

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING – **APPROVED & CORRECTED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
349-1200, Town Hall Room
TUESDAY, JULY 6, 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, Assessor Scott
Cunningham, Director of Accounting & Budgeting Diana Hasse, Police Chief Gary
Gibbons, Personnel Director/Assistant Manager Paul Brake, Attorney William Fahey

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Little called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA — OR CHANGES

Board Members discussed the consent agenda.

TRUSTEE MCGILLICUDDY MOVED TO MOVE ITEM #12A (Act 425 Agreement) TO #18 ON
THE AGENDA. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH

Board Members discussed the newspaper's publication error.

TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO TAKE UP ITEM #12A (Act 425
Agreement) AS THE NEXT ITEM AFTER 7:00 P.M. SECONDED TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH

MOTION TO AMEND

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION:

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

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA AMENDED
AS FOLLOWS: DELETE ITEM #17A(3)b (Ratify Paramedic/Fire Fighter Appointment); AND
CONSENT AGENDA TO INCLUDE ITEMS #16A (Bills), 16B (Replace Central Fire Station Phone
System), 16C (1999 Local Road Agreement, Baker Street & Tihart Road Culvert), 16D (Assessing
Stipulations (2)), 17A(3)a (Ratify Police Officer Appointment), 17A(3)c (Authorization to Advertise
and Fill Police Department Records Clerk II Position), 17A(3)d (Authorization to Advertise and Fill
Utility Worker Position), 17A(3)e (Teamster Grievance Response), 17A(3)f (Extend Deadline on
Employee Computer Purchase Program), 17A(5)a (Lake Lansing Watershed Advisory Committee
Membership), 17A(5)b (Order to Construct 7' Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathways), 17A(6)a (Local Law
Enforcement Block Grant Application). SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

3. CORRECTION, APPROVAL & RATIFICATION OF MINUTES

- A. March 1, 1999 Special Meeting
- B. June 15, 1999 Work Session
- C. June 15, 1999 Regular Meeting

TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED TO APPROVE AND RATIFY THE MINUTES OF: MARCH 1, 1999
SPECIAL MEETING; JUNE 15, 1999 WORK SESSION & REGULAR MEETING. SECONDED
BY TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

4. COMMUNICATIONS (See Consent Agenda)

A. Application for Public Service (***)

CCC-2 Barbara R. Smith, 6201 W. Lake Drive, Haslett; RE: Cable Communications Commission
CCC-3 Pat Hagen, 4135 Wabaningo, Okemos; RE: Cable Communications Commission

B. Board Deliberation (BD)

- BD-1 Tacoma Hills Residents Phone Calls; RE: Okemos Road to Lagoon Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan Addition
- BD-2 Win Stebbins, 3875 Roxbury, Okemos; RE: Objections to the 1999 Sidewalk Repair Program and Homeowner Assessment
- BD-3 Lansing Regional Chamber Political Action Committee; RE: Solicitation for Contribution
- BD-4 Valdis Vitols, 2058 Lagoon Dr, Okemos; RE: Okemos Road to Lagoon Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan Addition
- BD-5 A. Mark Battaglia, 2052 Tomahawk Circle, Okemos; RE: Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan Additions
- BD-6 Carolyn McGill, 2039 Navaho Trail, Okemos; RE: Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan Addition of Bridge
- BD-7 Roberta & Peter Fugazzi, 1943 Tahoe Circle, Okemos; RE: Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan Addition from Okemos Road to Lagoon Drive
- BD-8 Sean & Chris Quinn, 2070 Lagoon Drive, Okemos; RE: Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan Addition from Okemos Road to Lagoon Drive
- BD-9 Robert D. & Lois Joanne Keith, 1987 Yuma Trail, Okemos; RE: Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan Addition from Okemos Road to Lagoon Drive

C. Board Information (BI)

- BI-1 Debora Gillis, 6000 Sunset Lane, East Lansing; RE: Request for Investigation of Trash Bags in Roadways
- BI-2 Ralph Stocker, Post Adjutant, American Legion Post No. 269; RE: Solicitation for Contribution for Grave Marker Flags for Veterans' Graves in Meridian Township
- BI-3 Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce; RE: 1999 Lansing Open
- BI-4 Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, Execufax, June 28, 1999 edition
- BI-5 Robert E. D'Alcorn, Managing Director, Ingham County Road Commission; RE: Oldsmobile Classic Tour Event Outdoor Assembly License [Refer to Manager's Office]
- BI-6 News from the Ingham County Parks Department, Summer 1999 Edition
- BI-7 Michigan Township Association, Legislative Fax, June 11, 1999 Edition
- BI-8 Michigan Township Association, Legislative Fax, June 18, 1999 Edition
- BI-9 Michigan Township Association, Legislative Fax, June 25, 1999 Edition
- BI-10 Michigan Township Association, Capitol Currents, June 1999 Edition
- BI-11 List of Licensed Vendors and of Persons or Nonprofit Organizations Engaged in Soliciting or Canvassing
- BI-12 July 1999 Parks Calendar
- BI-13 Michelle Engler, First Lady of Michigan, The Children's Garden; RE: Benefit for Michigan 4-H Children's Garden
- BI-14 Michigan D.E.Q.; RE: Extension of Permit for Work on North Bound Okemos Road Bridge over Red Cedar River
- BI-15 Ronald M. Bahrie, 4343 Tacoma Circle, Okemos; RE: Repair of Tacoma Circle
- BI-16 American Arbitration Association; RE: Demand for Arbitration, P.O.A.M. Grievance No. 99-244
- BI-17 Mark K. Clouse, Financial & Legal Counsel, Eyde Company; RE: Central Park Drive

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

- FOI-1999-18 Stacy A. Hickox, Hankins & Flanigan, P.C., 3945 Okemos Rd, Ste B-2, Okemos; RE: EMS Run Sheets
- FOI-1999-19 Margaret L. Cook, President, Emerald Lakes Condo Assoc.; RE: Aerial Surveys and Crawl Spaces in Emerald Lakes
- FOI-1999-20 Marc D. Matlock, McClelland & Anderson, L.L.P., 1305 S. Washington Ave, Ste 102, Lansing; RE: Precinct 14 Voter Registrations
- FOI-1999-21 Marc D. Matlock, McClelland & Anderson, L.L.P., 1305 S. Washington Ave, Ste

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- 102, Lansing; RE: Precinct 14 Voter Registrations
FOI-1999-22 Kenneth P. Frankland, McGinty, Jakubiak, Et Al, P.C., 601 Abbott Rd, East Lansing; RE: Act 425 Agreement
FOI-1999-23 Cecelia Kramer, 4560 Oakwood Dr, Okemos; RE: Bennett Road Branch of Smith Drain
FOI-1999-24 Debbie K. Taylor, Kronzek & Cronkright, P.L.L.C., 4601 W. Saginaw, Ste 100, Lansing; RE: Cedar Creek Apartments
FOI-1999-25 Jared Roberts, 400 Hillside Ct. #5, East Lansing; RE: Act 425 Agreement
FOI-1999-26 Gary J. Canjar, 6810 S. Cedar, Ste 16, Lansing; RE: Rezoning #99060 (Rysberg)

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

- OF-1 Okemos Board of Education July 1, 1999 Special Meeting Packet
OF-2 Liquor Control Commission Local Approval Notice for Transfer of Ownership of a Class C License with Dance Permit to Chevys Inc
OF-3 Okemos Board of Education June 7, 1999 Regular Meeting Packet
OF-4 East Lansing Public Schools July 1, 1999 L-4029
OF-5 Ingham Intermediate School District; RE: Haslett Public Schools Form L-4029, 1999 Summary of Summer Debt Levy and 1999 Summary of Summer Sinking Fund Levy
OF-6 Ingham Intermediate School District L-4029 for Summer Tax Collections
OF-7 Ingham Intermediate School District; RE: Okemos Public and Williamston Community Schools Form L-4029, 1999 Summary of Summer Debt Levy, 1999 Summary of Okemos Schools Summer Sinking Fund Levy
OF-8 Lansing Community College Corrected L-4029 for 1999
OF-9 Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services; RE: Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Parkview Place Care Concepts Ltd., 5905 Edson Street, Haslett, an Adult Foster Care Large Group Home

Board Members discussed the following communications:

- BI-15 (Bahrie)
- BI-1 (Gillis)
- BI-17 (Clouse)

Clerk Helmbrecht reported receipt of another ten (10) telephone calls in opposition to the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan addition from Okemos Road to Lagoon Drive.

TRUSTEE SUCH 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 OR FURTHER DISPOSITION. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

5. QUESTIONS OF ATTORNEY (None)

6. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor Little opened Public Remarks.

Anne Woiwode, 5088 Powell Road, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the Act 425 Agreement. She submitted her comments in writing.

John T. Anderson, 215 W. Newman Road, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the Act 425 Agreement.

Daria N. Schlega, 2446 Burcham Drive, East Lansing, stated her distrust of North American Equities.

Eleanor V. Luecke, 1893 Birchwood Drive, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the pedestrian/bicycle pathway bridge over the Red Cedar River. She spoke in support of the postponement of action on the Act 425 Agreement. She submitted her comments in writing.

Supervisor Little invoked the three- (3) minute rule. John Anderson objected to the Supervisor's

invocation of the three- (3) minute rule and interrupted the conduct of Board business. Supervisor Little declared Mr. Anderson out of order and asked Chief Gibbons to remove Mr. Anderson from the building. Chief Gibbons removed Mr. Anderson from the building.

Jeffrey Kovan, 2080 Lagoon Drive, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan Addition from Okemos Road to Lagoon Drive.

Steven Taylor, 1863 Birchwood Drive, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan Addition from Okemos Road to Lagoon Drive.

Wayne McLellen, 1459 Cheboygan Road, Okemos, spoke in support of postponing action on the Act 425 Agreement.

Peg Wilutis, Acting President, Tacoma Hills Homeowners' Association, spoke in opposition to the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan Addition from Okemos Road to Lagoon Drive. She submitted her comments in writing.

Deborah Isom, President, Briarwood Homeowners Association, spoke in support of the Briarwood Subdivisions sidewalk replacement.

Pat Hagen, 4135 Wabaningo, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the Act 425 Agreement.

Linda Lynch, 3914 Jonquil Lane, Okemos, spoke to preserve her option to appeal the amount of her assessment for the Briarwood Subdivision Sidewalk Replacement.

Shawn Quinn, spoke in opposition to the Red Cedar Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway bridge.

Vance Kincaid, 4530 Nakoma Drive, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the Act 425 Agreement.

Mitch Irwin, 844 Pebblebrook Lane, East Lansing, spoke in support of Rezoning #99080 (Irwin), and made himself available for questions.

Supervisor Little closed Public Remarks.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA TO INCLUDE ITEMS ##16A (Bills), 16B (Replace Central Fire Station Phone System), 16C (1999 Local Road Agreement, Baker Street & Tihart Road Culvert), 16D (Assessing Stipulations (2)), 17A(3)a (Ratify Police Officer Appointment), 17A(3)c (Authorization to Advertise and Fill Police Department Records Clerk II Position), 17A(3)d (Authorization to Advertise and Fill Utility Worker Position), 17A(3)e (Teamster Grievance Response), 17A(3)f (Extend Deadline on Employee Computer Purchase Program), 17A(5)a (Lake Lansing Watershed Advisory Committee Membership), 17A(5)b (Order to Construct 7' Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathways), 17A(6)a (Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Application). SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

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. MANAGER'S BILLS (Agenda Item #16A):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVE THE MANAGER'S BILLS AS FOLLOWS:

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General Fund/Special Revenue	\$290,815.40
Public Works	\$423,374.76
Proctor Drain Debt	
<u>Ingham County Drain Commissioner</u>	<u>\$161,517.00</u>
Total	<u>\$875,707.16</u>

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

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

[Bill list for 7/6/99 in Official Minute Book]

B. REPLACE CENTRAL FIRE STATION PHONE SYSTEM (Agenda Item #16B):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM DIGITAL RESOURCE CORP. FOR USED EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,150 FOR THE CENTRAL FIRE STATION TELEPHONE SYSTEM. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

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

C. 1999 LOCAL ROAD AGREEMENT, BAKER STREET & TIHART ROAD CULVERT (Agenda Item #16C):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO SIGN AND EXECUTE THE 1999 LOCAL ROAD AGREEMENTS FOR BAKER STREET AND THE TIHART ROAD CULVERT. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

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

D. ASSESSING STIPULATIONS (2) (Agenda Item #16D):

- Stipulation #1

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN A TAX TRIBUNAL STIPULATION WITH VIPUL DESAI, ON THE FOLLOWING RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>
1998/1999	264529	3524 Rainbow Court
<u>Assessment</u>	1999	\$26,300
	1998	\$40,500
<u>Proposed Assessment</u>	1999	\$26,300
	1998	\$25,000

** Rationale: This Stipulation is recommended to correct the 1998 and 1999 Assessed Values.

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After extensive research, it has been determined that our Assessment exceeds fifty-percent (50%) of the property's True Cash Value, therefore the Proposed Assessment is recommended.

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried 7-0.

- Stipulation #2

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN A TAX TRIBUNAL STIPULATION WITH RAMCO-GERSHENSON, INC, ON THE FOLLOWING COMMERCIAL PROPERTY.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>
1998/1999	257964	2020 Grand River
<u>Assessment</u>	1999	\$2,767,100
	1998	\$2,090,500
<u>Proposed Assessment</u>	1999	\$1,207,000
	1998	\$1,133,900

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

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried 7-0.

- E. RATIFY POLICE OFFICER APPOINTMENT (Agenda Item #17A(3)a):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD APPOINT ELLERY SOSEBEE TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER CONTINGENT UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE ITEMS STIPULATED IN THE CONDITIONAL OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried 7-0.

- F. AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE AND FILL POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS CLERK II POSITION (Agenda Item #17A(3)c):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER BE AUTHORIZED TO ADVERTISE AND FILL THE RECORDS CLERK – TYPIST II POSITION. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such, Supervisor

Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger
NAYS: None
Motion carried 7-0.

G. AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE AND FILL UTILITY WORKER POSITION (Agenda Item #17A(3)d):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER BE AUTHORIZED TO ADVERTISE AND FILL THE VACANCY CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF THE UTILITY WORKER. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

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

H. TEAMSTERS GRIEVANCE RESPONSE (Agenda Item #17A(3)e):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO REJECT THE TEAMSTER'S GRIEVANCE, DATED APRIL 15, 1999, BASED ON THE REASONS AND JUSTIFICATIONS SUBMITTED ON THE RECORD AND THAT ANY REQUEST FOR A HEARING BY THE PARTIES BEFORE THE TOWNSHIP BOARD BE DENIED. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

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

I. EXTEND DEADLINE ON EMPLOYEE COMPUTER PURCHASE PROGRAM (Agenda Item #17A(3)f):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR THE EMPLOYEE COMPUTER PURCHASE PROGRAM UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1999. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

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

J. LAKE LANSING WATERSHED ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP (Agenda Item #17A(5)a):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THE FOLLOWING:

WHEREAS, the plan for the Lake Lansing Watershed Management Special Assessment District calls for an Advisory Committee,

WHEREAS, Terms on the committee are two (2) years, ending May 1st, with fifty-percent (50%) overlap,

WHEREAS, the following members of class 2000 continue service:

Tier one

Thomas Page	6178 Columbia	2 years
Dr. Don Kaufman	6097 E. Lake Dr	2 years

Tier two

days before the time of the hearing, and shall cause said notice to be mailed by first class mail to all record owners of, or parties with interest in property in the special assessment district, at the addresses shown on the current tax records of the Township, at least ten (10) full days before the date of said hearing.

6. Said notice shall be in substantially the following form: (See Attached)
7. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP PROPERTY OWNER

1999 PATHWAY INSTALLATION "TO ORDER" PROGRAM

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO THE RECORD OWNERS OF, OR PARTIES WITH INTEREST IN, THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY CONSTITUTING THE PROPOSED SPECIAL DISTRICT:

Parcels 22-327-008 (1699 Grand River Ave.), 22-428-001 (1553 Grand River Ave.), 22-401-005 (1652 Grand River Ave.), Section 22, T4N, R1W, Meridian Township, Ingham County, Michigan;

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian has determined to make the following described public improvement:

INSTALLATION OF PATHWAY "TO ORDER"

And to defray the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties specially benefited thereby.

The proposed special assessment roll has been prepared and is on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet Tuesday, July 20, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at the Meridian Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864-1198, for the purpose of hearing objections to the improvement and the special assessment district therefore. The Board is also interested in hearing those that favor the proposed project.

Appearance and protest at the hearing in the special assessment proceedings is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. Your personal appearance at the hearing is not required, but you or your agent may appear in person at the hearing and protest the special assessment. To make an appearance and protest, you must file your written objections by letter or other writing with the Township Clerk before the close of this hearing. The owner or any person having interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the state tax tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll if that person appeared and protested the special assessment at this hearing.

"FOR PURPOSES OF THIS HEARING, THE AMOUNT TO BE ASSESSED AGAINST YOUR PROPERTY IS ESTIMATED TO BE APPROXIMATELY \$35 PER LINEAR FOOT OF PATHWAY"

dated: _____

Mary Helmbrecht, Township Clerk

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried 7-0.

L. LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION (Agenda Item #17A(6)a):

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THAT THE MERIDIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT BE AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

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

Treasurer Klunzinger commented that he has a correction to the Personnel Committee Minutes.

9. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT (None)

10. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Helmbrecht reported the Clerk's Office is preparing for the July 15th and 19th Special Elections.

Clerk Helmbrecht reported on the success of the July 5th Independence Day Celebration.

Supervisor Little acknowledged Martha & Larry Sawdy for their work on the Independence Day Celebration.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Klunzinger reported the summer tax bills are out and receipts are coming in.

12. TOWNSHIP BOARD

A. Act 425 Agreement (See Item #2 & #15A)

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (None)

14. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

A. Unfinished Business

B. New Business

(1) Rezoning #99080 (Irwin)

Director Kieselbach introduced the request to rezone approximately 2.4 acres on the south side of Hannah Boulevard, east of Esoteric Way, from PO (Professional Office) to RP (Research & Office Park)

TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH MOVED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mitch Irwin initiated a rezoning of an approximate 2.4 acre parcel located on the south side of Hannah Boulevard and east of Esoteric Way from PO (Professional Office) to RP (Research & Office Park); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on May 24, 1999, and recommended approval of the rezoning from PO (Professional Office) to RP (Research & Office Park) on June 7, 1999, and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has reviewed the staff and Planning Commission material forwarded under cover memorandum dated July 2, 1999, and

WHEREAS, the proposed rezoning will allow for services that compliment the existing RP (Research and Office Park) properties and surrounding uses, such as the ARC Ice Arena and the Michigan Athletic Club; and

WHEREAS, the subject site exceeds the minimum lot requirements for parcels in the RP (Research and Office Park) zoning district; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rezoning is consistent with and would be compatible with the existing commercial development, located to the north of the subject parcel; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rezoning is consistent with the 1993 Comprehensive Development Plan, which designates the property in the Research Park classification; and

WHEREAS, Public water and sanitary sewer are available to serve the site and the site is located within the Urban Service Boundary.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, the Township Board hereby **INTRODUCES FOR PUBLICATION AND SUBSEQUENT ADOPTION** Ordinance No. _____, entitled "Ordinance Amending the Zoning District Map of Meridian Township Pursuant to Rezoning Petition #99080 from PO (Professional Office) to RP (Research & Office Park).

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 introduced at least once prior to the next regular meeting of the Township Board.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP
OF MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP
PURSUANT TO REZONING #99080**

The Charter Township of Meridian ordains:

Section 1. Amending the Zoning District Map #99080.

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 PO (Professional Office) District symbol and indication as shown on the Zoning District Map, for the property legally described as:

Commencing at the West ¼ Corner of Section 20, T4N, R1W, Meridian Township, Ingham County, Michigan; thence S89°59'30"E 1414.59 feet; thence S00°00'30"W 86.25 feet to the point of beginning on the Southerly right of way Line of Hannah Boulevard; thence N80°01'35"E 65.74 feet along said right of way line, thence S00°00'30"W 10.95 feet; thence N90°00'00"E 210.26 feet; thence S00°19'47"W 373.77 feet; thence N89°40'13"W 275.00 feet; thence N00°19'47"E 371.76 feet to the point of beginning; containing 2.363 acres of land, more or less.

to that of RP (Research and Office Park) 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 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 Board process for rezonings.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Preliminary Plat #97012 (SBI Limited Partnership),

Director Kieselbach introduced the request for a one-year extension of the preliminary plat approval of Hiawatha Lakes No. 8, north of Jolly Road and east of Okemos Road

TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH MOVED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, SBI Limited Partnership has requested an extension of Preliminary Plat #97012, Hiawatha Lakes No. 8, a single family subdivision of 12 lots located north of Jolly Road and east of East Meadows Condominium; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the extension on June 28, 1999; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has carefully reviewed the material forwarded by staff under cover memorandum dated June 29, 1999; and

WHEREAS, the Township Subdivision Regulations and the State of Michigan Land Division Act allows for the extension of a preliminary plat; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary plat is in compliance with the Township Board's approval on July 1, 1997 and the Township Code of Ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN that the extension of Preliminary Plat #97012, Hiawatha Lakes No. 8, for a period of one year, from July 1, 1999 to July 1, 2000, is hereby granted with the following condition:

1. All previous conditions placed on the preliminary plat shall remain in effect.

SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

15. SPECIAL HEARINGS/APPEALS

A. Zoning Board of Appeals Fee Schedule

Director Kieselbach introduced the recommendation to revise the Zoning Board of Appeals Fee Schedule to address applicant requests for postponement.

Board Members discussed the following points:

- Charge for Each Postponement Request from the Applicant
- No Charge for Board Initiated Postponements

Supervisor Little opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Supervisor Little closed the public hearing.

Supervisor Little opened discussion of remaining Manager's Report Items.

- **Manager's Report**

- Adopt MERS Pension Benefit Level I.A.F.F. (Item #16E)
[For employees covered by the collective bargaining agreement]

Board Members discussed the following points:

- 2nd Quarter Budget Amendment Does Not Reflect Increased Cost of EMS/Fire Pension Improvement
- EMS/Fire Union Employees Bear Cost to Move to MERS Retirement Plan

TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP CLERK BE AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS ATTACHED TO A MEMORANDUM DATED JULY 1, 1999, IN A FORM APPROVED BY THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM, WHICH OUTLINES THE SPECIFIC PENSION BENEFIT PROGRAMS FOR THE MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP FIRE FIGHTERS UNIT AS RATIFIED. SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

- Sale of 1977 Mack Fire Truck (Item #16F)
Board Members discussed the following points:
 - Unsolicited Bid for Fire Truck
 - Expediency of Disposal
 - Other Disposal Options
 - Firmness of Offer

TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER BE AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT J B FABRICATING AND REPAIR INC.'S OFFER OF \$5,000 FOR THE 1977 MACK/SNORKEL – TELE-SQUIRT FIRE TRUCK. 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.

- 2nd Quarter Budget Amendment (Item #16G)
Manager Richards introduced a revised memorandum for the 2nd Quarter budget amendments.

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THAT THE AMENDED 1999 BUDGET, AS OUTLINED ON PAGE 2 OF THE JULY 6, 1999 MEMORANDUM TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR, BE APPROVED. 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.

- Manager Richards reported the Board has already acted on the Lake Lansing Advisory Committee Membership, however the appointments should be for two (2) year terms.

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO AMEND THE APPOINTMENTS OF DR. JOHN WARBACH, HELEN SHIPLEY, AND JOHN COVELL TO THE LAKE LANSING WATERSHED ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO TWO (2) YEAR TERMS TO EXPIRE MAY 1, 2001. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Little opened discussion of Item 12A (Act 425 Agreement)

- **Act 425 Agreement (Agenda Item #12A)**

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT
FOR CONDITIONAL TRANSFER
OF PROPERTY PURSUANT TO 1984 P.A. 425**

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing (“City”) and the Charter Township of Meridian (“Township”) have proposed that certain property be conditionally transferred from the Township to the City pursuant to Public Act 425 of 1984, as amended (Act 425); and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on the proposed transfer on June 14, 1999, and the Township Board held a public hearing on the proposed transfer on June 15, 1999, and both public hearings were preceded by notice in accordance with the requirements of Michigan’s Open Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board deems that it would be in the best interest of the public health, safety and general welfare of the citizenry of the Charter Township of Meridian to approve and authorize the execution of the Agreement for the Conditional Transfer of Property Pursuant to 1984 P.A. 425, which is attached to this resolution, provided that no petition for referendum on the transfer meeting the requirements of Act 425 is filed on or before July 15, 1999.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian resolves as follows:

1. The Agreement for Conditional Transfer of Property Pursuant to 1984 P.A. 425, attached to this Resolution, is hereby approved, subject to any rights of referendum that may be exercised on or before July 15, 1999, and subject to the Township attorney’s approval or correction as to form of the Agreement and the attached Exhibits.
2. The Township Supervisor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Agreement for Conditional Transfer of Property Pursuant to 1984 P.A. 425, after July 15, 1999, provided that no petitions for referendum meeting the requirements of Act 425 are filed on or before that date.
3. The Township Clerk is hereby directed to forthwith take such further actions, including obtaining other necessary approvals or executions of the said Agreement and the filing of the said Agreement with the Ingham County Clerk and the Michigan Secretary of State, on or before July 16, 1999.
4. All prior Resolutions inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and rescinded.

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

Board Members discussed the following points:

- Citizen Right of Referendum
- Non-Incorporation of Residents from Act 425 Agreement Area
- Consistency/Inconsistency of Agreement
- Possible Defeat of Annexation Petition
- Township's Share of Tax Revenue
- Road Maintenance Costs
- Density of Development Adjacent to Okemos High School
- Lack of Concept Plan for 42 Acre Club House Site
- Disposition of Infrastructure at Termination of Agreement
- Time Span of Agreement
- Use of Board of Water & Light Utilities
- Potential Integration of Contiguous Properties into Act 425 Agreement
- Duplication of Electrical Infrastructure
- Township Control of Infrastructure Development
- Township Rights to Control of Easements
- Allowed Uses/Development of Club House Site
- Compatibility/Incompatibility of City and Township Zoning Categories
- Number of Residential Units
- Agency Status
- Tax Jurisdictions
- Voting Jurisdiction
- Development Control under Act 425 Agreement v. Annexation to East Lansing
- Maintenance of Township Boundaries
- Provision of Guarantees Through Act 425 Agreement
- City of East Lansing's Denial of Additional Sewer Capacity

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, Squiers, Such, Supervisor Little, Clerk
Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger
NAYS: Trustee McGillicuddy
Motion carried 6-1.

B. Sidewalk Replacement – Briarwood Subdivisions

Director Buell introduced the sidewalk replacement area in the Briarwood, Kinawa View, and Hidden Lakes Subdivisions.

Supervisor Little opened the public hearing.

(See Item #6)

Supervisor Little closed the public hearing

[Treasurer Klunzinger left the room at 7:20 p.m.]

16. MANAGER'S REPORT, INVOICES & BILLS

- A. Bills (See Consent Agenda)
- B. Replace Central Fire Station Phone System (See Consent Agenda)
- C. 1999 Local Road Agreement, Baker Street & Tihart Road Culvert (See Consent Agenda)
- D. Assessing Stipulations (2) (See Consent Agenda)
- E. Adopt MERS Pension Benefit Level, I.A.F.F. (See Item #15A)
- F. Sale of 1977 Mack Fire Truck (See Item #15A)
- G. Second Quarter Budget Amendments (See Item #15A)

17. BOARD MEMBER, BOARD COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

- A. Standing Committee Reports
 - (1) Physical Operations & Activities
 - Trustee McGillicuddy reported the Volunteer Council would meet Wednesday, July 7, 1999 at

noon.

Trustee McGillicuddy reported the committee is still looking for possible properties for a library facility.

- (2) Financial Planning and Budgeting (None)
- (3) Personnel
 - a. Ratify Police Officer Appointment (See Consent Agenda)
 - c. Authorization to Advertise and Fill Police Department Records Clerk II Position (See Consent Agenda)
 - d. Authorization to Advertise and Fill Utility Worker Position (See Consent Agenda)
 - e. Teamsters Grievance Response (See Consent Agenda)
 - f. Extend Deadline on Employee Computer Purchase Program (See Consent Agenda)
- (4) Planning and Development
Trustee McCullough reported the next meeting is July 15th at 8:30 a.m. in the Administrative Conference Room
- (5) Infrastructure
 - a. Lake Lansing Watershed Advisory Committee Membership (See Consent Agenda & Item #15A)
 - b. Order to Construct 7' Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathways (See Consent Agenda)
 - 1999 Sidewalk Replacement Program - Resolution #2 (Briarwood)

TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION

**1999 Sidewalk Replacement Program
Resolution #2**

Purpose: To acknowledge the establishment of a special assessment district for the replacement of defective sidewalk.

WHEREAS, township personnel have performed field investigations on the public sidewalk and has determined that several locations may present a hazard to non-motorized traffic and,

WHEREAS, Public Act # 80 of 1989 states that the Township Board may order the construction, repair, or maintenance of, or may construct, repair, or maintain sidewalks in a designated area within the Township because of the health, safety, or welfare of the residents of the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian deems it advisable and necessary for the public health, safety, and welfare of the Township and its inhabitants to replace sidewalk in portions of section 33 and 34 of the Township, and to defray the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties specially benefited thereby; and,

WHEREAS, recent court decisions have indicated that the Township has a duty to maintain sidewalks pursuant to statute, even sidewalks along county or state roads; and,

WHEREAS, Township Ordinance 99A places the duty to maintain the sidewalk in a good and useable condition with the adjacent property owner;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The assessment roll showing the improvement and location thereof and an estimate of the cost thereof is filed with the Township Clerk and is available for public examination.
2. The Township Board declares its intention to make sidewalk replacement

- improvements and defray a portion of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties specially benefited thereby.
3. There is hereby designated a special assessment district against which the cost of said improvement is to be assessed, consisting of the lots and parcels of land within portions of sections 33 and 34, T4N, R1W, Meridian Township, Ingham County, Michigan.
 4. The Director of Public Works & Engineering shall send notices to each property owner in the assessment district indicating that they have 20 days to replace the defective sidewalk. Failure of a property owner to replace the sidewalk within 20 days will necessitate the Township's contractor to replace the sidewalk.
 5. A budget adjustment in the amount of \$130,000 shall be processed. \$73,000 shall be transferred from the Township Improvement Revolving Fund, \$14,000 shall be transferred from the Water Distribution Maintenance Fund, and \$43,000 shall be transferred from the Township General Fund.
 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 TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH.

Board Members discussed the following points:

- Transfer of General Fund Money to Project
- Use of Public Work Funds, T.I.R.F., or Pedestrian/Bicycle Millage Funds

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such,
Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

- c. Revision to Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan

TRUSTEE SUCH MOVED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

**1999 Pathway Master Plan Additions
Resolution**

Purpose: To update the existing Pathway Master Plan to include additional pathways.

WHEREAS, Township personnel have performed field investigations have determined that several additions to the current Pathway Master Plan are in order, and

WHEREAS, the additional pathway will facilitate non-motorized traffic away from the public roadway, and

WHEREAS, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian deems it advisable and necessary for the public health, safety, and welfare of the Township and its inhabitants to provide additional pathways.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Pathway Master Plan shall be revised to include the attached list of additional pathways.
2. 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 TRUSTEE SQUIERS

TRUSTEE SQUIERS MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO DELETE
PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE MASTER PLAN ADDITION #15 IN SECTION #21.
SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUCH.

MOTION TO AMEND:
VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION
VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-0.

(6) Public Safety

Clerk Helmbrecht reported the next meeting is yet to be scheduled

a. Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Application (See Consent Agenda)

(7) Recreation

Trustee McCullough reported the Township is conducting a national search for a Recreation Director.

B. Special Committees

C. Liaison Representative Reports

18. OTHER REPORTS

19. NEW BUSINESS

20. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor Little opened public remarks.

Eleanor V. Luecke, 1893 Birchwood Drive, Okemos, continued her earlier remarks regarding the Act 425 Agreement.

Wayne McLellen, 1459 Cheboygan Road, Okemos, stated his disappointment with the approval of the Act 425 Agreement.

21. FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (None)

22. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Little adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

BRUCE A. LITTLE
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Paul J. Cassidy, Secretary