

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD VIRTUAL MEETING **-APPROVED-**
517-349-1232, Virtual Meeting via Zoom
TUESDAY, March 31, 2020 **6:00 pm.**

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

ABSENT:

STAFF: Township Manager Walsh, Director of Public Works Perry, Community Planning Director Kieselbach, Fire Chief Hamel

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Styka called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Township Clerk Dreyfus called the roll of the Board.

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. Introduction of Economic Development Director Ken Lane

B. Coronavirus Task Force Update

4. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Styka opened public remarks at 6:09pm.

Supervisor Styka closed public remarks at 6:13pm.

5. TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT

Township Manager Walsh mentioned citizens can get involved in senior care program by contacting police department, bill payment during coronavirus circumstances, communication with residents, responsiveness, and importance of Township staying in touch with State of Michigan.

6. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Election Report – Clerk Dreyfus

March 10, 2020 Presidential Primary & Local Proposals

B. Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Deschaine

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Opsommer moved to approve the Agenda, as amended. Seconded by Treasurer Deschaine.

Agenda amendments: additional 12-F (Resolution Supporting Gov. Whitmer’s), amendment to Draft Minutes for 3-3-20 Board Meeting, 13-B (Special Use Permit #19141) removed from agenda.

Clerk Dreyfus inquired about status of Closed Session. Clarification that Closed Session was removed from the agenda.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 7 – 0

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor Styka reviewed the consent agenda.

Trustee Jackson moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Treasurer Deschaine.

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

NAYS:

Motion carried 7 – 0

A. Communications

Trustee Jackson 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 Deschaine.

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

NAYS:

Motion carried 7 – 0

B. Approval of Minutes – March 3, 2020 Regular Meeting

Moved to Action Item 12-G

C. Bills

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

Common Cash		\$	4,947,279.27
Public Works		\$	551,367.99
Trust & Agency		\$	5,930,303.36
	Total Checks	\$	11,428,950.62
Credit Card Transactions		\$	22,067.77
Feb 27 to March 25, 2020	Total Purchases	<u>\$</u>	<u>11,451,018.39</u>

ACH Payments

\$ 12,348,008.07

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

NAYS:

Motion carried 7 - 0

9. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY - NONE

10. HEARINGS

11. ACTION ITEMS

A. Rezoning #19100 (Durow) 1259 Grand River Ave. RR to C-2 **Final Adoption**

Trustee Jackson moved adopt the resolution for final adoption of Ordinance No. 2020-04 pursuant to Rezoning Petition #19100 to rezone 1.487 acres at 1259 Grand River Avenue from RR (Rural Residential) and RRA (Single Family - Suburban Estates) to C-2 (Commercial) with conditions voluntarily offered by the applicant. Seconded by Trustee Opsommer.

Board discussion: Rezoning allows owner to use property as it is currently use and protect it in the future, conditions include no drive-thru, fast-food restaurants, bars and taverns, and gas stations, safeguarding against potential neighbor concerns, Board worked with applicant for win/win solution, building remains "as-is" with some commercial development, would need setback approvals for modifications in future.

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

NAYS:

Motion carried 7 - 0

B. Municipal Building HVAC Replacement Bids

Public Works Director Perry presented information on \$2.2 million allocated for replacement of Municipal Building HVAC system. Need Board approval for 3 bidders for construction work.

Trustee Opsommer moved to authorize Deputy Township Manager Perry to proceed with the Municipal Building HVAC replacement project, and accept the bids of Mallory Building for General Trades, Gunthorpe Plumbing and Heating for mechanical services and Centennial Electric for electrical services in the amount of \$1,512,900 for direct construction services. Seconded by Treasurer Deschaine.

Board discussion: details about bids, role and cost of construction management services, location of bidders (Centennial is from Charlotte, Gunthorpe is from Lansing, Mallory is from Haslett). Prevailing wage is a component of contracts.

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

NAYS:

Motion carried 7 - 0

C. Resolution Celebrating Women’s History Month

Trustee Sundland moved to approve the resolution celebrating Women’s History Month. Seconded by Trustee Wisinski.

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

NAYS:

Motion carried 7 - 0

D. Newton Road Sanitary Sewer Special Assessment District (SAD) #54 – Resolution #4

Trustee Jackson moved to approve Newton Road Public Sanitary Sewer Improvement Special Assessment District #54, Resolution #4, which files the proposed final special assessment roll with the Township Clerk and sets the date for a public hearing on May 5, 2020. Seconded by Trustee Opsommer.

Board discussion: 3 parcels along Newton Road, assessment of parcels for project, public hearing date.

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

NAYS:

Motion carried 7 - 0

E. 2020 – 2024 CCLP Meridian Township Police Supervisory Unit Tentative Agreement

Treasurer Deschaine moved to approve the 2020 – 2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement as tentatively agreed to and further ratified by the CCLP Meridian Township Police Supervisory Unit. Seconded by Trustee Sundland.

Board discussion: 9-10 members of the unit, 2% increase/year, other agreement details.

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

NAYS:

Motion carried 7 – 0

F. Resolution of Support of Governor Gretchen Whitmer and the State of Michigan’s Response to Covid-19 Pandemic

Treasurer Deschaine moved to approve the resolution. Supported by Trustee Jackson.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 7 – 0

G. Adoption of Draft Minutes for the March 3, 2020 Regular Board Meeting

Supervisor Styka moved to adopt the Draft Minutes with amendments he provided earlier. Supported by Trustee Opsommer.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 7 – 0

12. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Special Use Permit #19131 (The W. Investment Holdings)

Planning Director Kieselbach provided an overview of applicant requesting Special Use Permit approval to construct a 4,000 square foot medical marijuana provisioning center 1at 1614 Grand River Ave. Planning Commission voted to recommend approval at the meeting on Feb. 24, 2020.

Board discussion: traffic signals located by the site, wetland disturbance minimized, landscaping preserved by entryway, service drive pros and cons, fees, building location on site.

Board consensus to place this item up for action at the next meeting.

C. Zoning Amendment #20020 (Township Board) Multiple Family Zoning Districts

Zoning amendment change will allow a mix of single-family detached homes and multiple family dwellings in the RDD, RD, RC and RCC Multiple Family zoning districts.

Board discussion: parking, planned unit developments, MUPUDs, commercial development, open space requirements, density concerns, diversity options, consumer demand for higher quality single-family rentals.

Board consensus to place this item up for action at the next meeting.

D. Medical Marijuana Ordinance Amendment

Planning Director Kieselbach provided an overview of the non-zoning ordinance amendment. Issues include list of what happens to lottery winners who were not selected first – how long to keep the list, 1 year expiration date, timing of submission of SUP and deficiencies correction timeline, 30 days proposed. Concerns about first-selection winning applicants “holding out” as investment strategy, motivating/requiring lottery winners to begin operations in a timely manner, current ordinance language and applicability to issues being discussed, various timeframes,

property purchase options, permitting and enforcement is expensive process for Township to engage in and is not a revenue source.

Board consensus to place this item up for discussion at the next meeting.

E. Proposed Prevailing Wage Board Policy

Board discussion: proposal would require Township pay prevailing wage for projects over \$50k, history of prevailing wage, labor issues and economics of concept, out of area non-union laborers used on local projects not acceptable, project size requirement permits competition for small business.

Board consensus to place this item up for action at the next meeting.

13. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Supervisor Styka Opened Public Remarks at 8:19pm.

Joyce Van Coevering, 5882 Okemos Rd: Thanked Township Board and leadership for response during these challenging times.

Supervisor Styka Closed Public Remarks at 8:21pm.

14. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Treasurer Deschaine:

- We are in challenging times, with an economic impact on residents. Community Resource Commission can help citizens experiencing financial difficulties. Citizens can donate funds to help cover anticipated higher demand for assistance.

Trustee Opsommer:

- One-stop information resource for citizens regarding coronavirus, updates every 15 minutes: www.michigan.gov/covid19

Trustee Jackson:

- Encourage all citizens to participate in the 2020 Census, regardless of coronavirus.

Supervisor Styka:

- Importance of accurate census information for a community like Meridian Township
- Senior Watch – people can sign up with Police Dept and can check on seniors to see if they are OK. Especially important right now.
- Next meeting will be April 14 – Virtual Meeting again.

Trustee Wisinski:

- Thank Fire Chief, Police Chief and Township Manager for hard work during health crisis. Also thanks to residents who are staying at home.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Treasurer Deschaine moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Jackson.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 7 -0

Supervisor Styka adjourned the meeting at 8:34pm.

RONALD J. STYKA,
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

BRETT DREYFUS,
TOWNSHIP CLERK