

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
853-4000, Town Hall Room
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2013 **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor LeGoff, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Brixie, Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development Mark Kieselbach, Director of Public Works and Engineering Ray Severy, Parks and Recreation Director LuAnn Maisner

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor LeGoff called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor LeGoff led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

The secretary called the roll of the Board.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

A. Capital Area District Library Updates – Betsy Hull (Okemos Library) & Ann Chapman (Haslett Library)
Betsy Hull, Head Librarian at the Okemos Branch of the Capital Area District Library, 4321 Okemos Road, offered an overhead presentation on library activities for 2012, noting the library is used by residents as a center to learn about themselves and the world. She addressed the success of the fundraising campaign for the library renovation due to community support.

Ann Chapman, Head Librarian, Haslett Branch of the Capital Area District Library, spoke to library community involvement for 2012 and what that entailed. She spoke to participation in a project with the Haslett Kiwanis Club where guest speakers at the Kiwanis Club receive a certificate that a children's book has been donated to the Haslett Library in the speaker's honor. Ms. Chapman spoke to the success of use of the community room as it was scheduled for library events and by community groups and organizations 429 times during the year.

Supervisor LeGoff opened Public Remarks.

Denise Paquette, Executive Director, Lansing Habitat for Humanity, invited Board members to the Restore ribbon cutting ceremony on April 26, 2013 at 3:00 P.M. in front of the store at 1605 Haslett Road. She announced the Grand Opening will take place on April 27, 2013 from 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M.

David Caszett, President, Towar Community Concerns Committee (TC3), gave an overview of TC3 activities, addressing the summer recreation program and funding sources for the program. He thanked the many individuals involved in making a \$2,045 grant from the Capital Region Community Foundation to the summer recreation program come to fruition and presented that check to parks and Recreation Director LuAnn Maisner.

Quenda Story, 4526 Marlborough, Okemos, spoke to the continued need for library services, focusing on the users of those services.

Cecilia Kramer, President, Friends of the Okemos Library, 4560 Oakwood, Okemos, gave an update on the Okemos Library renovation fundraising efforts.

Christine Curtis, 734 W. Grand River, #57, Okemos, addressed the deteriorating condition of the Winslow Trailer Park, specifically speaking to the abandoned trailers and cabins which contain black mold.

Susan Pigg, Executive Director of Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC), 3572 W. Hiawatha Drive, Okemos, invited Meridian Township Board members and its residents to participate in the Michigan/Grand River Avenue Vision Charette to be held May 1-7, 2013. She suggested prospective attendees RSVP to TCRPC at migrand-charrette.com or call (517) 393-0342.

Vance Kincaid, 4530 Nakoma Drive, Okemos, expressed concern that the new central fire station plans go back to the Board for approval before construction commences. He spoke in opposition to approximately ten (10) acres of land near Mt. Hope and Okemos Roads being used for commercial development and believed the property should be acquired for the Land Preservation program. He also suggested construction of a roundabout at this intersection to mitigate traffic conflicts and increase safety for children attending the Montessori Program.

Supervisor LeGoff closed Public Remarks.

5. BOARD COMMENTS & REPORTS

Treasurer Brixie announced it is Township Manager Richards' last Board meeting and invited residents to his farewell celebration on Friday, May 3rd from 3:30 to 6:30 PM. She reported her attendance at last week's Land Preservation Board meeting where an expenditure for invasive species removal from the Northwest Land Preserve was approved.

Clerk Dreyfus reported his attendance at the Economic Development Corporation meeting last week where the Haslett Downtown Area redevelopment was discussed.

Trustee Wilson reported her attendance at the last Groundwater Management Board meeting where an overview was given to new members on the Board.

Trustee Styka reported his participation at the last meeting of the East Lansing School District's Strategic Planning process. In response to earlier public comment, he suggested the Winslow Trailer Park resident contact the Ingham County Health Department regarding mold and the deteriorating condition of buildings at Winslow Trailer Park.

Trustee Veenstra reported his attendance at the May 10th regular meeting of the Transportation Review Committee of TCRPC, where the proposed addition of seven (7) daily buses to Metro Detroit Airport via Brighton was discussed.

Trustee Scales reported his attendance at an April 3rd pavement preservation training and the Michigan Municipal League's legislative conference on April 9th and 10th where much of the discussion centered on the condition of Michigan's roads.

Supervisor LeGoff also reported her attendance at the MML's April 9th and 10th legislative conference on topics such as problems generated by term limits, changes in the personal property taxes and the resulting decrease in funds to townships as well as the lack of equal pay for women.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Treasurer Brixie moved to approve the agenda amended as follows:

- **Add Agenda Item #10D: Resolution of Appreciation to Township Manager Gerald J. Richards**

Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

7. CONSENT AGENDA (SALMON)

Supervisor LeGoff reviewed the consent agenda.

Treasurer Brixie moved to adopt the Consent Agenda amended as follows:

- **Move Agenda Item #7E to Agenda Item #10E: Memorandum of Understanding with Delhi Township for Fire Services within Alaiedon Township**

Seconded by Trustee Styka.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

A. Communications

(1) Board Information (BI)

- BI-1 John P. Gardner, Senior Manager, Government Affairs, Comcast, Heartland Region, 1401 E. Miller Road, Lansing; RE: Realignment of Comcast's High Definition (HD) programing lineup effective April 16, 2013
- BI-2 Kristine Enright, 1117 Woodwind Trail, Haslett; RE: Old L & L Store on Haslett Road
- BI-3 William K. Fahey, Attorney, Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes, 4151 Okemos Road, Okemos; RE: Big Box Tax Appeals

(2) Staff Communications (SC)

- SC-1 Martha Wyatt, Associate Planner; RE: Site Plan Review Decisions as of April 1, 2013,
- SC-2 Memorandum from Cindy Cummings, Police Records Supervisor; RE: Current list of licensed vendors and non-licensed persons or nonprofit organizations engaged in soliciting or canvassing dated April 10, 2013

Treasurer Brixie 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 Trustee Styka.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

B. Minutes

Treasurer Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the April 2, 2013 Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Styka.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

C. Bills

Treasurer Brixie moved that the Township Board approve the Manager's Bills as follows:

Common Cash	\$189,653.01
Public Works	\$464,158.90
Total Checks	\$653,811.91
Credit Card Transactions	\$9,129.57
Total Purchases	<u>\$662,941.48</u>
ACH Payments	<u>\$ 507,679.72</u>

Seconded by Trustee Styka.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,
 Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

D. Assessing Stipulation

Treasurer Brixie moved that the Township Attorney be authorized to sign a stipulation with C.E.W. Land Management, LLC in accordance with the revised assessed and table values as follows:

**MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL DOCKET NUMBER 415587
 C.E.W. LAND MANAGEMENT, LLC
 PROPOSED STIPULATION FIGURES**

Original Values

Parcel Number	Address	Year	Original Assessed Value	Original Taxable Value
33-02-02-33-452-013	2214 Jolly	2011	\$351,900	\$351,900
33-02-02-33-452-013	2214 Jolly	2012	\$345,400	\$345,400
33-02-02-33-452-013	2214 Jolly	2013	\$343,100	\$343,100

Proposed Revised Values

Parcel Number	Address	Year	Revised Assessed Value	Revised Taxable Value
33-02-02-33-452-013	2214 Jolly	2011	\$287,500	\$287,500
33-02-02-33-452-013	2214 Jolly	2012	\$290,000	\$290,000
33-02-02-33-452-013	2214 Jolly	2013	\$290,000	\$290,000

Seconded by Trustee Styka.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,
 Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

F. Ratification of New Police Officer Appointment

Treasurer Brixie moved ratification of the appointment of Jason Clements to the position of Police Officer contingent upon successful completion of those items stipulated in the conditional offer of employment. Seconded by Trustee Styka.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,
 Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

G. Budget Amendment Request for the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Award for Equipment

Treasurer Brixie moved that the Township Board approve an amendment to the Police Grant Fund for grant revenue of \$16,785 and equipment expense of \$18,650, the match will be funded with fund balance. Seconded by Trustee Styka.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,
 Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

- H. Extension of Successor Retainer Agreement with Bodwin & Associates, P.C.
Treasurer Brixie moved that the retainer agreement for the Uniform Traffic Code prosecution services with the law firm of Bodwin and Associates, P.C. be extended for a period of one year for the amount of \$65,000 with the option to extend the agreement and additional two years.

Further, that the retainer agreement for prosecution of the Charter Township of Meridian's Retail Fraud Third Ordinance and Minor in Possession Ordinance and Diversion Program for both retail fraud and minor in possession be continued with Bodwin & Associates, P.C. for the amount of \$15,000 with the option to extend the agreement an additional two years. Seconded by Trustee Styka.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

- I. Budget Amendment Request for the Haslett Library Kiwanis Community Room Upgrade
Treasurer Brixie moved that the Township Board approve an amendment to the Library Restricted Fund for donation revenue of \$8,000 and building improvements and equipment expense of \$16,000. The difference will be funded with donations from 2012 included in fund balance. Seconded by Trustee Styka.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

- J. Resolution to Establish Receiving Boards for May 2013 through May 2014 Elections
Treasurer Brixie moved [and read into the record] NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian hereby authorizes the appointment of Receiving Boards for each election conducted in the Township beginning May 2, 2013 through May 1, 2014. Seconded by Trustee Styka.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

- K. Inter-Agency Agreement with Ingham County Department of Transportation and Roads for Road Improvements to Marsh Road
Treasurer Brixie moved to approve an inter-agency agreement for road improvements on Marsh Road with the Ingham County Department of Transportation and Roads which includes a \$15,000 reimbursement for work required on Meridian Township utility and pathway structures and authorize the Township Manager to sign the agreement. Seconded by Trustee Styka.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

- L. Set a Public Hearing (May 9, 2013) for Notice of Tree Removal from Cornell Road, a Natural Beauty Road
Treasurer Brixie moved that a public hearing be added to the agenda for the May 9th Board meeting for the purpose of taking comments on the proposed removal of vegetation and trees along Cornell Road, a Natural Beauty Road, between Grand River Avenue and Orlando Drive; said notice of hearing to indicate that the Board may take action on this matter at the May 9th board meeting. Seconded by Trustee Styka.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

8. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY (None)

9. HEARINGS (None)

10. ACTION ITEMS

Supervisor LeGoff opened Public Remarks.

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett, spoke in opposition to the proposed new park millage, as there would be a two-year overlap with the existing millage. He believed the requested new millage, which is twice the current amount, is excessive.

Patrick Stanton, 734 W. Grand River Avenue, #57, Okemos, expressed concern with the safety of residents in the Winslow Trailer Park without nearby fire hydrants and played a recording of his young daughter’s concern.

Ali Damsaz, 743 Grand River Avenue, Okemos, spoke in support of the water main extension on Grand River Avenue to Van Atta Road.

Will White, 4706 Okemos Road, spoke in support of the water main extension on Grand River Avenue to Van Atta Road and believed parking for the MUPUD at 2095 and 2099 Hamilton Road should be in the back.

Supervisor LeGoff closed Public Remarks.

A. New Park Millage Proposed Ballot Language

Director Maisner summarized the proposed new park millage and ballot language as outlined in staff memorandum dated April 12, 2013.

Trustee Veenstra moved [and read into the record] NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, approves the following millage ballot question language, subject to final approval of the Township Attorney, and directs the Clerk to submit it to be placed on the August 5, 2014 election ballot:

Meridian Park System Millage

Shall the currently authorized limitation in the amount of taxes that may be assessed against all property in the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, be increased in the amount of .6667 mills (\$0.6667 on each \$1000 of taxable value), for a period of twelve (12) years, 2014 through 2025 inclusive, for additional funding of the Township’s existing programs for park development, maintenance and operations? The estimate of the revenue that the Township would collect from this .6667 mill addition in the first year (if levied in 2014) is \$1,042,000.

YES _____ NO _____

Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

Board members and staff discussed the following:

- Previous survey seems to indicate voters would approve this millage amount
- Some of the money generated would be utilized for ongoing maintenance of existing facilities

- Additional money generated by this millage would fund key projects including Towner Road Park Development (\$2.1 million), Meridian Riverfront Park Trail System, Central Park Project (\$1 million) and Wonch Park (\$675,000)
- Park Commission will decide the priorities and how they will be funded
- Appreciation for the numerous activities provided by park millage funds
- In order for Meridian Township parks to be used, they must be maintained
- Concern with millage overlap if the Board were to put this on the ballot in 2013
- Language in the resolve clause directs the Clerk to place the millage proposal on the August 5, 2014 ballot
- Township can entertain a recommendation by the Park Commission to place the millage question on an earlier ballot through Board action
- Board makes an annual decision on how much of the authorized millage will be levied
- Proposed overlap will aid in upgrading the park system

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Commission Review #10133, Extend Water Main on Grand River Avenue to Van Atta Road
Trustee Scales moved to renew the resolution to overrule the Planning Commission's denial of Commission Review #10133 for the water main extension along Grand River Avenue. Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

Board members discussed the following:

- Courtesy to ask the Planning Commission if they would reconsider their denial in light of recent events at the Winslow Trailer Park
- Recent fire at Winslow Trailer Park necessitates moving forward at this time

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Scales moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN overrules the Planning Commission's denial of Commission Review #10133 and approves the proposed water main extension along Grand River Avenue. Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

Board members discussed the following:

- Address of Grand Petro Mart is 743 Grand River Avenue
- Language in resolution is identical to resolution denied by the Planning Commission
- Concern with language in the first whereas clause extending the water line to the east property line of this parcel
- Long-standing Township policy of extending water and sewer across entire frontage of a property
- Conditions for this property are the same as existed when the Board first considered this issue in 2010 (i.e., gas station operating with contaminated soils and desire for an addition which would necessitate a higher pressure water system)
- High density living units in the trailer park across the street from this location would benefit from installation of a hydrant for fire protection
- Poor water quality of the trailer park and nearby restaurant according to the Ingham County Health Department
- Winslow Trailer Park would have the ability to hook up to public water through an extension across the road at the owner's expense

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus

NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Commission Review #12053 (Planning Commission), Amend 2005 Master Plan to add an Urban Services Management Area
Clerk Dreyfus moved to refer Commission Review #12053 to the Planning Commission to consider the Township Board's recommended changes as outlined in the staff memorandum dated April 12, 2013. Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

Board members discussed the following:

- Board members used the criteria to make adaptations to the urban service boundary
- Soil issues regarding the Ponderosa subdivision were taken into consideration

Trustee Scales called the question. Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff, Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus
NAYS: Trustee Veenstra
Motion carried 6-1.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE MAIN MOTION: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff, Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus
NAYS: Trustee Veenstra
Motion carried 6-1.

- D. Resolution of Appreciation to Township Manager Gerald J. Richards
Treasurer Brixie moved [and read into the record] **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN as follows:**

The Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, by means of resolution, extends to Gerald J. Richards sincere gratitude for his years of dedicated and enthusiastic service and the numerous accomplishments he has made which have immeasurably benefitted Meridian Township government, our citizens, businesses, and myriad groups and organizations. Seconded by Trustee Scales.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff, Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

Township Manager Richards thanked current and past elected officials for their trust in him as he carried out the duties of Township Manager for the past 19 years. He indicated his respect for current Board members and those who ran for office during his tenure to bring a diverse and sincere group of candidates who desired to represent Meridian Township.

- E. Memorandum of Understanding with Delhi Township for Fire Services within Alaiedon Township
Trustee Veenstra moved to approve the agreement between Delhi Charter Township and Meridian Charter Township for fire and rescue services within Alaiedon Township and authorize Township officials to sign the agreement. Seconded by Trustee Wilson.

Board members discussed the following:

- Fire station on South Okemos Road will be able to provide better fire protection to a portion of Alaiedon Township, especially between Jolly Road and Sandhill
- Better fire protection will lower fire insurance premiums on buildings in that area
- Agreement is only a start and should include ambulance service in the future

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

11. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

Supervisor LeGoff opened and closed Public Remarks.

A. Mixed Use Planned Unit Development Concept Plan for 2095 Hamilton Road and 2099 Hamilton Road

Ken Jones, Architect, Studio Intrigue, 1114 S. Washington Avenue, Lansing, gave an overview of the concept plan as outlined in staff memorandum dated April 11, 2013.

Board members and staff discussed the following:

- Appreciation for the brick construction and arched doorways
- Character will coincide with the surrounding neighborhood
- Concern that the driveway is on the roundabout
- Preference for the ingress and egress on the western most driveway
- Concern with the parking lot and dumpster in front of the building
- Suggestion for one row of parking in front and remainder of parking in the rear
- Suggestion for joining parking lots with adjacent neighbor to the west
- Moving the building forward provides an opportunity to save the largest trees in the back
- Best design for pedestrian walkability v. current design which maximizes building footprint
- Design is too dense for the location
- Concern with the layout relative to its proximity to the river
- Preference for eight (8) units, as it would allow for more open space
- Underlying zoning for commercial is a maximum of 70% impervious
- Request by Ingham County for the ingress/egress to be in the roundabout
- Concern that exiting into the roundabout will cause traffic accidents
- Plan does not fit Meridian Township's efforts toward the walkable community concept
- Owner's intention to attract a low density tenant
- Concept plans provides a 63% impervious surface which includes buildings, parking lot and walkways
- Location of traffic backup when vehicles turn into the MUPUD if the ingress/egress is on the eastern end
- Driveway placement at the western end of the property would better facilitate traffic
- Request for written communication from the Ingham County Department of Transportation and Roads regarding its opinion on driveway placement
- Suggestion to use pervious material for parking spaces
- Concern that having a mix of retail and residential parking in the front could create parking issues for the residents
- No proposed amenities listed in the concept plan

It was the consensus of the Board to allow the applicant to incorporate suggestions received from Board members and bring the MUPUD back to the Board at a future date.

B. Rezoning #13010 (Planning Commission), Rezone 5691 Babbitt Street from C-2 (Commercial) to RB (Single Family-Medium Density)

Director Kieselbach summarized the proposed rezoning as outlined in staff memorandum dated April 11, 2013.

Board members and staff discussed the following:

- Lot frontage conforms with the frontage requirement
- Property has always been used for residential purposes
- Property currently has a non-conforming status

- Concern with taking an action on one property which may have an unintended consequence on another property
- Changing to residential would not have an adverse impact on neighboring commercial properties at this time
- Rezoning is consistent with the Master Plan
- Rezoning will bring this parcel into compliance
- Commercial planned unit development (CPUD) will allow for waiving setback issues created by nearby small commercial lots along Haslett Road

It was the consensus of the Board to place this item on for action at the next Board meeting.

12. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor LeGoff opened Public Remarks.

Joan Blosser, 9349 Coleman Road, Haslett, expressed several concerns with the limitations contained in the Township's Code of Ordinances for non-conforming RR zoned rental property she owns in Meridian Township and how the Township has handled her issues with the property. She requested an amendment to Section 86-616(b) regarding non-conforming uses of structures.

Supervisor LeGoff closed Public Remarks.

13. FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Treasurer Brixie inquired if the Board was interested in making an offer to Manager Richards to consult with new Township Manager Walsh for a specified period of time.

Trustee Veenstra suggested waiting until Mr. Walsh is in the position of Township Manager to see if he is interested in having the current Manager consult with him.

Trustee Wilson suggested having an agreement in place in the event the new Township Manager wishes to utilize the consulting services.

Treasurer Brixie requested the Supervisor appoint the same members as those who served on the committee who worked out the details of the new Township Manager's employment agreement.

Trustee Veenstra asked that information be provided to the Board regarding questions posed during earlier public comment by Ms. Blosser. He also requested an amendment to Meridian Township's ordinance to lengthen the three (3) month time frame for abandonment of a non-conforming use to one (1) year.

Trustee Wilson reminded Board members a branding seminar will take place next week, which is a continuance from the seminar held last month.

Supervisor LeGoff announced Township Manager Richard's Farewell Open House on Friday, May 3, 2013 from 3:30 PM until 6:30 PM in the Township Hall Room of the Municipal Building.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor LeGoff adjourned the meeting at 8:51 P.M.

ELIZABETH LEGOFF
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

BRETT DREYFUS
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Sandra K. Otto, Secretary