

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
853-4000, Town Hall Room
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 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, Human Resources Director Amy Holda, Parks and Land Management Coordinator Jane Greenway

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. Ingham County Tax Update – Treasurer Eric Schertzing

Treasurer Schertzing discussed Ingham County tax foreclosure trends and Sheriff's deed trends since 2002 and 2000 respectively. In response to Board member inquiries, he explained county residents can participate in payment plans, and spoke to the timeline between nonpayment of taxes and tax foreclosure (a 25-month process). Treasurer Schertzing presented historical information on Meridian delinquent parcels and taxes.

Supervisor LeGoff opened Public Remarks.

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett, expressed appreciation to three (3) Boards and Commissions for their transparency by providing timely on-line agendas and packets. He spoke in support of the grant applications for the three park projects.

Neil Bowlby, 6020 Beechwood Drive, Haslett, announced LINC will be meeting Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 6:45 P.M. in the Community Room of the Haslett Library. He capsulized candidates' comments during the previous election campaign regarding the Capstone project and spoke to the density of Hannah Farms Phase 3 as shown in the concept plan.

Supervisor LeGoff closed Public Remarks.

5. BOARD COMMENTS & REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Quarterly Report

Treasurer Brixie gave an update on delinquent personal property tax collection totals for tax years 2008-2012, 2012 total tax year collections and distributions as of March 14, 2013, and current fixed maturity investments and non-fixed investments as of February 28, 2013.

Supervisor LeGoff announced the Township Board has selected a new Township Manager, Mr. Frank Walsh of St. Joseph, Michigan. She stated her displeasure at the Township collecting repayment of overage erroneously paid to a Township pensioner over several years, while acknowledging its necessity.

Trustee Wilson reported her attendance at the following:

- March 9, 2013 MABA Expo

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- March 11, 2013 community forum on the Future of Education hosted by the State Board of Education
- March 12th State Board of Education Meeting
- March 12th Friends of the Park Volunteer Appreciation Event in the Township Hall
- March 18th event held in collaboration with the Michigan Municipal League to discuss the importance of investing in our communities and the negative impact reduced revenue sharing has had on local municipalities

Trustee Wilson invited interested community members to participate in the Michigan Avenue/Grand River Corridor Charette, to be held May 1 through May 7, 2013.

Clerk Dreyfus reported his attendance at the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks (MAMC) Clerk Institute to become a certified municipal clerk, a three year program.

Trustee Veenstra reported his attendance at the March 12th Friends of the Park Volunteer Appreciation Event in the Township Hall. He spoke in support of the three (3) park grant applications on tonight's agenda.

Trustee Scales reported his attendance at the following:

- March 8th Grand Opening of the Asian Express Chinese Cuisine, located at 3520 Okemos Road
- March 8th Grand Opening of Arty Party Studio located at 4661 Okemos Road
- March 8th Meridian Area Business Association (MABA) meeting where new business ventures were discussed
- March 12th Friends of the Park Volunteer Appreciation Event
- March 13th cross boundary meetings with newly elected trustees from Delta and Lansing Townships
- March 18th Michigan Municipal League's legislative update
- March 19th's 50th anniversary celebration of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights

Trustee Styka reported his attendance at the following:

- East Lansing Public Schools' Strategic Planning meeting
- The Okemos School Board meeting where he learned their intent to do a technology bond
- The grand opening of Arty Party
- The latest MABA meeting
- Friends of the Park Volunteer Appreciation Event

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Treasurer Brixie moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Seconded by Clerk Dreyfus.

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 10B: Consumers Energy Franchise Agreement Ordinance**

Seconded by Trustee Wilson.

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 James Brazier, 4185 Cornell Road, Okemos; RE: Policy Governance Promotes Bureaucratic Values
- BI-2 Douglas Huls, 535 Frost Road, Williamston; RE: Calculation of Retiree Pension Benefits
- BI-3 George and Carolyn Burris, 3941 Hemmingway Drive, Okemos; RE: Support for the Deer Management Program
- BI-4 Larry Harb, IT Risk Managers, Inc., 3973 Shoals Drive, Okemos; RE: Support for the Deer Management Program

(2) Commission Linkage (CL)

- CL-1 Quenda Story, 4526 Marlborough Drive, Okemos; RE: Term limitation as the Meridian representative to the Capital Area District Library (CADL) Board

(3) Regional Linkage (RL)

- RL-1 Tri County Regional Planning Commission; RE: Invitation to the Michigan Avenue/Grand River Avenue Vision Charette to be held May 1-7, 2013

(4) Staff Communication (SC)

- SC-1 Martha Wyatt, Associate Planner; RE: Site Plan Review Decisions as of March 1, 2013
- SC-2 Amy Holda, Human Resources Director; RE: Staff Response to Board Correspondence from Douglas Huls

(5) On File in the Clerk's Office

Material handed out at the March 16, 2013 Special Board Meeting
Mike Garey, Mayor Pro Tem, City of St. Joseph, MI: Letter of recommendation for Township Manager candidate Frank Walsh

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 Wilson.

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

B. Minutes

(1) Treasurer Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the March 1, 2013 Special Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Wilson.

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

(2) Treasurer Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the March 5, 2013 Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Wilson.

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	\$ 334,553.44
Public Works	\$ 378,122.92
Total Checks	\$ 712,676.36
Credit Card Transactions	\$ 9,133.46
Total Purchases	<u>\$ 721,809.82</u>
ACH Payments	<u>\$ 532,882.49</u>

Seconded by Trustee Wilson.

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

D. Assessing Stipulations

Treasurer Brixie moved that the Township Attorney be authorized to sign a stipulation with the L. Robert and Roberta McElmurry Trust in accordance with the revised assessed and taxable values stated as follows:

**MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL DOCKET NUMBER 415146
L. ROBERT AND ROBERTA McELMURRY TRUST
PROPOSED STIPULATION FIGURES**

Original Values

Parcel Number	Address	Year	Original Assessed Value	Original Taxable Value
33-02-02-20-351-004	4572 Hagadorn	2011	\$1,541,600	\$1,223,686
33-02-02-20-351-004	4572 Hagadorn	2012	\$1,509,800	\$1,256,725

Proposed Revised Values

Parcel Number	Address	Year	Revised Assessed Value	Revised Taxable Value
33-02-02-20-351-004	4572 Hagadorn	2011	\$787,500	\$787,500
33-02-02-20-351-004	4572 Hagadorn	2012	\$787,500	\$787,500

Seconded by Trustee Wilson.

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

Treasurer Brixie moved that the Township Attorney be authorized to sign a stipulation with Rainbow Rascals Okemos, LLC in accordance with the revised assessed and taxable values stated as follows:

**MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL DOCKET NUMBER 401074
RAINBOW RASCALS OKEMOS, LLC
PROPOSED STIPULATION FIGURES**

Original Values

Parcel Number	Address	Year	Original Assessed Value	Original Taxable Value
33-02-02-33-406-003	3682 Okemos	2010	\$384,500	\$384,500

Proposed Revised Values

Parcel Number	Address	Year	Revised Assessed Value	Revised Taxable Value
33-02-02-33-406-003	3682 Okemos	2010	\$330,000	\$330,000

Seconded by Trustee Wilson.

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

- F. Authorized Signature Approval for the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program Grant
Treasurer Brixie moved to designate Township Treasurer Julie Brixie as the authorized agent for Meridian Township to sign all necessary documents associated with the USDA Whip Grant, contract number Whip 2002 725D21080P6; for the Land Preservation Program. Seconded by Trustee Wilson.

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

- G. Resolutions to Authorize Grant Applications for Hillbrook Park Tennis Court Renovation, North Meridian Road Park Improvement Project, and Ferguson Park Riparian Enhancement Project
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:**

To authorize submission of a grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund program for improvements in North Meridian Road Park consisting of a pavilion, concession/ski rental area and accessible sidewalks with an estimated project cost of \$225,000 that includes a grant request of \$168,750 and a 25% local match of \$56,250 from the Park Millage Fund.

Seconded by Trustee Wilson.

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

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:

To authorize submission of a grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Michigan Recreation Passport Grant Program for tennis court renovations in Hillbrook Park with an estimated total project cost of \$60,000 that includes a grant request of \$45,000 and a 25% local match of \$15,000 from the General Fund.

Seconded by Trustee Wilson.

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

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:

To authorize submission of a grant application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund program for riparian enhancements in Ferguson Park with an estimated project cost of \$50,000, which includes a 50% General Fund local match of \$25,000 and a \$25,000 grant request.

Seconded by Trustee Wilson.

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

H. Resolution to Authorize Grant Application for Green Road Acquisition

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:

To support submission of a grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for an estimated total project cost of \$160,000 for the acquisition of property at 6269 Green Road, Haslett, Michigan with the local match consisting of a \$50,000 donation from the current land owner and \$10,000 from the Land Preservation Program.

Seconded by Trustee Wilson.

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)

A. 2012 Order to Maintain Sidewalk, Special Assessment District No. 13

Township Manager Richards explained the public hearing is a continuation from the March 5, 2013 Board meeting.

Supervisor LeGoff closed the public hearing at 6:42 P.M.

B. The Meadows Subdivision Public Streetlighting Improvement, Special Assessment District #324

Supervisor LeGoff opened and closed the public hearing at 6:43 P.M.

10. ACTION ITEMS

Supervisor LeGoff opened Public Remarks.

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett, spoke in support of the recommendations of the Elected Officials Compensation Commission (EOCC), as he believed it important for the Clerk and Treasurer to be available in the Township facility for interaction with the public.

Supervisor LeGoff closed Public Remarks.

A. Salaries for Elected Officials in 2013 and 2014

Trustee Scales gave his rationale for placing this item on as an action item at this meeting. He noted the Board must either accept the entire recommendation or reject the recommendation by a two-thirds vote.

Board members discussed the following:

- Acknowledgment that no other citizens came to this Board meeting to comment on the EOCC's recommendations
- Support for a return to equalization of the Treasurer and Clerk's salary
- Request by EOCC members to have the Treasurer speak to them at their January 30th meeting
- Concern with giving Board members a salary increase higher than what the Board approved for Township employees
- Concern with public perception and public trust
- Lack of comfort in giving newly elected officials with new duties a significant raise
- Fiscally irresponsible to support a raise higher than what was negotiated for employees
- Clerk and Treasurer, as department heads, are paid less than the other department heads
- Salaries of the Clerk and Treasurer should be restored to their previous salary levels before they were cut
- The EOCC arbitrarily cut the salary for Trustees by \$1,000 two (2) years ago, and that salary should be restored

B. Consumers Energy Franchise Agreement Ordinance

Treasurer Brixie moved [and read into the record] THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN that it hereby introduces for publication and subsequent adoption Ordinance No. _____ entitled "Consumer's Energy Company Electric Franchise Ordinance."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE Clerk of the Charter Township of Meridian is directed to publish the Ordinance at least once prior to the next regular meeting of the Township Board. Seconded by Trustee Scales.

Board members discussed the following:

- Concern with broadness of language in Section 3, Paragraph 2, last sentence indicating the notice requirement shall not apply to the installation of electric services nor to the work performed on privately owned property

Treasurer Brixie called the question. Seconded by Trustee Wilson.

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.

11. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

Supervisor LeGoff opened Public Remarks.

Neil Bowlby, 6020 Beechwood Drive, Haslett, stated the Planning Commission noted several problems with the Hannah Farms Phase 3 Concept Plan at its March 11, 2013 meeting. He summarized Planning Commissioner concerns and believed the proposal does not conform with the village concept (a diversity of housing types) as presented in 2008.

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett, spoke in opposition to Hannah Farms Phase 3 Concept Plan as presented. He spoke to transportation issues which already exist with only Phase 1.

Supervisor LeGoff closed Public Remarks.

A. Hannah Farms Phase 3 Concept Plan

John Acken, Capstone Collegiate Communities, 431 Office Park Drive, Birmingham, Alabama summarized the two concept plans as outlined in staff memorandum dated March 7, 2013.

Mark Clouse, Legal Counsel and Chief Financial Officer, Eyde Company, 4660 S. Hagadorn Road, Suite 660, East Lansing, reviewed the overall vision presented in 2008.

Board members discussed the following:

- Need for a pathway connection to the east and across the Red Cedar River
- Appreciation for the Planning Commission concept of retail on either side
- Did not like 5 stories
- Liked the concept of mixed use with retail
- Wants a hotel on the property
- Would like a development which encourages real mixed use and a mixed village concept
- Like retail mix which could attract a diversity of individuals
- Concern with insufficient open space, as 40% of the original 81 acres was required to be protected and preserved
- Appreciation for the parking garage
- No parking on the front of Hannah Boulevard
- Need for commercial or office use on the first floor
- No residential units on the first floor
- Additional height keeps density away from single family areas
- Request for the property owner to give extra right-of-way on Hannah Boulevard to allow for the installation of bicycle lanes
- Sidewalks are not depicted on the northern edge of the property on the Hannah Boulevard site
- Address sidewalk gaps with adjacent property for true walkability
- Preference for a “refuge island cut” on Hannah Boulevard to facilitate pedestrian movement
- Need for true open green gathering places
- Need for true bikability and walkability for safety purposes
- Make this a place where people “want to be”

Supervisor LeGoff recessed the meeting at 7:20 P.M.

Supervisor LeGoff reconvened the meeting at 7:34 P.M.

B. 2012 Order to Maintain Sidewalk, Special Assessment District No. 13
It was the consensus of the Board to postpone this item until the April 2, 2013 Board meeting.

C. The Meadows Subdivision Public Streetlighting Improvement, Special Assessment District #324
It was the consensus of the Board to postpone this item until the April 2, 2013 Board meeting.

12. VISION SESSION: Joint Meeting with Neighboring Local Governments and School Districts

Bath Township

Paula Clark, Supervisor

City of East Lansing

Tim Dempsey, Deputy City Manager and Director of Planning, Building and Development

East Lansing Public Schools

David Chapin, Superintendent

Kay Biddle, East Lansing Board of Education Vice President

Haslett Public Schools

Michael Duda, Superintendent

Ingham County Department of Transportation and Roads (ICDTR)

Bob Petersen, Director of Engineering

City of Lansing

Carol Wood, Lansing City Council President and Chair of Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

Okemos Public Schools

Catherine Ash, Superintendent

Amy Crites, Okemos Board of Education President

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

Susan Pigg, Executive Director

City of Williamston

Alan Dolley, City Manager

Scott Vanallsburg, Mayor Pro-Tem

Williamston Community Schools

Narda Murphy, Superintendent

Williamstown Township

Mickey Martin, Supervisor

Ernie Gaffner, Clerk

Janet Eyster, Trustee

(1) Grand River Corridor

Attendees discussed the following:

- Regional initiative on developing sustainable communities in the form of a week-long charette May 1-7 to formulate as to how the main street in the Capital area should look from the State Capitol to Webberville

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- Invitation to watch the process when professional engineers and design specialists will draw up ideas generated by the public as to what the corridor should look like by visiting the design studio to be located in the first floor of the former Jacobson's building in downtown East Lansing
- An open house event will be held on Sunday, May 5th and residents can speak directly with the designers
- Charette will culminate in a final event at the Hannah Community Center in East Lansing on Tuesday, May 7th from 6:00-9:00 P.M.
- Opportunity for a collaborative vision of the full corridor and then allow each entity to work toward that vision
- Event is a joint long range visioning process for the Michigan Avenue/Grand River Avenue corridor developing
- East Lansing will be installing bicycle lanes on a portion of Michigan Avenue during its current construction
- Possible coordination of bicycle lanes and other elements of complete streets on Meridian Township's border area east of Hagadorn Road over to Park Lake Road
- Williamstown Township has rezoned its Grand River corridor as a green zone for future development
- Meridian Road to Zimmer Road has ten (10) foot shoulders along Grand River Avenue
- Bus rapid transit is proposed along the Michigan Avenue/Grand River Avenue Corridor which becomes viable only if dense development is constructed along much of the corridor (i.e., Lansing, East Lansing and Meridian)

(2) Regional Cooperation and Joint Services with Other Units

- Cost effective venture for police services provided by Meridian Township to Williamstown Township
- Williamstown Township and City of Williamston conducting a feasibility study for a joint library, senior center and community center
- Joint fire study with Meridian Township and the City of East Lansing
- Shared services between school districts within Meridian Township
- Time is "ripe" for an era of regionalism
- Previously approved Haslett Preserve may not be included in the urban services management area
- Developer did not move forward with the project once it was approved
- Affordable housing is an issue for sustainability of the Haslett Public School system and developments not having water and sewer will impact the number of children attending Haslett schools
- Explanation of the creation of the urban services management area as a planning tool
- Eighty percent (80%) of residents in East Lansing do not have children in the school system
- Sixty percent (60%) of residents in Meridian Township do not have children in the three (3) school systems
- Twenty percent (20%) of East Lansing schools' students live in Meridian Township
- Careful consideration of the urban services boundary in order to entice new young families to move into Meridian Township
- Examples of current regional cooperation:
 - Joint training for fire services
 - Cooperation in joint purchasing
 - 425 Agreements among various neighbors
 - Meridian Township Police Department worked at East Lansing Schools with the East Lansing Police Department after the Connecticut tragedy
 - Cooperation among entities regarding hosting joint elections
- Shared assessor between East Lansing and Meridian Township
- Shared services between East Lansing and Meridian Township for electrical, mechanical and plumbing inspections
- Need to be strategic when entering into partnerships
 - 911 consolidation has not been a smooth transition
 - Consolidation can result in higher costs
- East Lansing provides fire services to Michigan State University (MSU) and requires a specific level of service

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- Shared public safety services for MSU events
- Exploration of a possible agreement with East Lansing's Fire/EMS personnel to service the northwest corner of Meridian Township since East Lansing's North Abbot fire station is closer than Meridian Township's fire station which services that area
- Appreciation for information sharing between officials of neighboring governmental entities
- Appreciation for cooperation by ICDTR for both the light at the corner of Grand River Avenue/ Zimmer Road and paved shoulders from Grand River to Haslett Road
- Zimmer Road bridge to be replaced
- Progressively timed traffic signals along the Grand River corridor
- Grand River Avenue (as a two-way road) is challenging for progressively time traffic signals
- Ingham County's Plan for this year includes six (6) bridge and four (4) road projects:
 - Marsh Road from Grand River Avenue to just south of Tihart Road in Meridian Township
 - Rehabilitation of Cornell Road from Grand River Avenue north in Meridian Township
 - Replacement of the Van Atta Road Bridge over the Red Cedar River in Meridian Township (scheduled to commence February, 2014)
- Public transit interface across county lines within the Tri-County region
- Benefit of a transportation network throughout the tri-county region to access state and federal funding
- Regional agreement to include transit and multimodal transportation alternatives as part of the long-range transportation plan
- Gatherings with Smart Growth America, who will bring examples of to how address the diverse types of transit needs in our tri-county region
- Request for East Lansing to fill in the gap in the pathway on the north side of Lake Lansing Road between Meridian Township and East Lansing in the East Lansing controlled area of the 425 Agreement
- Residents living on and businesses on the Michigan Avenue/Grand River Corridor need to be included in discussions
- Possible agreement to add current shared services to the dashboard required by the state on each of the communities' websites
- Williamston Schools' Safe Route to Schools grant received from the State of Michigan achieved through regional cooperation
- Meridian Township Senior Center housed within Okemos Schools
- Committee formed to target substance abuse issues in Okemos Public Schools include police officers and community members
- Critical issue of diversity within the Okemos school culture, the school community and Meridian Township
- Problem solving for student drivers exiting from Haslett High School onto Marsh Road
- Several partnerships between the City of East Lansing and East Lansing School District
- East Lansing School District is in the process of developing its next generation's strategic plan
- Use of social media by each entity to get out the word regarding regional cooperation
- Suggestion to go beyond the "bare minimum" necessary to acquire state funding for use of social media

15. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor LeGoff adjourned the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

ELIZABETH LEGOFF
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

BRETT DREYFUS
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Sandra K. Otto, Secretary