

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
REGULAR MEETING TOWNSHIP BOARD -**APPROVED**-
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198
517.853.4000, Township Hall Room
TUESDAY, October 21, 2025, 6:00PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Treasurer Burghardt, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Township Manager Dempsey, Township Deputy Manager Opsommer, Community Planning and Development Director Schmitt, Police Chief Grillo, Fire Chief Hamel, IT Director Gebes, Parks and Recreation Director Wisinski

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Hendrickson called the October 21, 2025, Regular Township Board meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor Hendrickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Clerk Demas called the roll of the Board. All Board members present at 6:01 pm.

4. PRESENTATION

None

5. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Hendrickson opened public comment at 6:02 pm.

Kristina Kloc and David Kloc spoke about SUP #25-20, agenda item 11.C

Supervisor Hendrickson closed public comment at 6:07 pm.

6. TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT

Manager Dempsey gave updates on:

- Summary from September 30th listening session is posted online.
- Next listening session is November 13th, 6pm at 2|42 Community Center at 2630 Bennet Road.
- Reminder to help keep catch basins clear, concerns can be directed to the County Drain Commission
- Upcoming events: Great Divide on October 24th, Police Department Open House on October 25th, Spooktacular on October 30th.

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Wilson attended the Community Resource Commission meeting.

Clerk Demas welcomed Treasurer Burghardt.

Trustee Lentz noted the passing of Michigan Township Association (MTA) President Harold Koviak.

8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

October 7 closed session minutes were provided to Board Members.

Trustee Wilson moved to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Trustee Trezise.

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Treasurer Burghardt, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 7-0

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Wilson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Supported by Treasurer Burghardt.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Treasurer Burghardt, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 7-0

10. ACTION ITEMS

None

11. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Township Manager Review Process

Supervisor Hendrickson outlined the review process.

Board members asked for a fillable form to be sent electronically.

B. Special Use Permit #25-21 – St. Martha’s Parish and School – 1100 West Grand River – Addition to a building over 25,000 feet

Director Schmitt gave an overview of the permit request.

Board members asked about water and sewer service.

Board members discussed the current property use, Planning Commission recommendation, and limited impact on surrounding area.

- C. Special Use Permit #25-20 – Fedewa Holdings – 4601 Dobie Road – Construct a series of buildings larger than 25,000 feet

Director Schmitt gave an overview of the permit request. Jerry Fedewa and David Fedewa, developers, were present to answer questions.

Board members asked about the drainage, protecting neighboring properties from light pollution and view of trash receptacles, wetland evaluation, traffic study, Faith Lutheran driveway and building height.

- D. Hagadorn Land Donation/Acquisition

Deputy Manager Opsommer gave an overview of the proposed acquisition.

Board members asked about the wetlands, possible fuel tank contamination, placement of current structures, ability to create pathways, requesting an easement to Hagadorn, and management of the property by the Township.

Board members commented about value to the Township of acquiring the site.

- E. Senior Center Update

Manager Dempsey gave an update about staff progress towards the project.

Board members asked about the school partnership potential, the grant funding and extending the grant timeline, about the proposed Nokomis Cultural Center idea, and if any additional buildings are being considered by staff.

12. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Supervisor Hendrickson opened public comment at 7:33 pm.

John Leone spoke about SUP #25-20 and SUP #25-21, items 11.C and 11.B.

Debra Major, Kristina Kloc, Bradley Shaw, Jerry Fedewa, David Fedewa, and David Kloc spoke about SUP #25-20, item 11.C

Supervisor Hendrickson closed public comment at 7:50 pm.

13. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Supervisor Hendrickson asked staff to look at zero-based assumption for traffic impact regarding SUP #25-20.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Trezise moved to enter closed session under MCL 15.268(1)(h) to consult with the Township attorney regarding a confidential written legal opinion. Supported by Trustee Wilson.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Treasurer Burghardt, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 7-0

At 7:51 pm, the Board entered into closed session.

At 8:29 pm, the Board returned to open session.

Trustee Trezise moved to approve a settlement in the amount of \$10,000 to settle a complaint filed against Meridian Township. Supported by Trustee Wilson.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Treasurer Burghardt, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 7-0

15. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Lentz moved to adjourn. Supported by Treasurer Burghardt.

VOICE VOTE YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Treasurer Burghardt, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 7-0

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Scott Hendrickson
Township Supervisor

Angela Demas
Township Clerk