

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING **-APPROVED-**
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198
853-4000, Township Hall Room
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018 **6:00 pm.**

PRESENT: Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Brixie, Trustees Deschaine, Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland

ABSENT:

STAFF: Township Manager Frank Walsh, Director of Public Works Derek Perry, Township Attorney William Fahey, Police Chief Ken Plaga, Information Technology Director Stephen Gebes, Principal Planner Peter Menser, Community Planning Director Mark Kieselbach, Fire Chief Mike Hamel, Economic Development Director Chris Buck, Finance Director Miriam Mattison, Parks and Recreations Director LuAnn Maisner

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Styka called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor Styka led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

The Recording Secretary called the roll of the Board.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Deer Management – Jane Greenway, Parks & Land Management Coordinator

Parks & Land Management Coordinator Jane Greenway and Stewardship Coordinator and Park Naturalist Kelsey Dillion presented on the Deer Management program.

B. Lucas Chest Compression Device – Mike Hamel, Fire Chief

Fire Chief Mike Hamel and Chief of Training Bill Priest presented on the Lucas Chest Compression Device.

5. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Styka opened public remarks at 6:25 pm.

Brett Felton, 2470 Robins Way, Okemos; spoke in opposition to Rezoning #18080 Giguere Homes (Agenda Item 13B.)

Ryan Basore, 6228 Brookline Court, East Lansing; spoke in support of Medical Marihuana Ordinance (Agenda Item 13A/13G.)

Jody Wesley, 2550 Robins Way, Okemos; spoke in opposition to Agenda Item 13B.

John Fraser, 2290 Science Pkway, Okemos; spoke in support of Agenda Item 13A/13G.

Travis Wilson, 2180 Cider Mill Dr., East Lansing; spoke in support of Agenda Item 13A/13G.

Patrick Hanes, 1690 Watertower Pl., Suite 300, East Lansing; spoke in support of Agenda Item 13B.

Karthik Narayanan, 2607 Elderberry Dr., Okemos; spoke in opposition of Agenda Item 13B.

Alina Gorelik, 2577 Robins Way, Okemos; spoke in opposition of Agenda Item 13B.

Supervisor Styka closed public remarks at 6:50 pm.

6. TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT

Township Manager Frank Walsh reported: Criminal Sexual Conduct activities, Williamstown Police Contract status, Kinawa Safety Project, Township Solar Project, Insurance Services Organization (ISO) Fire Rating review.

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Treasurer Brixie reported:

- Tax day collection at 95.2% fulfillment as of due date (Sept. 14, 2018)
- Tri-County Regional Planning Commission named new director: Jim Snell.
- Attended Senior Celebration on 9-18, along with Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus,
- Senior Brunch celebrated Duane Possanza: recipient of the Outstanding Senior Award.

Trustee Deschaine reported:

- Transportation Commission meeting to discuss roads at Central Fire on Sept. 27th.
- Tri-County Regional Planning seminar on autonomous vehicles.
- Economic Development Committee meeting on roads, public schools, business retention.
- Meridian Care fundraiser on Sept. 29th Farmer's Market.

Clerk Dreyfus reported:

- Need election inspector workers for General Election on November 6th, 2018.

Trustee Opsommer reported:

- Capital Area Transit Authority Board meeting Sept. 19th
- Grange Acres meeting discussed concerns with management.

Supervisor Styka reported:

- Downtown Development Authority efforts in updating TIFA plan
- Community Resources Commission Fundraiser at Old Chicago, Friday Oct. 19th

8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Treasurer Brixie moved to approve the Agenda with amendments to change Agenda Item 13F to new Agenda Item 12E. Seconded by Clerk Dreyfus.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 7-0

Clerk Dreyfus moved to discuss a memorandum to authorize the expenditure of \$22,370 to upgrade from the M-160 to the ICC KIT - G1130 High-speed Tabulator as new Agenda Item 12F. Seconded by Trustee Sundland.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-1

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor Styka reviewed the consent agenda.

Trustee Deschaine moved to adopt the Consent Agenda with the amendment to place Agenda Item 9B under new Agenda Item 12G. Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Styka, Trustees Deschaine, Opsommer, Jackson, Sundland, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Brixie

NAYS:
Motion carried 7-0

A. Communications

Trustee Deschaine 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 Treasurer Brixie.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Styka, Trustees Deschaine, Opsommer, Jackson, Sundland, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Brixie

NAYS:
Motion carried 7-0

C. Bills

Trustee Deschaine moved to approve that the Township Board approve the Manager's Bills as follows, seconded by Treasurer Brixie:

Common Cash		\$	418,203.77
Public Works		\$	325,905.69
Trust & Agency		\$	5,194,773.82
	Total Checks	\$	5,938,883.28
Credit Card Transactions		\$	8,653.08
Aug. 30 th to Sept. 12 th			
	Total Purchases	\$	<u>5,947,536.36</u>
ACH Payments		\$	<u>680,781.96</u>

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Styka, Trustees Deschaine, Opsommer, Jackson, Sundland, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Brixie

NAYS:
Motion carried 7-0

D. Disposal of Surplus Vehicles

Trustee Deschaine moved to authorize the Department of Public Works to sell the surplus Motor Pool vehicles at public auction, internet auction, or by sealed bid. Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Styka, Trustees Deschaine, Opsommer, Jackson, Sundland, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Brixie

NAYS:
Motion carried 7-0

10. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY - NONE

11. HEARINGS - NONE

12. ACTION ITEMS

A. Summer Park Realty (Walnut Hills) Consent Judgement

Trustee Jackson moved to authorize and direct the Township Supervisor, Township Clerk and Township Attorney to execute the Consent Judgement between Summer Park Realty, LLC and the Charter Township of Meridian for the property commonly known as Walnut Hills, and to submit the Consent Judgement to the Circuit Court for entry. Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

Board discussion: Statement that the agreement is a fair middle-ground, effort taken to limit impact on neighbors, clarification on process.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus, Supervisor Styka, Trustees Jackson, Deschaine, Sundland, Opsommer

NAYS:
Motion carried 7-0

B. 2019 Recommended Budget

Treasurer Brixie moved that the Township Board approve the 2019 Recommended Budget Resolution. Seconded by Trustee Jackson.

Board Discussion: Details requested for \$200,000 increase for Farmer’s Market relocation budget, pension increase of 1.5% for 38 non-union positions, recommendation from Township Manager

Clerk & Treasurer to receive same pension as other Department Directors, Manager historically has authority for this kind of decision, question on Elected Officials Compensation Commission role.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Clerk Dreyfus, Supervisor Styka, Treasurer Brixie, Trustees Opsommer, Sundland, Deschaine, Jackson

NAYS:
Motion carried 7-0

C. Final Preliminary Plat #00012 (Ember Oaks) Extension

Trustee Jackson moved to adopt the attached resolution extending final preliminary plat approval for the remaining 109 lots in Ember Oaks until August 16, 2020. Seconded by Trustee Deschaine.

Board discussion: Fee procedure for plat extensions, status of walking path, timeline

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Opsommer, Sundland, Jackson, Deschaine, Clerk Dreyfus Treasurer Brixie, Supervisor Styka

NAYS:
Motion carried 7-0

D. Resolution Commemorating the Signing of the Constitution of the United States

Clerk Dreyfus moved to approve the resolution commemorating the signing of the Constitution of the United States. Seconded by Trustee Deschaine.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 7-0

E. Deer Management Recommendation

Treasurer Brixie moved to approve the resolution supporting Deer Management. Seconded by Clerk Dreyfus.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Jackson, Deschaine, Sundland, Opsommer, Supervisor Styka, Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus

NAYS:
Motion carried 7-0

F. Memorandum – Election Equipment

Clerk Dreyfus Moved to authorize the expenditure of \$22,370 to upgrade from the M-160 to the ICC KIT – G1130 High-speed Tabulator. Seconded by Trustee Jackson.

Board discussion: Delay of upgrade quote from manufacturer, logistics of the request, details of the equipment, budget amendment/request process.

ROLL CALL VOTE YEAS: Supervisor Styka, Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus, Trustees Sundland, Jackson, Opsommer, Deschaine

NAYS: Motion carried 7-0

G. Minutes – September 4, 2018 Regular Meeting.

Trustee Deschaine moved to adopt minutes of September 4, 2018 Regular Meeting with discussion before approval. Seconded by Trustee Opsommer.

Board Discussion: statement that public comment should be limited to their address and their stance on specific agenda items.

VOICE VOTE Motion carried 7-0

Supervisor Styka moved for a five minute recess at 7:53 pm

Supervisor Styka brought the meeting back to order at 8:06 pm

13. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

Board consensus to move Agenda Item 13A to new Agenda Item 13G.

- A. ~~Medical Marijuana Ordinance~~ MOVED TO AGENDA ITEM G
- B. Rezoning #18080 (Giguere Homes)

Board discussion: Changes to the proposal by Mr. Giguere, aspects in requesting a rezoning, use-by-right zoning vs rezoning impact, conditions of current application, representations and assertions by Mr. Giguere in the past, restrictions upheld by future owners of development, possible ecological impact with current proposal, mediation efforts, landscaping and aesthetic benefits of approving rezoning with agreements, staff concerns, process questions.

Board consensus to put this item up for action on the next Board meeting.

- C. Traffic Control Orders

Assistant Township Manager Perry explained the need for Township Traffic Control Orders and described the process that would be taken to pursue them.

Board discussion: Staff time required, staff responsible for enforcement, reasoning behind moving to Township control, roads under jurisdiction.

Board consensus to bring this item back for action at a future Board meeting.

- D. Michigan Utility Association Members

Assistant Township Manager Perry explained the purpose and the need to be a part of this coalition

of municipalities, specifically to support the Township presence at the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Board discussion: cost and requirements of membership, other communities involvement.

Board consensus to bring this item back for action at a future Board meeting.

E. Citizen Survey Questions

Assistant Township Manager Perry explained the additions made to the Citizen Survey questions and presented the proposed template for the survey.

Board discussion: wording of questions, what questions to include, trend data of current questions, tone of the questions, alteration of template questions, difference between in-house surveys and national surveys, benefits of multiple choice questions.

Board consensus to bring this item back for action at a future Board meeting.

G. Medical Marihuana Ordinance

Supervisor Styka reviewed the current status of the discussion on the Medical Marihuana Regulation, and provided a discussion template.

Board discussion: overlay district locations, zoning adjustments, state regulations, separation limits between licensees, number of licenses per district, ties to recreational marihuana, special-use permit process to approve, space availability, licensing criteria, setting conditions of occupancy, tiered-based qualification process, violation penalties

Board consensus to bring this item back for further discussion at a future Board meeting.

14. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Supervisor Styka opened Public Remarks at 10:16 pm.

Brian Lick, 2613 Elderberry Dr., Okemos; spoke in opposition to Agenda Item 13B.

Cathy Heath, 2607 Robin’s Way, Okemos; spoke in opposition to Agenda Item 13B.

Jim Giguere, 6253 Fenwick Ct., East Lansing; spoke in support of Agenda Item 13B.

Supervisor Styka closed Public Remarks at 10:25 pm.

15. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Clerk Dreyfus reported:

- In response to Board concerns; “Citizen Comments” modified in future minutes.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Treasurer Brixie moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Jackson

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 7-0

Supervisor Styka adjourned the meeting at 10:27 pm

17. POSTSCRIPT – KATHY ANN SUNLAND

RONALD J. STYKA,
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

BRETT DREYFUS,
TOWNSHIP CLERK