

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD SPECIAL BUDGET DELIBERATIONS - **APPROVED** -
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
5151 MARSH ROAD, OKEMOS, MICHIGAN 48864-1198
NELSON ROOM
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2001, 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Trustees Brixie, Stier, Such, Woiwode
ABSENT: Treasurer Hunting
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development Mark Kieselbach, Police Chief Gary Gibbons, EMS/Fire Chief Fred Cowper, Director of Finance Diana Hasse

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chief Cowper led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the roll of the Board.

Supervisor McGillicuddy noted that the flags at the Board Members seats were intended for display in memory of those lives lost September 11, 2001.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2002 Budget

Manager Richards introduced the proposed 2002 budget and the implementation of the Policy Governance Model in the Township budget process.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Long-term planning for funding of a central library facility, central fire station and road maintenance
- Establishment of a base-line in a comparative study with comparable communities
- Discussion of potential uses of the unreserved fund balance
- Calculation and projection of fund balance
- Funding of Planning Commission studies
- Reallocation of unexpended 2001 reserved funds
- Planned Improvement Program (PIP) and potential relationships to the budgetary process

Director Hasse presented an overview of the proposed 2002 budget.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- The need to reverify state economic projections in light of recent events
- Development of benchmarks and monitoring procedures
- Management of restricted funds
- Development of departmental policies and procedures
- Policy considerations in Township fleet management
- Revision of ambulance billing rates
- Merit award program

B. Possible Modifications to the Schedule of Budget Work Sessions

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Budget process under the Policy Governance Model and adopted Board policies
- Procedure to handle Board Member questions
- Value of budget deliberations in understanding the process
- Current meeting schedule

The consensus of the Board was that budget deliberations could be completed at the September 25, 2001 meeting.

5. PUBLIC REMARKS (None)

6. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

SUSAN MCGILLICUDDY
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Paul J. Cassidy, Secretary