

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
853-4000, Town Hall Room
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2010 **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie, Trustees Dreyfus,
LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra (6:02 P.M.)
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development
Mark Kieselbach, Director of Engineering & Public Works Ray Severy, Police Chief
Dave Hall, Director of Finance Diana Hasse

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor McGillicuddy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

The secretary called the roll of the Board.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

Shari Middlewood, 5562 Canoga Lane, Haslett, spoke in support of the Haslett Library relocation to the old Meridian High School site.

Sabrina Jenkins, 654 Emily Lane, Haslett, spoke in support of the Haslett Library relocation to the old Meridian High School site and requested taxpayer money be used to fund the relocation.

Janet O'Brien, 654 Earliglow Lane, Haslett, spoke in support of lowering the speed limit on Jolly Road between Hagadorn and Hulett Roads and in support of the Haslett Library relocation to the old Meridian High School site.

Patty Cotter, 5646 Wood Valley Drive, Haslett, spoke in support of the Haslett Library relocation to the old Meridian High School site.

Margie Barile, Library Media Specialist, Haslett High School, 5450 Marsh Road, Haslett, spoke in support of the Haslett Library relocation to the old Meridian High School site.

Simar Pawar, 5697 Edson Street, Haslett, spoke in support of the Haslett Library relocation to the old Meridian High School site.

Stephen Taylor, 1863 Birchwood, Okemos, spoke in support of lowering the speed limit on Jolly Road between Hagadorn and Hulett Roads.

Teri Banas, 5606 Creekwood, Haslett, spoke in support of the Haslett Library relocation to the old Meridian High School site.

James Carter, 2296 Hulett Road, Okemos, thanked the Township and the Ingham County Road Commission for speed hump installation on Hulett Road.

Suzanna King, 2718 Loon Lane, Okemos, spoke in support of lowering the speed limit on Jolly Road between Hagadorn and Hulett Roads to 45 m.p.h.

Sally Wiggins, 3672 East Hiawatha, Okemos, spoke in support of lowering the speed limit on Jolly Road between Hagadorn and Hulett Roads.

Supervisor McGillicuddy acknowledged that Helen Tanner, 5755 Green Road, Haslett, left her voice of support for the Haslett Library relocation to the old Meridian High School site before leaving the meeting.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

5. REPORTS/BOARD COMMENT/NEW WORRIES

Trustee LeGoff expressed appreciation for the service her husband received from the Central Fire Station's EMS personnel. She reported her attendance at the Michigan/Grand River Avenue Transportation Study meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2010.

Supervisor McGillicuddy announced that Granger is now accepting cardboard for curbside recycling. She encouraged Board members to read the East Lansing-Meridian Water and Sewer Authority Annual Operation Report for Fiscal 2008-2009 provided by Director Severy. Supervisor McGillicuddy reported that the DDA Board, at its last meeting, decided to expand its board by an additional two (2) members. She announced all Board members attended the Michigan/Grand River Avenue Transportation Study meeting in the Township Hall.

Trustee Dreyfus indicated that during his attendance at the Michigan/Grand River Avenue Transportation Study meeting conducted by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), he brought up the need to progressively time traffic lights along Grand River Avenue, as it is a quality of life issue which will save energy, increase safety and reduce driver frustration.

Trustee Veenstra announced a special meeting of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission on Thursday, January 21, 2010 where members will adopt the proposed 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan.

Trustee Brixie reported on the Capital Area Treasurer's quarterly meeting last week, where discussion took place on ways to collect delinquent personal property taxes and bankruptcies. She also attended the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association winter conference at the end of last week where both collection of delinquent personal property taxes and new accounting changes were discussed.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor McGillicuddy reviewed the consent agenda.

Treasurer Brixie moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended. Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

The adopted Consent Agenda items are as follows:

A. Communications

(1). Board Deliberation (BD)

BD 10D-1 Nora Macaluso, 4787 Quarton, Williamston; RE: Support for lowering the speed limit on Jolly Road by Okemos High School

BD 10D-2 Barbara A. Burke and John P. Leininger, 3895 Roxbury Avenue, Okemos; RE: Support for an increase in the Jolly Road speed limit by Okemos High School

BD 10D-3 Robert Teoh, 3801 Binghampton, Okemos; RE: Support for lowering the speed limit on Jolly Road by Okemos High School

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- BD 10D-4 John and Gayloe Sauchak, 1281 Silverwood, Okemos; RE: Support for lowering the speed limit on Jolly Road by Okemos High School
 - BD 10D-5 Susan Bathke, 1300 Silverwood Drive, Okemos; RE: Support for lowering the speed limit on Jolly Road
 - BD 10D-6 Mike Nevells, 4310 Kenosha Trail, Okemos; RE: Support for lowering the speed limit on Jolly Road
 - BD 10D-7 Valerie von Frank, 1995 Cimmaron Drive, Okemos; RE: Support for lowering the speed limit on Jolly Road
 - BD 10D-8 Dawn Parker, Staff Writer, Lansing Community Newspapers, 239 S. Cochran, Charlotte; RE: Jolly Road Speed Limits
 - BD 10D-9 Lynne Page, 3912 Raleigh Drive, Okemos; RE: Jolly Road Speed Limits
 - BD 11E-1 Christine Steinmetz, 2214 Raby Road, East Lansing; RE: Support for the alternate location of the Haslett Branch library to the site of the old Meridian High School
 - BD 11E-2 Doreen Woodward, 5819 Bois Isle Drive, Haslett; RE: Support for the alternate location of the Haslett Branch library to the site of the old Meridian High School
 - BD 11E-3 Beth Hubbell, 1158 Woodside Drive, Haslett; RE: Support for the alternate location of the Haslett Branch library to the site of the old Meridian High School
 - BD 11E-4 Molly, Lanny & Krista Brunette, 5918 Coventry Circle, East Lansing; RE: Support for the alternate location of the Haslett Branch library to the site of the old Meridian High School
 - BD 11E-5 Tom and Mary Nelson, 940 River Knoll Drive, Haslett; RE: Support for the alternate location of the Haslett Branch library to the site of the old Meridian High School
 - BD 11E-6 Suzanne Rock, 6031 Beechwood Drive, Haslett; RE: Support for the alternate location of the Haslett Branch library to the site of the old Meridian High School
 - BD 11E-7 Malinda Barr, Andy Such and Bill Gohier; 1867 Lake Lansing Road, Haslett; RE: Meridian Libraries Expansion
- (2). Board Information (BI)
- BI-1 Jim and Ann Wood, 3921 Van Atta Road, Okemos; RE: Opposition to a dog park in Legg Park
 - BI-2 James Brazier, 4185 Cornell Road, Okemos; RE: Traffic Citation Impact
 - BI-3 Les Starr, 3682 Powderhorn Drive, Okemos; RE: Snow removal in Meridian Township
- (3). Commission Linkage (CL)
- CL-1 George Macklem, 2057 Raby Road, Haslett; RE: Resignation from the Environmental Commission
 - CL-2 Ned Jackson, Environmental Commission member, 6232 Reynolds Road, Haslett; RE: Suggestion for the Environmental Commission to present its goals at the February 2, 2010 Board Meeting
- (4). Regional Linkage (RL)
- RL-1 Patrick E. Lindemann, Ingham County Drain Commission, 707 Buhl Road, Mason; RE: Notice of Board of Determination Meeting for the Kinawa View Drain on January 28, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Meridian Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI
- (5). Staff Communications (SC)
- SC-1 Mark Kieselbach, Director of Community Planning and Development; RE: Planning Commission approval of Commission Review #10023 (Township Board), Section 61 Review of properties located north of Haslett, west of

- Carlton, south of Grand Trunk and Western Railroad for proposed Land Preservation purchase
- SC-2 Mark Kieselbach, Director of Community Planning and Development; RE: Planning Commission approval of Commission Review #10013 (Township Board), Section 61 Review of property located at 4714 Van Atta Road, for a proposed Township land purchase
- SC-3 Letter from Kathleen Thuemmel, Staff Appraiser, to Craig W. Muhn, Muhn Investments, 4388 Braeburn Court, Brighton; RE: Correction to property record cards for 2655 Mansfield, 2704 Rockwood and 6190 Birch Row
- SC-4 LuAnn Maisner, Director of Parks and Recreation; RE: Funding Update for 2010 Youth Summer Recreation Programs

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 Ochberg.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously .

B. Minutes

(1) Treasurer Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the December 15, 2009 Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously .

(2) Treasurer Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the January 5, 2010 Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously .

C. Bills

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

Common Cash	\$ 533,145.68
Public Works	\$ 352,209.95
Total Checks	\$ 855,355.63
Credit Card Transactions	\$ 10,816.22
Total Purchases	<u>\$ 896,171.85</u>
ACH Payments	<u>\$ 350,386.32</u>

Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously .

[Bill list in Official Minute Book]

D Assessing Stipulation

Treasurer Brixie moved that the Township Assessor be authorized to sign a stipulation with Waffenbruder LLC, on the following property:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>
2009	0365197	2476 Jolly Road
<u>Assessment</u>	2009 <u>AV/TV</u>	\$85,400/\$85,400
<u>Proposed Assessment</u>	2009 <u>AV/TV</u>	\$55,000/\$55,000

Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously .

8. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY (None)

9. HEARINGS

A. Hulett Road Public Road Improvements, Special Assessment District #42

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened the public hearing at 6:35 P.M.

Director Severy spoke to setting the final amount of the assessment for the speed humps on Hulett Road as outlined in staff memorandum dated January 14, 2010.

Trustee Veenstra inquired as to why the lot at the northwest corner of Hulett Road and the railroad track was excluded from the special assessment district.

Director Severy responded the property is a wetland and non-buildable.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed the public hearing at 6:37 P.M.

10. ACTION ITEMS/ENDS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public comment.

Lynne Page, Chair, Okemos High School Traffic Safety Committee, 3912 Raleigh Drive, Okemos, commended the Board for placing consideration of lowering the speed limit on Jolly Road between Hagadorn and Hulett Roads on the agenda this evening. She requested the Board consider a recommendation for lowering the limit to 45 miles per hour for uniformity and safety reasons.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed public comment.

A. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Trustee Ochberg moved to approve appointments to various Boards and Commissions stated in a memorandum by Susan McGillicuddy dated January 19, 2010 as follows:

<u>Public Body</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Building Board of Appeals (3 year term)	LeFevre	John	12/31/2011
Building Board of Appeals (3 year term)	Potterpin	Peter	12/31/2011
Building Board of Appeals (3 year term)	Wallin	Charles	12/31/2011

Community Resources Commission (2 year term)	Brouse	Suzanne	12/31/2011
Community Resources Commission (2 year term)	Frane	Mariane	12/31/2011
Community Resources Commission (2 year term)	Friedland	Arlene	12/31/2011
Community Resources Commission (2 year term)	Jones	Katie	12/31/2011
Community Resources Commission (2 year term)	Lincoln	Katherine	12/31/2011
Community Resources Commission (2 year term)	Bell	Fred	12/31/2011
Downtown Development Authority (4 year term)	Spanos	Demetrios	12/31/2012
Downtown Development Authority (4 year term)	White	William	12/31/2012
Downtown Development Authority (4 year term)	Dale	Brian	12/31/2012
Downtown Development Authority (4 year term)	Wood	John	12/31/2012
Environmental Commission (3 year term)	Donahue	Laura	12/31/2012
Environmental Commission (3 year term)	Scherbarth	John	12/31/2012
Environmental Commission (3 year term)	Bagdasarian	Mira	12/31/2012
Planning Commission (3 year term)	Deits	Thomas	12/31/2012
Planning Commission (3 year term)	Jackson	Patricia	12/31/2012
Planning Commission (3 year term)	Goodale	Shane	12/31/2012
Zoning Board of Appeals (3 year term)	Ohlrogge	Carol	12/31/2012

Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

Board members discussed the following:

- Consideration of Robert Francouer's application
- Decision of the DDA Board to expand its membership by two additional members for a total of 11
- Effort by the Supervisor to have geographical representation on each Board and Commission for a good "mix"

The seconder offered the following friendly amendment:

- **Appointment of Terry Such to the Environmental Commission for a term expiring 12/31/2011**
- **Reappointment of Gerald Richards to the Economic Development Corporation for a term expiring 12/31/2015**
- **Reappointment of Mark Kieselbach as the Employee Representative on the Pension Trustee Board for a term expiring 12/31/2012**
- **Change expiration date for the four Downtown Development Authority reappointments/appointments to 12/31/2013**
- **Change expiration date for the Environmental Commission appointment of Mira Bagdasarian to 12/31/2010**
- **Move reappointments of Demetrios Spanos and William White to the Downtown Development Authority to Discussion Item #11F**
- **Change expiration date for the three Building Board of Appeals reappointments to 12/31/2012**

Board members discussed the following:

- Ordinance requirement that Environmental Commission members have environmental expertise

With the exception of the appointment of Terry Such to the Environmental Commission, the amendment was accepted by the maker.

Treasurer Brixie moved to appoint Terry Such to the Environmental Commission for a term expiring 12/31/2011. Seconded by Trustee Dreyfus.

Board members discussed the following:

- Value of adding two (2) DDA Board members to round out discussions
- Appropriateness of Board discussion on DDA Board expansion v. de facto expansion
- Need for Board members to receive applications for all appointees
- Current Okemos DDA not a very large area
- DDA Board expansion discussion at the last DDA Board meeting
- DDA Board believed additional members would “round out” the DDA and pull a few more businesses into the DDA discussions
- Township Board set the number of DDA Board members when the DDA Board was established
- Determination of which Board has legal authority to make the decision on DDA Board expansion
- DDA Board members do not have to be Township residents if they own a business in Meridian Township

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously .

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

B. Amend Retainer for Prosecution of Retail Fraud Third Offense

Treasurer Brixie moved that the retainer agreement for prosecution of Charter Township of Meridian’s Retail Fraud Third Ordinance be continued with Bodwin & Stover, P.C. and amended to increase the compensation from \$10,000 to \$15,000 per year on an annualized basis. Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.

Board members discussed the following:

- \$80,000 annual compensation when combined with prosecution of traffic offenses

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously .

C. Beginning of Year Budget Amendments

Treasurer Brixie moved that the Township Board approve the 2010 amended budget as reflected on Page 3 of the memorandum to the Township Board from the Finance Director dated January 15, 2010. Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.

Board members discussed the following:

- Continued opposition to funding for the Okemos Road Enhancement Project

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously .

D. Jolly Road Speed Limit Between Hagadorn and Hulett Roads

Treasurer Brixie moved that the speed limit on Jolly Road in the general proximity of Okemos High School be set at 50 m.p.h., consistent with the Jolly Road Engineering and Traffic Investigation – Hagadorn Road to Hulett Road dated November 30, 2009, or 45 miles per hour. Seconded by Trustee LeGoff.

Board members discussed the following:

- Vast public support for lowering the speed limit to 45 miles per hour
- Recommendation for inclusion of 45 m.p.h. as a safety issue
- Superintendent of Okemos Schools will not request a school speed zone
- Need for a consistent speed limit in this area
- Artificially low speed limit is a traffic hazard

Trustee Veenstra offered the following amendment:

- **Delete “be set at 50 m.p.h.” and insert “shall be set at 45 m.p.h.”**
- **Delete at the end of the motion “or 45 miles per hour” and insert “but we would accept 50 m.p.h. if that is all the lowering we can get.”**

The amendment died for lack of a second.

Board members discussed the following:

- All entities involved have to agree on the same speed limit
- Ten mile per hour reduction is appropriate
- A speed limit less than a ten mile per hour reduction would be counter productive for moving traffic regionally
- Ease of police in stopping speeders at a consistent speed v. a variation of speed on a road
- Technology used by police allows officers to ascertain speeders anywhere
- Consideration of a left turn traffic lane and left turn bay for eastbound traffic making a left turn onto Hulett Road

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
NAYS: Trustee LeGoff
Motion carried 6-1.

E. Amendments to Board Policy Manual

Trustee Dreyfus moved approval of amendments to the Board Policy Manual discussed and developed at the Board Meeting held on January 9, 2010, as follows:

- **Policy 1.1.5 a. ii – Change to “Reduce phosphorus” from “Encourage use of phosphorus free standard.s”**
- **Policy 1.1.6 – Changed number to 1.1.7**
- **Policy 1.1.6 – New “Minimizing global climate change through appropriate land use decisions.”**
- **Policy 1.1.7 – Number changes to “1.1.8”**
- **Policy 1.3.1 – Added a. “Minimize mortgage foreclosure”**
- **Policy 1.3.3 d. – Changed to “Encourage entrepreneurial activities/initiatives” from “Entrepreneurial activities”.**
- **Policy 1.3.3 e. – Changed to “Encourage redevelopment” from “Redevelopment encouraged”**
- **Policy 1.3.3 f. – Changed to “Local business development” from “Local business”.**

Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

Board members discussed the following:

- Request by a citizen that changes to Board policy be made public and mentioned before a vote is taken
- Request by a citizen that only routine items be placed on the consent agenda

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously .

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS/ENDS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public comment.

Kathy Kerry, 5933 York Way, East Lansing, spoke in support of the Haslett Library relocation to the old Meridian High School site.

Malinda Barr, 1867 Lake Lansing Road, Haslett, spoke in support of the Haslett Library relocation to the old Meridian High School site. She added she is part of a fundraising team which publicly pledges \$100,000 towards the relocation effort.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed public comment.

A. Hulett Road Public Road Improvements, Special Assessment District #42

The consensus of the Board was to place this item on the consent agenda for the February 2, 2010 Board meeting.

B. Zoning Amendment #09020 (Township Board), an amendment to Chapter 86, Article VIII, Off-Street Parking and Loading, and other sections of the zoning ordinance to establish bicycle parking regulations

Director Kieselbach summarized the proposed zoning amendment as outlined in staff memorandum dated January 14, 2010.

Board members and staff discussed the following:

- Concern the Planning Commission language change in Division 2, (b)(1) is too broad
- Concern with a ceiling requirement on Page 5, (g)(1) of 50 bicycle parking spaces
- Under exemptions, the Director of Community Planning and Development has the ability to waive the standards based on design and uniqueness of the use
- Ability of an individual to convert current parking spaces to bicycle parking as long as they are constructed in accordance with the standards in the ordinance and the applicant goes through the site plan review process
- Ability of an applicant to place more bicycle parking spaces than indicated in the ordinance if constructed in accordance with the standards in the ordinance
- Board discretion to increase or decrease vehicle parking in a mixed use planned unit development (MUPUD)
- Application by the Board of the bicycle parking standard on “top” of the vehicle parking in a MUPUD
- Suggestion to eliminate bicycle parking spaces as an amenity in the MUPUD ordinance
- Amend Page 3 (a), by inserting “parking,” before storage
- Amend Page 3, (a)(4), by inserting “parking and” before storage

The consensus of the Board was to support staff recommended language and place this item on for action at its February 2, 2010 Board meeting.

C. Zoning Amendment #09040 (Township Board), an amendment to permit extensions of Special Use Permits and site plan reviews

Director Kieselbach summarized the proposed zoning amendment as outlined in staff memorandum dated January 14, 2010.

Board members discussed the following:

- Opinion by the attorney that if the initial approving body intends to deny an extension, standards need to be placed in the ordinance for making the decision to deny
- Use of the Township Master Plan not a valid reason for denial of an extension as the Master Plan is only a guide
- Suggestion that a standard be placed in the ordinance similar to the criteria used by the Zoning Board of Appeals for a variance request where a one-year time period must lapse before a second request can be made on the same item unless there is a change in circumstances
- Concern that changing the process will place additional “roadblocks” to applicants who have already received approval
- Consideration that a special use permit is permission to do something that is not permitted by ordinance
- Time limit of two (2) years as reasonable
- Recognition that financing for most construction projects is extremely difficult now
- Granting extensions vs. changing the initial time periods
 - Attorney concern that criteria used for an extension is different than criteria used for initial approval
 - Many of the issues addressed in these permits appear to be a “roadblock” to the residents quality of life

Trustee Dreyfus moved to table this zoning amendment indefinitely. Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy
NAYS: Trustee LeGoff, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie
Motion carried 4-3.

- D. Zoning Amendment #09080 (Township Board), a request to allow ancillary uses at golf course by Special Use Permit
Director Kieselbach summarized the proposed zoning amendment as outlined in staff memorandum dated January 14, 2010.

Board members and staff discussed the following:

- Setbacks for ancillary uses are discretionary decisions for uses permitted by special use permit
- Need to support golf courses in order for them to remain economically viable
- Golf courses are an allowed use in any residential zoning district
- All golf courses in the Township currently have restaurant facilities
- Special use permits are an allowed use in a district
- Applicant has a right to ask for a driving range under a special use permit

The consensus of the Board was to place this item on for action at its February 2, 2010 Board meeting.

- E. Haslett Library Relocation Proposal
Township Manager Richards summarized the update on the proposal to relocate the Haslett Branch Library as outlined in staff memorandum dated January 15, 2010.

Board members and staff discussed the following:

- Based on square footage criteria, the facility would not need sprinklers installed
- Allow volunteer group to begin its fundraising efforts
- Need for Board action in order to expend approximately \$25,000 to allow the architects to prepare plans and bid documents
- Support for notifying the Haslett School Board of the Township’s intent to occupy space in the old Meridian High School building
- Use of HOM-TV’s programming facilities to generate a promotional video

The consensus of the Board was to place this item on for action at its February 2, 2010 Board meeting.

- F. Appointments to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) of Demetrios Spanos and William White

Board members discussed the following:

- Township Board as the governing body which created the DDA
- Question if the Township Board is the governing body to change the composition of the DDA Board
- Proper public notice to place expansion of the DDA Board on a future Township Board agenda
- Township Board initially set the number of members on the DDA Board
- DDA Board comprised of business owners and two (2) members who are residents within the DDA

Supervisor McGillicuddy moved to reconsider the appointments of Brian Dale and John Wood to the DDA. Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees LeGoff, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht
NAYS: Trustees Ochberg, Dreyfus, Treasurer Brixie
Motion carried 4-3.

The Supervisor announced her intent to place appointments to the DDA on for action at the February 2, 2010 Board meeting.

12. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened and closed Public Remarks.

13. FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Township Manager Richards stated the north Fire Station is undergoing repairs as the result of an automobile accident.

Supervisor McGillicuddy announced the appointments of Trustees Dreyfus, Ochberg and Veenstra, Land Preservation Board member David Caszatt and Park Commissioner Eckert Dersch to a Land Preservation ad hoc committee and named Trustee Ochberg as Chair. She added the Land Preservation millage will expire in 2010 and if it is the Board's intention to bring another millage request before the voters, advice from the ad hoc committee will be needed.

Treasurer Brixie reminded citizens of an important online survey regarding the Grand River Corridor Study. She urged participation by logging onto www.migrtrans.org.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy adjourned the meeting at 8:57 P.M.

SUSAN MCGILLICUDDY
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT, CMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Sandra K. Otto, Secretary