



Charter Township of Meridian  
Meridian Economic Development Corporation (EDC)  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864  
Tuesday, February 15, 2022- Minutes -DRAFT

**Members**

**Present:** Manager Frank Walsh, Chair Kim Thompson, Adam Carlson, Treasurer Phil Deschaine, Vice Chair Brenda Chapman, Shawn Dunham, and Dave Ledebuhr

**Members**

**Absent:** Trustee Kathy Sundland, Tom Conway, and Henry Kwok

**Others**

**Present:** Neighborhoods & Economic Development Director Amber Clark, Executive Assistant Michelle Prinz, Trustee Patricia Herring Jackson, and Eric Helzer, Advanced Redevelopment Solutions

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:30 am.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION BY MEMBER CARLSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER CHAPMAN. MOTION PASSES 6-0.**

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes-December 2, 2021
- b. Financial Report
- c. Development Projects

**MOTION BY MEMBER CARLSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER DUNHAM. MOTION PASSES 6-0.**

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

5. OLD BUSINESS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Village of Okemos, LLC Redevelopment Fund Request No. 2

The EDC met to review the completeness of the Village of Okemos, LLC Meridian Redevelopment Fund (MRF) request. Eric Helzer, Advanced Redevelopment Solutions discussed the request. The \$3.86 million request is primarily for infrastructure improvements on Clinton Street, Hamilton Road, Methodist Street and Ardmore Avenue. In addition to the MRF, there are a variety of other funding/approval agreements for the project including EGLE, Township Site Plan, Township Brownfield Authority, and Michigan Economic Development Corporation. Pending those approvals, a construction schedule was reviewed with a June 2022 start date and a fall 2024 completion date. Mr. Helzer suggested to use the Downtown Development Authority TIF funds, if needed for the project.

Manager Walsh discussed that the MRF only has \$2 million to support both the Village of Okemos and Haslett Village Square projects. In addition, given the current economic climate, wondering if the Township should be requiring commercial space for project. He suggested that the DDA TIF funds should be used for this project and that the committee will have to work through these issues.

**MOTION BY MEMBER DUNHAM TO SUPPORT THE VILLAGE OF OKEMOS, LLC NO. 2 REDEVELOPMENT FUND REQUEST AND REQUEST THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR TO APPOINT TWO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES TO THE VILLAGE OF OKEMOS, LLC REDEVELOPMENT FUND PROJECT REQUEST FOR REVIEW COMMITTEE. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER CARLSON. MOTION PASSES 6-0.**

7. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS

None.

12. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

13. NEXT MEETING DATE

- March 3, 2022 at 7:30am

14. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objection, Chair Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:13am.