd. (Bottom's Up)	2143 Hamilton Rd. (ACE)	4661 Okemos Rd. (Retail)	4675 Okemos Rd. (MARC)
10-Day Notificaton of Asbestos Abatement	12/3/2020	12/3/2020	12/3/2020	12/3/2020	12/3/2020	12/3/2020
Asbestos Abatement Start	N/A	12/21/2020	12/28/2020	12/30/2020	1/4/2021	1/4/2021
Asbestos Abatement Completion	N/A	12/29/2020	12/30/2020	12/31/2020	1/6/2021	1/7/2021
Universal Waste Removal Start	12/21/2020	12/21/2020	12/22/2020	12/22/2020	12/22/2020	12/22/2020
Universal Waste Completion	12/21/2020	12/28/2020	12/28/2020	12/28/2020	12/28/2020	12/28/2020
10-Day Notificaton of Demolition	12/4/2020, Revised 12/21/2020	12/4/2020, Revised 12/21/2020	12/4/2020, Revised 12/21/2020	12/4/2020, Revised 12/21/2020	12/4/2020, Revised 12/21/2020	12/4/2020, Revised 12/21/2020
Submitt \ Issued Dates For Township Demolition Permit	12/4/2020 \ 2/22/2020	12/4/2020 \ 2/22/2020	12/4/2020 \ 2/22/2020	12/4/2020 \ 2/22/2020	12/4/2020 \ 2/22/2020	12/4/2020 \ 2/22/2020
Miss Dig Notificaton For Sewer and Water Abandonments	12/3/2020	12/3/2020	12/3/2020	12/3/2020	12/3/2020	12/3/2020
Sewer and Water Abandonments With Meridian Township Inspections	12/21/2020	12/21/2020 to 12/22/2020	12/22/2020	12/22/2020	12/22/2020	12/21/2020 to 12/22/2020
Building Demolition (Above Grade) Start	1/5/2020	1/4/2021	1/6/2021	1/6/2021	1/6/2021	1/12/2021
Building Demolition (Above Grade) Completion	1/6/2020	1/5/2021	1/7/2021	1/11/2021	1/8/2021	1/13/2021
Building Demolition (Below Grade) Basement / Footings Removal Start	1/6/2020	1/5/2021 *	1/8/2021	1/11/2012	1/8/2021	1/14/2021
Building Demolition (Below Grade) Basement / Footings Removal Completion	1/7/2020	1/5/2021 *	1/11/2021	1/12/2021	1/11/2021	1/14/2021
Building Engineered Backfill Start	1/8/2021	1/5/1900	1/8/2021	1/11/2021	1/11/2021	1/14/2021
Building Engineered Backfill & Stone Completion	1/8/2021	1/6/2021	1/12/2021	1/12/2021	1/12/2021	1/15/2021
Temporary Sidewalk Replacement **	01/25/2021 to 01/29/2021	01/25/2021 to 01/29/2021	01/25/2021 to 01/29/2021	01/25/2021 to 01/29/2021	01/25/2021 to 01/29/2021	01/25/2021 to 01/29/2021
Site Demolition 4-foot Strip of Concrete/Asphalt removed and Replaced with 4-inches Topsoil/Seed/Straw Mat (inc. 2 watering trips) as per plans **	Spring 2021	Spring 2021	Spring 2021	Spring 2021	Spring 2021	Spring 2021
Final Sidewalk Replacement **	Spring 2021	Spring 2021	Spring 2021	Spring 2021	Spring 2021	Spring 2021

NOTES:

Asbestos Abatement / Universal Waste and Demolition will not take place on December 24 through December 27, 2020 and January 1 through January 3, 2021.

* Electric Utility Pole on westside of Okemos Road near 2138 Hamilton Rd. (Tuba) will have to be protected by Consumers Energy in this area. Temporary closure of Okemos Road southbound lane during this time.

** Weather permitting for proper working conditions.

Summary (as of 01-16-2021)

VILLAGE OF OKEMOS REDEVELOPMENT, OKEMOS, MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP, MI

Major Accomplishments:

- Completed Water and Sanitary Sewer Utility Disconnects with Meridian Township Inspections to secure Demolition Permits.
- Completed Universal Waste Removal from the buildings.
- Completed Asbestos Abatement of the buildings.
- Prepared buildings for Demolition.
- Received Demolition Permits.
- Completed sidewalk closures and intermittent lane closures when needed of southbound lane on Okemos Road.

Summary (as of 01-16-2021)

VILLAGE OF OKEMOS REDEVELOPMENT, OKEMOS, MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP, MI

Major Accomplishments:

- Completed Demolition activities at 2138 Hamilton Rd. (former Tuba Museum building) and 4695 Okemos Rd. (former Rite Aid building) including above and below grade building removal, basement / footings removal, and trucking & proper disposal of all demolished / removed materials. Demolished buildings basements / footings replaced with engineered backfill.
- Completed Demolition activities at 2137 Hamilton Rd. (former Bottom's Up building), 2143 Hamilton Rd. (former Ace building), 4661 Okemos Rd. (former Retail building), and 4675 Okemos Rd. (former MARC building) including above and below grade building removal, basement / footings removal, and trucking & proper disposal of all demolished / removed materials. Demolished buildings basements / footings replaced with engineered backfill.

Summary (as of 01-16-2021)

VILLAGE OF OKEMOS REDEVELOPMENT, OKEMOS, MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP, MI

Critical Items for Week of 01-17-2021:

- Demobilize construction equipment.
- Re-open sidewalks.

Remaining Items for Spring 2021:

- Demolish and remove a 4-foot Strip of Concrete/Asphalt along Okemos Rd. per plans and replace with 4-inches Topsoil/Seed/Straw Mat, including 2 watering trips for establishment.
- Replace any damaged sidewalks, if any.

Photos – Blocks 1 & 2 (Accomplishments thru 01-16-2021)

VILLAGE OF OKEMOS REDEVELOPMENT, OKEMOS, MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP, MI



Aerial photos of accomplishments:



Photos – Blocks 1 & 2 (Accomplishments thru 01-16-2021)

VILLAGE OF OKEMOS REDEVELOPMENT, OKEMOS, MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP, MI



Aerial photos of accomplishments:





To: Downtown Development Authority

From: Amber Clark Director Neighborhoods & Economic Development

Date: February 1, 2021

Re: Village of Okemos Celebration – Subcommittee Event and Celebration Planning

With Village of Okemos demolition completed this committee must begin the conversation of the entire four corners redevelopment. Beginning in 2017 the Meridian Township Board along with the Community Development and Economic Development teams sought to strengthen the ability of the DDA to make various improvements in the district and support necessary revitalization for growth. During that time the DDA adopted a new Tax Increment Financing plan to allow for more financing options toward redevelopment.

The site is now ready for activity and projects with vertical construction being planned for fall of 2021. The DDA set a commitment to the Township to enhance the site and remove the blighted properties. Though COVID-19 is an active situation, planning activities to celebrate this achievement and prepare for additional projects is the goal. We recommend the establishment of a subcommittee to plan organize and implement activities for the Downtown Village of Okemos.

Your concurrence is appreciated

Director Clark



To: Downtown Development Authority

From: Amber Clark Director Neighborhoods & Economic Development

Date: February 1, 2021

Re: Village of Okemos Proposed Mural

Murals are allowed within the community by ordinance. Approval is given as long as the applicant follows the requirements of our sign ordinance. A local resident has reached out to the Economic Development Department inquiring about the possibility of a new mural installation. The artist group is the same group that is responsible for the new mural at the new Large Dog Park here in the Township. This board does not have the ability to approve or deny a mural but may have interest in participating in the planning of the Mural.

The Artists have not completely decided on a location, should the DDA members have ideas and want to be connected to this project please let me know.

Your concurrence is appreciated

Director Clark