



**AGENDA**  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
TOWNSHIP BOARD – REGULAR MEETING  
August 18, 2020 6:00 pm

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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS
3. ROLL CALL
4. PRESENTATION
5. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS\*
6. TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT
7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
9. CONSENT AGENDA
  - A. Communications
  - B. Minutes-August 6, 2020 Virtual Regular Meeting
  - C. Bills
  - D. Set the Date for the 2021 Township Budget Hearing
10. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY
11. HEARINGS (CANARY)
12. ACTION ITEMS (PINK)
  - A. Rezoning #20010 (Ho Cho) 5654 Okemos Road RR (Rural Residential) to RAA (Single Family-Low Density)
  - B. Rezoning #20030 (Planning Commission) 5937 Potter Street C-1 (Commercial) to RN (Mixed Residential)
  - C. Special Use Permit #19191 (Green Peaks Innovations) medical marihuana provisioning center on Northwind Drive
  - D. Rezoning #20040 Michigan Baptist Convention) 4606 Hagadorn Road RR (Rural Residential) to PO (Professional Office)
  - E. Firefighter Candidate Sponsorship
  - F. Land Preservation Advisory Board Recommendation for Ingham County Tax Foreclosure (33-02-02-15-100-010)
  - G. Planning Commission Appointment
13. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS (ORCHID)
14. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
15. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
16. ADJOURNMENT

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All comments limited to 3 minutes, unless prior approval for additional time for good cause is obtained from the Supervisor.  
Appointment of Supervisor Pro Tem and/ or Temporary Clerk if necessary.

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Township Manager Frank L. Walsh, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 or 517.853.4258 - Ten Day Notice is Required.  
Meeting Location: 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 Township Hall

**CLERK'S OFFICE  
BOARD COMMUNICATIONS  
August 18, 2020**

**No Communication Items**

**BOARD INFORMATION  
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<p><b>PROPOSED BOARD MINUTES</b></p>
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**PROPOSED MOTION:**

- (1) Move to approve and ratify the minutes of the Virtual Regular Meeting of August 6, 2020 as submitted.**

**ALTERNATE MOTION:**

- (1) Move to approve and ratify the minutes of the August 6, 2020 Virtual Regular Meeting with the following amendment(s):  
[insert amendments]**

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
TOWNSHIP BOARD VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING **-DRAFT-**  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198  
517-349-1232, Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
TUESDAY, August 6, 2020 **6:00 pm.**

PRESENT: Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Deschaine (arrived at 6:13 pm); Trustees Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Wisinski

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Township Manager Walsh, Director of Public Works Perry, Fire Chief Hamel, Police Chief Plaga, Information Technology Director Gebes, Economic Development Director Lane, Finance Director Mattison, Human Resources Director Marx, Parks and Recreation Director Maisner, Community Planning Director Kielselbach; Principal Planner Menser, Communications Manager Yates; Joe Wade

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Styka called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor Styka led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Clerk Dreyfus called the roll of the Board.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Special Recognition for a Water Rescue by Ronald "Alex" Steiner and Brian & Jackson Reed by Fire Chief Hammel

5. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Styka opened public remarks at 6:07 pm check the time

Kevin Roragen, Loomis Law Firm, representing Indian Lake Homeowners Association (ILHA), stated ILHA has shared its concerns with the developer, Andev Group (SUP 20021, agenda item 13A) and the Township staff, regarding concerns on their request to update the natural features inventory survey.

Joe Neller, Green Peak Innovations, 10070 Harvest Peak, Dimondale, MI, summarized Special Use Permit (SUP) #19191 supported constructing a medical marijuana provisioning center on Northwind Drive (agenda item 13D).

Joe Pavona, president ILHA, 4726 Arapaho Trail, Okemos, stated ILHA has worked cooperatively with the Andev Group developer (SUP 20021) in addressing all of their concerns except the surface water management plan and the natural features survey.

David Lewis Scoul, 4845 Mohican Lane, Okemos, spoke about SUP 20021, resident concerns ignored at the Planning Commission.

Athena McClain, 4738 Arapaho Trail, Okemos, voiced concern with traditional design of senior center (SUP #20021) and can promote the spread of diseases such as COVID.

Katie McPhearson, 4715 Mohican Lane, Okemos, spoke in support of addressing the water concerns referenced by residents relative to SUP #20021 development site.

Joe Zimmerman, 4715 Mohican Lane, Okemos spoke in support of addressing the water concerns relative to SUP #20021 development site and concerns about the Ingham County Drain Commissioner not addressing issue.

Tom and Mary Haas, 1491 Franklin, Haslett, sang Happy Birthday to Treasurer Deschaine.

Supervisor Styka closed public remarks at 6:29 pm.

#### 6. TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT

Township Manager thanked HOMTV Department for election coverage and thanked election inspectors, introduced new Administrative Intern Ben Peacock, thanked Joyce Marx as she is about to retire as HR Director. HR Director thanked the Township Board.

#### 7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### A. Election Report – Clerk Dreyfus

- Reported the results of the August 4<sup>th</sup> Primary Election.
- All 19 precincts except the Absent Voter Counting Board (AVCB) had ballots checked and results transmitted/reported by approximately 11:30 pm.
- The AVCB had received approximately 11,000 ballots, they were on track but fell behind at the end of the night. Not an issue with high-speed tabulator, issue with opening and processing ballots before they get to tabulator.
- The data cards received from Ingham County had a file path error on them, which resulted in transmission issues; County representatives returned to the Township with Clerk and worked on issue until 9:30am, County manually entered election results Wednesday afternoon.
- 16 AVCB workers scheduled, by Election Day 5 had cancelled. COVID precautions were in place and it worked out well, 16 would have been tight.
- November AVCB plans: use Town Hall Room instead of Nelson Room; expanding to three teams for opening and preparing the ballots; and purchasing an additional letter opener. There were previous software issues with the tabulator but it was working correctly on Election Day.
- Total number of voters: 13, 331; total voter turnout was 41% and of all the ballots casted, 82% were absentee voters.

##### Clerk Dreyfus:

- Reported receipt of communication from County Treasurer listing foreclosed properties in the Township and where required, the Township can attach applicable municipal liens.

##### Treasurer Deschaine:

- Attend Election Committee meeting on July 23.
- Attended Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Meeting on August 6.
- Received communication from County Treasurer, gives Township to right of first refusal.

- Discussed with Department Directors and no interest in acquiring two parcels, third one is attached to Nemoke Trails and will be reviewed by the Land Preservation Board for the back taxes of approximately \$2,000.

Trustee Opsommer:

- Asked Clerk about the programming card working on the tabulator, Clerk Dreyfus replied the County programs the software chips, they came to Clerk’s Office to test transmission previous week and it worked fine.
- Land Preservation Advisory Board Meeting on Wednesday, August 12 at 6 pm at the North Meridian Road Park. Social distancing will be maintained and please bring a mask.

Trustee Sundland:

- Attended August 6 EDC meeting; discussion on the gift card program; denied the redevelopment fund application from Pine Village but they will be resubmitting; JC Penney will remain in Meridian Mall; upcoming grand opening of the Marketplace on Green.

Trustee Wisinski:

- Attended Environmental Commission meeting on August 5; pursuing an environmental justice program that may align well with the diversity, equity and inclusion task force; working on implementing a tree planting program and developing an alternative recycling event. Commission is encouraging the youth members to be involved in these two events.

Supervisor Styka

- Attended the Corridor Authority Board Meeting.
- Attended a local officials meeting to discuss issues in surrounding areas and sharing issues and solutions; will try to meet on a more regular basis.
- Attended the neighborhood meeting on the Silverleaf development.
- Attended the Okemos Downtown Development Authority meeting.
- Attended the EDC meeting.
- Attended an update session from Congresswoman Slotkin on releasing Federal Covid-19 relief funds to Michigan.

8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Trustee Opsommer moved to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Clerk Dreyfus.**

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried: 7 – 0

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor Styka reviewed the consent agenda.

**Supervisor Styka moved to add a Special Meeting of the Township Board to discuss the budget on Tuesday, September 22 at 6 pm. Seconded by Trustee Opsommer.**

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried: 7 – 0

**Trustee Opsommer moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Trustee Jackson.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Wisinski, Supervisor Styka,  
Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Deschaine

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 7 – 0

A. Communications

**Trustee Opsommer 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 Jackson.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Wisinski, Supervisor Styka,  
Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Deschaine

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 7 – 0

B. Approval of Minutes – July 21, 2020 Regular Meeting

**Trustee Opsommer moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 21, 2020 as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Jackson.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Wisinski, Supervisor Styka,  
Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Deschaine

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 7 – 0

C. Bills

**Trustee Opsommer moved to approve that the Township Board approve the Manager’s Bills as follows: Seconded by Trustee Jackson.**

<b>Common Cash</b>	<b>\$ 559,630.14</b>
<b>Public Works</b>	<b>\$ 694,830.34</b>
<b>Trust &amp; Agency</b>	<b><u>\$1,239,492.43</u></b>
<b>Total Checks</b>	<b>\$2,493,952.91</b>
<b>Credit Card Transactions</b>	
<b>7/15/2020-7/29/2020</b>	
<b>Total Purchases</b>	<b><u>\$ 9,192.83</u></b>

**ACH Payments**

**\$ 538,083.32**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Wisinski, Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Deschaine

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 7 – 0

10. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY – NONE

11. HEARINGS

A. Walnut Hills Dangerous Buildings

**Supervisor Styka called the public hearing to order at 7:01 pm.**

Meridian Township Attorney Mathew Kuschel summarized the process of the enforcement hearing under the dangerous buildings code on as follows:

- Property owner and/or interested parties will have an opportunity to explain why the hearing officer’s decision and order should not be enforced
- The enforcing agency (township staff) will present the evidence, township board will then ask questions of staff and property owner
- The property owner will be able to provide any additional statements/evidence on how the order can be modified or enforced, and staff can provide rebuttal facts
- Other interested parties can speak during Public Comment
- After public hearing, the Board will either approve, disapprove or modify the hearing officer’s decision and order
- Summarized the steps which lead up to the enforcement hearing before the Township Board

Director Kieselbach summarized as follows:

- The public hearing was held June 29 by the Hearing Officer, Building Board of Appeals consisting of three members appointed by Township Supervisor
- The hearing was on the dangerous buildings and structures at 2874 Lake Lansing Road commonly known as Walnut Hill Country Club; structures included the residence on Lake Lansing Road, the clubhouse, pool and pool building, maintenance building, and a shed.
- At the hearing, the Hearing Officer ordered that all building be made safe and secure by noon on June 30; the residence, pool and pool building, maintenance building and shed be demolished by August 13. For immediate action, the clubhouse was to be made fully secured and the pool was to be drained and cleaned by July 1 and to remain free of water and debris until demolished or filled.
- A property inspection was scheduled for July 2; the property owner did not attend the inspection and had failed to comply with order to clean pool, keep pool free of debris and make the clubhouse safe and fully secured.
- Second inspection was conducted on July 16; the same issues were found that the owner had not complied with the order of securing the buildings and cleaning the pool; this action resulted in the issuing the non-compliance report to the Building Board of Appeals and initiated this public hearing.

- At one point, the clubhouse was secured but it has been vandalized again and today was found unsecured.

Associate Planner Menser showed pictures of current conditions of site buildings and noted the areas of recent vandalism.

#### Fact Finding:

Trustee Opsommer asked if the Township Board determines costs and repairs is greater than the state equalized value on buildings, the order shall comply with demotion within 21 days after the hearing; Attorney Kuschel replied the accelerated demolition is based on assessed value but the Board needs to consider yes, the cost to repair the residence is greater than its value but when looking at the other structures, should it be based on the 2019 or 2020 value. In 2020, the Township Assessor did value the buildings at zero and there is some factual basis to proceed with the accelerated demolition but 2019 has different valuations and 2020 value is based on land use. Due to the condition of the residence, he suggested proceeding with the accelerated demolition and if the accelerated demolition is not added for the other structures, the property owner could have 60 days to comply with this order (October 5).

Clerk Dreyfus asked if the of any of the buildings were structurally sound. Director Kieselbach replied the maintenance and clubhouse have been wide open and unsecure which is the definition of a dangerous building. Code Enforcement Officer Joe Wade reported maintenance building has a rolled roof and it is dangling over side. There are spiral cracks in the block and believes there are structural issues. The residence by Lake Lansing Road is dangerous. The east wall bowed, the roof has collapsed inside and so have the floors. The pool house has been severely damaged by vandalism and roof is sagging. There may be structural issues but believes the cost of repairs would be very close to the cost of demolition. The pool is a very dangerous area for children and wildlife. The property is vast and wide open and hard to keep people away from it. The fence around the pool is only 4 feet tall, which is inadequate. The clubhouse appears structurally sound but is dangerous because it continues to be broken into and vandalized.

Trustee Opsommer asked if the property owner had received their demolition permits yet and if the order needs to be enforced by August 13. Director Kieselbach replied the owner has not submitted for the demolition permits. The order was to secure permits to demolition all but the clubhouse by August 13 and to secure the clubhouse and make it safe by June 30.

Treasurer Deschaine asked if there have been calls and/or injuries on the site. Chief Plaga replied the department has received several malicious destruction of property complaints and it is posted "no trespassing". Police staff are regularly check on the site but it is impossible to keep people out of buildings. To his knowledge, there have not been any injury reports.

#### Property Owner:

Steven Schafer reported he has entered into a contracted with Michigan Demolition and they have applied for soil erosion and demolition permits. He has been waiting for the disconnect confirmations from Consumers but was told the one for the residence is forthcoming and plan to move ahead with demolition next week. He stated he has been emailing Code Enforcement Officer Wade to keep him informed of the progress with Consumers. He is planning demolition of all buildings and removing the pool. He plans to weld clubhouse door shut and erect a fence during the demolition process. He installed cameras and caught individuals responsible for vandalism. A number of youths from the Skyline neighborhood have been caught that he has not prosecuted but due to the on-going problems, he is now prosecuting trespassers. He is following instructions from

the Hearing Officer, has been communicating with Code Enforcement Officer Wade and believes all the vandalism is from neighborhood youths.

Supervisor Styka asked if Mr. Schafer has documentation supporting his information. Mr. Schafer replied yes. When asked if the document has been given to staff, Mr. Schafer replied yes. Code Enforcement Officer Wade stated he has received some of the correspondence from Mr. Schafer but the demolition permit would be through building and engineering staff. He has spoken with Brian VanOrder, owner of Michigan Demolition. As of yesterday, he was in the process but has not been submitted yet. Mr. Schafer stated has emailed the correspondence from Consumers and Mr. VanOrder has applied for the soil erosion permit pulled from Engineering and demolition permit from Building and executed contract for the demolition of the structures with Michigan Demolition today.

Clerk Dreyfus asked what the owner wants. Mr. Schafer replied he plans to comply with the consent judgement and then plan to proceed with development plan for site. He plans to demolish the buildings beginning next week.

Trustee Opsommer asked if the residence is required to be demolished by August 14. Mr. Schafer stated he is waiting for the clearance letter from Consumers to start demolition and plans to proceed with the remaining demolition as soon as possible. When asked about the lack of ability to secure clubhouse, Mr. Schafer stated he plans to secure the building again. He believes that once demolition begins, this will no longer be a problem. He is currently prosecuting a parent and youth for trespassing and vandalism, and is installing additional cameras.

Treasurer Deschaine stated this is an attractive nuisance property and should be secured. Mr. Schafer reported the water has been removed from pool and a fence is around it. He will remove the debris as soon as he can. Individuals are constantly trespassing on the property. When asked about demolition by August 13, Mr. Schafer stated he has taken action by August 13 by applying for permits and will go out tomorrow and secure the property again.

Township Manager Walsh stated he has not spoken with Mr. VanOrder about permits. The permits are applied for in the building and engineering departments. He has not been involved in this project at all and the staff have handled it all.

Attorney Kuschel reported an email was sent to Mr. Schafer inviting him to walk the property. Mr. Schafer reported there has been damage of over \$100,000 to the clubhouse, but the clubhouse has not been secured and there has been building damage. The pool has been drained but it still contains some water and debris and Mr. Schafer has indicated when they attempted to clean it was in a dangerous condition. Mr. Schafer was to have had a signed demolition contract by August 13 and he had additional time to finish demolition. According to this information, Mr. Schafer is not late but the issue is that the clubhouse has not been secure which resulted in this hearing. Mr. Schafer stated Brian VanOrder indicated he knew Township Manager Walsh and Mr. VanOrder confirmed dropping off permits to Engineering and Planning today. Deputy Township Manager Perry outlined the steps to obtain a demolition permit.

Wisinski asked the age of buildings, if they are pre-1978 or 1980. Director Kieselbach replied the residence and most of the buildings are in the late 1970s and nothing new since 1990. Prior to demolition, will there be lead or asbestos inspection, Director Kieselbach replied it is required to test for lead, asbestos, contaminants, and has to be completed by a licensed contractor and it is required; list of what is needed before issuing demolition contamination; as part of the building

permit process. When asked if it has been received yet, Director Kieselbach replied no. Attorney Kuschel stated the assessing records show several buildings were built in 1988; one in 1966 and another in 1993. The residence appears to be early 1900s.

**Supervisor Styka closed the public hearing at 7:53 pm.**

12. ACTION ITEMS

A. Environmental Commission Appointment

**Trustee Jackson moved to approve the appointment of Luca Wisinski, as a youth member, to the Environmental Commission for a term ending 12/31/2021. Seconded by Trustee Opsommer**

Discussion:

Attorney Kuschel suggested Trustee Wisinski should abstain from the vote due to her family relationship (Trustee Wisinski is the mother of Luca Wisinski).

**Clerk Dreyfus moved to accept Trustee Wisinski’s offer of abstaining on the Environmental Commission appointment of her son. Seconded by Treasurer Deschaine.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Deschaine

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 6 – 0

Discussion on Main Motion:

The Environmental Commission has recommended the appointment, Mr. Wisinski is a member of Okemos High School Earth Club, thanked applicant for applying; he is a junior at Okemos High School and can share his experiences with other students.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustee Sundland, Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Jackson, Opsommer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Trustee Wisinski

Motion carried: 6 – 0

B. Walnut Hills Dangerous Buildings

Discussion:

When asked for an opinion on 21-day timeline versus 60-day time line with respect to the clubhouse, Attorney Kuschel suggested using the 21-day option only on residence as it is the most dangerous structure.

**Trustee Opsommer move to modify the order requiring that the owner shall comply with demolition of the residence within 21 days after the date of today’s hearing and complete demolition of the clubhouse within 60 days after the date of today’s hearing in compliance with our Township Attorney’s opinion. Seconded by Trustee Wisinski.**

Board Discussion:

Currently date of demolition completion on the residence is September 3, motion accelerates date to August 27 and the remaining buildings need to be demolished by October 5; Building Board of Appeals recommended a quicker timeline for clubhouse because of inability to secure clubhouse; many resources have been spent on this issue; order includes securing the buildings until demolished; confirmed the pool will also be demolished and filled in under the order.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustee Wisinski, Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 7-0

C. Land Preservation Millage Renewal

**Treasurer Deschaine move to support the attached Resolution to adopt the Land Preservation Millage Renewal and Reduction Proposal for placement on the November 3, 2020 Ballot at the reduced rate of one-tenth mill (.10) for a period of ten years, as prepared by the Township Attorney. Seconded by Trustee Jackson.**

Board Discussion:

Belief there will be enough funds to acquire additional acreage in the future; tax increases for public safety impedes ability for more millages; Land Preservation Advisory Board (LPAB) discussed millage history, started at .75 mills and been reduced down to the .333 mills, initial funding created trust fund and interest generated is used for preservation, stewardship activities, and staff; voted to approve reduction to .10 millage.

Program retains 28% of original trust fund, proposed lower millage will generate \$200,000, interest and millage will keep program fiscally responsible; goal was 600 acres currently have nearly 1,000 acres, belief in need to focus on stewardship rather than acquisition, Parks Director reported the program has been in effect since 2000 and is very successful; stewardship is a long-term planning goal, Land Preservation is extremely popular with citizens.

All Township taxes (including special millages) are on winter tax bill and all school millages are on the summer tax bill; Township Attorney was asked to confirm the language with respect to 2019 mentioned in the millage language.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Wisinski

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 7 - 0

**Treasurer Deschaine left the meeting at 8:27**

D. EMS-Fire Department Millage Renewal

**Trustee Jackson moved to support the attached Resolution to Adopt the EMS – Fire Protection Millage Renewal Proposal for placement on the November 3, 2020 Ballot at a reduced rate of .6339 mill for a period of sixteen years, as prepared by the Township Attorney. Seconded by Trustee Opsommer**

Discussion:

- The millage helps provide for 32 paramedic/firefight positions, equipment and training
- The current millage at .6445 mills expires in 2019 and the proposed renewal is at reduced amount of .6339 mill for 16 years; without the Headlee Override

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Clerk Dreyfus, Trustees Jackson, Opsommer, Wisinski, Supervisor Styka

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 6-0

E. Police Department Millage Renewal

**Trustee Opsommer moved to support the attached Police Protection Millage Renewal Proposal to be placed on the November 3, 2020 Election Ballot. Seconded by Trustee Jackson**

Discussion:

- Renewal without the Headlee Override; Police and Fire departments have sufficient annual revenue to be structural sound and this is a simple renewal to keep the two millages where they are currently at.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustee Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Wisinski, Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 6 – 0

**Treasurer Deschaine returned to the meeting at 8:29 pm**

F. Land Preservation Advisory Board Appointment

**Trustee Opsommer move to approve the appointment of Matt Bozung to the Land Preservation Advisory Board for a term ending 12/21/2023. Seconded by Trustee Jackson.**

## Discussion:

Mr. Bozung works for Granger Construction Company and is excited to serve on the Land Preservation Advisory Board.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Opsommer, Sundland, Wisinski, Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustee Jackson

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 7 – 0

Board Members took at 10-minute break

### 13. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Special Use Permit #20021 (Andev Group) to construct a building greater than 25,000 square feet

Principal Planner Menser outlined the Special Use Permit (SUP) request to construct a building for a senior living community on 10.73 acres of a 58 acre undeveloped parcel at the east end of Hannah Boulevard. The project is proposed to be constructed in two phases. Phase 1 is 111,105 square feet consisting of 109 assisted living and memory care units and Phase 2 is 156,438 square feet consisting of 121 independent living units.

## Board Discussion:

Not ideal location for project – original location to the west would be better; 37 acres to the south is deed-restricted due to floodway area, 16.5 acres to north should be preserved through deed restriction or donation to Land Preservation Program, could serve to protect against storm water runoff and protect adjacent neighborhood, eliminate one building wing and add a story level to another part of building; create natural buffer and reduce imperviousness and decrease closeness to neighborhood; trail system existing, amenity could be bridge over Red Cedar created to allow residents to access to Dawn Avenue to Grand River Avenue, reducing footprint of building and preserve property's diverse natural features; moving garage, generators, and trash/recycling area to reduce traffic & noise; updating natural features assessment and preserve large diameter trees, environmental treasures in this area.

Need to address storm water and significant flooding in the area, work with Drain Commission, aging population creates need for this type of multi-facet development, Andev Group has a good reputation, would like to see concession from the property owners (Eyde) to donate the 16.5 acres to north to the Land Preservation Program, proposed development has no connection with Hannah Lofts MUPUD, height increased to save natural area to the east; possibility of cut-through traffic through adjacent neighborhood; concern over project being too close to Red Cedar River, Natural Features Study performed in November 2016 and season not representative of ecological activity, holistic approach looks at the big picture and not individual elements, additional story in height may affect privacy and be intrusive into a neighbor's backyard; scaling down the project to protect the neighborhood.

Natural Features Study was completed in 2016; concerns raised that it was completed in November and this is not a season representative of ecological activity and request it be updated;

concerns with too much impervious surface given current water issues on surrounding site, list of trees in the inventory mapped out with the proposed building.

Andev Group rep stated Eyde owns land to the north; they have no control over the development of that site. Roadway is on a cul-de-sac and a lane for emergency services vehicles. Plan does not require any variances. The setback on the land to east is twice as far as required under Ordinance. Does not believe updating the natural features inventory is necessary or that it had occurred in November, may delay building timeframe, put two story section nearest the residences because it will be screened and bermed. The two-story portion of the development is memory care and but they will not go to third story. In response to Covid-19, designed outdoor entrances accessible by family members and outdoor garden areas, cannot change the footprint and size at this point, will share storm water studies with neighbors.

Developer asked if they can acquire northern parcel and donating land, response that they cannot purchase the parcel, too costly and he believes the Eyde's plan to develop the site, suggestion to contact Eyde and see what can be done, suggestion was made for tangible outcomes such as buffer distance, the land to the north being preserved, uncertainty regarding natural feature study update. Economic Development Director will work with the developer on issues mentioned.

Director Kieselbach reported the building coverage on the site for this project is 19% and the Ordinance allows for 35%. The setback requirements for the two story memory portion Ordinance requirements 50 feet and the proposal is at 170 feet.

**Board consensus to place this item on a future Board meeting agenda.**

- B. Rezoning #20010 (Ho Cho) 5654 Okemos Road RR (Rural Residential) to RAA (Single Family-Low Density)

Principal Planner Menser outlined the rezoning request and reported the Planning Commission recommended denial of the request.

**Board Discussion:**

Planning Commission's denial of applicant's proposal, property owner asked to rezone the property to RAA and then he can divide the lots for possible sale and development; future development, would require wetland on northwest corner of property to be delineated; rezoning request appears to be out of character for this site; economics cannot be the primary driving force for rezoning request; Land Use Map shows current zoning as being appropriate.

**Board consensus to place this item on the next Board meeting agenda for denial.**

Supervisor Styka noted the meeting time of 10 pm. Board action needed to proceed with new items.

**Trustee Opsommer moved to complete the agenda. Seconded by Trustee Wisinski**

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried: 7 – 0

- C. Rezoning #20030 (Planning Commission) 5937 Potter Street C-1 (Commercial) to RN (Mixed Residential)

Principal Planner Menser summarized the rezoning request and the Planning Commission initiated and approve the rezoning request.

**Board Discussion:**

Support rezoning from C1 to RN, currently a non-conforming use and with the rezoning, it can continue to be used as a residential property as a use by right, rezoning is consistent with the Future Land Use Map, Township initiated rezoning request due to need to protect homeowner.

**Board consensus to place this item on the next Board meeting agenda.**

- D. Special Use Permit #19191 (Green Peaks Innovations) medical marihuana provisioning center on Northwind Drive

Principal Planner Menser outlined the new construction on the undeveloped parcel located on the east side of Northwind Drive, south of Grand River Avenue. The Planning Commission recommends approval of the Special Use Permit.

**Board Discussion:**

Project needed in this area and the elevation appears appropriate for the site; question about Protégé Academy and Play located nearby, Principal Planner replied Protégé Academy is an instruction center for salon training, Play is a drop-off play center for children with parents present, but it is not a licensed day care. Building owner stated Play and Protégé Academy have vacated their spaces in the center.

**Board consensus to place this item on the next Board meeting agenda.**

- E. Rezoning #20040 Michigan Baptist Convention) 4606 Hagadorn Road RR (Rural Residential) to PO (Professional Office)

Principal Planner summarized the rezoning of approximately 5 acres located on Hagadorn Road. Former church no longer in operation, requesting to rezone the parcel. Planning Commission has recommend approval. Last year's request offered to rezone with conditions to a MPUD but this request is from the Church as a rezoning to PO with no conditions.

**Board Discussion:**

Church request for PO zoning, previous MUPD zoning was not appropriate with this site, likely lead to student housing, PO zoning is appropriate for this site.

**Board consensus to place this item on the next Board meeting agenda.**

**14. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Supervisor Styka Opened Public Remarks at 10:18 pm.

Athena McClain, 4738 Arapaho Trail, Okemos, recommended Andev Group relocate senior center project to the Baptist Church site previously discussed; the best Continuing Care Communities (CCC) allows for true aging in place and questioned proposed CCC for SUP#20021.

Phyllis Vaughn, 6100 Balog Court, Haslett, regarding SUP #20021, asked "where you like to be when you get old." She advised board to look at the actual care being offered to seniors. In Grange

Acres, there is a lot of noise and no amount of trees prevents it, concerned about the type of senior center being proposed.

Katie McPhearson, 4715 Mohican Lane, Okemos, regarding SUP #20021, site is a treasure, residents support updating the natural feature assessment and do it before the animals migrate out, need to preserve the green space of this community.

Joe Zimmerman, 4715 Mohican Lane, water levels in the area need to be addressed because the increase in water has killed many trees, development in this area will result in the decrease of wildlife.

Supervisor Styka Closed Public Remarks at 10:28 pm.

15. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS - None

16. CLOSED SESSION

17. ADJOURNMENT

**Trustee Opsommer moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Wisinski.**

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried: 7-0

**Supervisor Styka adjourned the meeting at 10:29 pm.**

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RONALD STYKA  
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

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BRETT DREYFUS,  
TOWNSHIP CLERK



**To: Board Members**  
**From: Miriam Mattison, Finance Director**  
**Date: August 18, 2020**  
**Re: Board Bills**

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**Charter Township of Meridian  
Board Meeting  
8/18/2020**

**MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVE THE MANAGER'S  
BILLS AS FOLLOWS:**

<b>COMMON CASH</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,151,259.62</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>564,994.85</b>
<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,115.17</b>
<b>TOTAL CHECKS:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,719,369.64</b>
<b>CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS</b>		
<b>7/30/2020-8/12/2020</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,634.11</b>
<b>TOTAL PURCHASES:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>1,726,003.75</u></b>
<b>ACH PAYMENTS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>550,780.68</u></b>

Vendor Name	Description	Amount	Check #
1. ABUNDANCE CAFE LLC	FARM MARKET VENDOR	18.00	
2. ACCORD PROPERTIES	PAYMENT FOR RENT FOR L.EPLEY	400.00	103133
3. ALLGRAPHICS CORP	STAFF TSHIRTS	250.00	
4. AT & T	LEGACY TELEPHONE # - AUG	32.19	
5. AT & T	HVAC LINE THB SERVICE 7.2-8.1	164.84	
	PSB SERVICE 7.2-8.1	301.75	
	ANALOG THB SERVICE 7.2-8.1	362.87	
	FACSIMILE SERVICE 7.2-8.1	295.11	
	PS1 TO NORTH SERVICE 7.2-8.1	542.73	
	CIRCUIT TO COEL CITY HALL SERVICE 7.2-8.1	582.73	
	TOTAL	2,250.03	
6. BARYAMES CLEANERS	UNIFORM CLEANING - 7/1	28.75	
7. BETTE BIGSBY	REIMB FOR 2 NIGHTS STAY AT HOTEL FOR ELECTIONS	192.10	
	COPY PAPER FOR ELECTIONS	25.73	
	TOTAL	217.83	
8. BETTERFINDS LLC	FARM MARKET VENDOR	23.00	
9. BOARD OF WATER & LIGHT	2020 STREETLIGHT SERVICE 7.1-8.1	592.65	103209
10. BOYNTON FIRE SAFETY SERVICE	FIRE ALARM SYSTEM SERVICE CALL -CENTRAL FIRE	110.00	
	FIRE SUPPRESSION INSPECTIONS AND PARTS	385.00	
	FIRE SUPPRESSION INSPECTIONS AND PARTS	225.00	
	FIRE SUPPRESSION INSPECTIONS AND PARTS	325.00	
	TOTAL	1,045.00	
11. BS&A SOFTWARE	ANNUAL SERVICE SUPPORT FEE	2,988.00	
12. CALEY GUNTHORNE	FARM MARKET VENDOR	12.00	
13. CARA GABRIEL	REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF ABULANCE FEE	222.76	
14. CINTAS CORPORATION #725	MECHANICS UNIFORMS 2020	48.35	
	MECHANICS UNIFORMS 2020	48.35	
	MECHANICS UNIFORMS 2020	48.85	
	MECHANICS UNIFORMS 2020	48.35	
	MECHANICS UNIFORMS 2020	48.35	
	TOTAL	242.25	
15. CITY OF EAST LANSING	SHARED ASSESSOR SERVICES - JULY	6,739.20	
16. COMCAST	UNION INET & TV SERVICE 8.16-9.15	153.35	
17. DBI	BOOKENDS X 7	32.55	
	SHARPIE MARKERS	11.15	
	PAPER, PADS,CLIPS,MARKERS,PENS, WIPES	54.91	
	CLEANING WIPES , PENS	2.02	
	PAPER 20 8.5X11 X 3	98.70	
	BINDERS X3	13.47	
	BINDERS	19.50	
	WATER X 3	20.97	
	TOTAL	253.27	
18. DMS FISH SUPPLY	FARM MARKET VENDOR	558.00	
19. ELECTION SOURCE	IMAGECAST THERMAL PAPER ROLL	510.40	
20. EVELYN LEFFONDRE-MATTHEWS	LOCAL ROAD CURB REPAIR	1,470.00	

Vendor Name	Description	Amount	Check #
21. FAHEY SCHULTZ BURZYCH RHODES PLC	LEGAL FEES	552.00	
	LEGAL FEES	325.00	
	LEGAL FEES	132.00	
	LEGAL FEES	558.50	
	LEGAL FEES	22.00	
	LEGAL FEES	578.50	
	LEGAL FEES	2,826.00	
	LEGAL FEES	565.00	
	LEGAL FEES	1,606.00	
	LEGAL FEES	330.00	
	LEGAL FEES	1,743.50	
	LEGAL FEES	5,036.50	
	LEGAL FEES	88.00	
	LEGAL FEES	6,798.00	
	LEGAL FEES	5,077.00	
	LEGAL FEES	2,735.50	
	LEGAL FEES	291.50	
	LEGAL FEES	4,620.00	
	LEGAL FEES	345.00	
	LEGAL FEES	539.00	
	LEGAL FEES	188.50	
	LEGAL FEES	301.00	
	LEGAL FEES	100.50	
	LEGAL FEES	332.50	
	LEGAL FEES	307.50	
	LEGAL FEES	313.50	
	LEGAL FEES	251.00	
	LEGAL FEES	110.00	
	LEGAL FEES	46.62	
	LEGAL FEES	1,051.59	
	LEGAL FEES	23.31	
	LEGAL FEES	1,353.03	
	LEGAL FEES	635.19	
	LEGAL FEES	279.72	
	LEGAL FEES	163.17	
	LEGAL FEES	1,697.37	
	TOTAL	41,923.50	
22. FIRST AMERICAN ADMINISTRATORS	EYE MED INSURANCE - JULY	1,629.07	103210
23. FIRST COMMUNICATIONS	LEGACY ANALOG - JULY	936.35	
24. FISHBECK, THOMPSON, CARR & HUBER	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED WDV 20-02	1,982.90	
	MUNI BLDG ENGINEERING SERVICES THROUGH 8/7	595.00	
	TOTAL	2,577.90	
25. FORESIGHT GROUP	WATER BILLS (6/30)	365.94	
	WATER BILL MAILING 7/15	225.16	
	WATER BILLS 7/31	436.33	
	CYCLE 6 BILLS	310.92	
	TOTAL	1,338.35	
26. GENERAL CODE	COMPOSTION , DUPLICATION, FINISH & HANDLING	240.74	
27. GOODYEAR COMMERCIAL TIRE	UNIT 38 - GOODYEAR STATE CONTRACT TIRES 2020	502.72	
28. GORDON CONSTRUCTION SERVICES	CONSTRUCTION OF MARKETPLACE ON THE GREEN PROJECT	204,923.00	
29. GRAMPAS PASTYS LLC	FARM MARKET VENDOR	107.00	

Vendor Name	Description	Amount	Check #
30. GRANGER	RUBBISH AND RECYCLING DISPOSAL SERVICES- AUG	114.33	
	RUBBISH AND RECYCLING DISPOSAL SERVICES- AUG	256.98	
	RUBBISH AND RECYCLING DISPOSAL SERVICES- AUG	74.26	
	RUBBISH AND RECYCLING DISPOSAL SERVICES- AUG	78.28	
	RUBBISH AND RECYCLING DISPOSAL SERVICES- AUG SEPT & OCT	69.00	
	RUBBISH AND RECYCLING DISPOSAL SERVICES -AUG	87.00	
	RUBBISH AND RECYCLING DISPOSAL SERVICES- AUG	17.50	
	TOTAL	697.35	
31. HERBERT L CONFER JR	FARM MARKET VENDOR	169.00	
32. HOME MADE PORK RINDS	FARM MARKET VENDOR	65.00	
33. INT'L INSTITUTE MUNIC CLERKS	FULL MEMEBER FOR BETTE BIGSBY IIMC	250.00	
34. JEROME J GALLAGHER PH.D.	STATEMENT FOR EVALUATIONS FOR APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT	1,200.00	
35. JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	FLEET FUEL 2020- JULY	15,358.30	
36. LANSING SANITARY SUPPLY INC	GLOVES	153.60	
	STATE CONTRACT CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES 2020	281.09	
	STATE CONTRACT CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES 2020	542.24	
	TOTAL	976.93	
37. LANSING UNIFORM COMPANY	STANDING PO FOR UNIFORMS	54.95	
38. LAWSON PRINTERS	100 EACH OF 4 CARDS - ADAMS ; TITHOF ; HASSE; CHAPMAN	185.00	
39. LEAK PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT INC	BI ANNUAL FUEL ISLAND PUMPS FILTER CHANGE	333.36	
40. LOGICALIS	IT SERVICES JULY	6,723.00	
41. LOPEZ CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION	CONCRETE REPAIR CONTRACT FOR LOCAL ROAD, WATER UTILITY AN	29,040.00	
42. MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE - AUG	3,134.62	103211
43. MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL GOC	SOL WIPES	284.99	
	STANDING PO FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	309.03	
	STANDING PO FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	232.26	
	STANDING PO FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	52.70	
	STANDING PO FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	568.80	
	CREDIT - RETURNED WIPES	(218.40)	
	TOTAL	1,229.38	
44. MEDICAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS OF	AMBULANCE BILLING SERVICE	5,053.81	
45. MEI TOTAL ELEVATOR SERVICES	2020 ELEVATOR SERVICE	485.00	
	2020 ELEVATOR SERVICE	537.00	
	TOTAL	1,022.00	
46. MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP	TRANSFER FOR FLEX CHECKING FOR 8/14 PAYROLL	550.69	
47. MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP RETAINAGE	MICHIGAN PAVING & MATERIALS - 2020 LOCAL ROAD	29,108.09	
	OAK CONSTRUCTION - TRAIL CONNECTOR PROJECT	3,343.50	
	MICHIGAN PAVING & MATERIAL 2020 ROADWAY CRUSHING & RESURF	423.62	
	GORDONS - MARKETPLACE ON THE GREEN	22,425.00	
	TOTAL	55,300.21	
48. MICHAEL BIRITZ	FARM MARKET VENDOR	88.00	
49. MICHAEL L METZGER	FARM MARKET VENDOR	113.00	
50. MICHIGAN PAVING & MATERIAL COMPANY	2020 LOCAL ROAD PROGRAM - CRUSH AND SHAPE PROJECT	8,048.85	
51. MICHIGAN PAVING & MATERIAL COMPANY	2020 LOCAL ROAD PROGRAM- MILLING AND RESURFACING PROJECT	553,053.75	
52. MML WORKERS' COMP FUND	POLICY PREMIUM 7.1.2020-7.1.2021	29,783.29	

Vendor Name	Description	Amount	Check #
53. MOSQUITO SQUAD OF GREATER LANSING	MOSQUITO CONTROL FOR PARKS AND BUILDINGS 2020- SERVICE CE	474.00	
	MOSQUITO CONTROL FOR PARKS AND BUILDINGS 2020 - FIRE STAT	665.00	
	MOSQUITO CONTROL FOR PARKS AND BUILDINGS 2020 - TWP HALL	1,043.00	
	TOTAL	2,182.00	
54. MUNETRIX LLC	LEVEL 3 MUNICIPAL LICENSE - TRANSPARENCY EDITION 10.1.202	4,663.00	
55. MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION	DONATION FROM PANCAKE BREAKFAST PROCEEDS	500.00	
56. MYCOPHILES GARDEN LLC	FARM MARKET VENDOR	342.00	
57. NAPA	FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2020- UNIT 128	13.69	
	FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2020- UNIT 122	52.99	
	TOTAL	66.68	
58. OAK CONSTRUCTION CORP	CENTRAL MERIDIAN REGIONAL TRAIL CONNECOR PROJECT	30,091.50	
59. OKEMOS MARATHON	CAR TOWED WITH MILLING OPERATION - 2020 ROADWAY MILLING &	64.00	
60. PENCHURA PLAYGROUNDS	MARKETPLACE ON THE GREEN PLAY EQUIPMENT	9,731.50	
	MARKETPLACE ON THE GREEN PLAY EQUIPMENT	50,000.00	
	TOTAL	59,731.50	
61. PEOPLEFACTS LLC	EMPLOYEE PRE-EMPLOYMENT CREDIT CHECKS	46.61	
62. PLM LAKE & LAND MANAGEMENT	PERMIT APPLICATION FEE	1,500.00	
	ALGAE TREATMENT OF LAKE FOR CHARA/STARRY STONEWORT	870.00	
	TOTAL	2,370.00	
63. PRINTING SYSTEMS INC	PUBLIC WORK CHECKS - 1000	202.80	
	REORDER TRUST & AGENCY CHECKS (1000)	160.80	
	TOTAL	363.60	
64. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES INDUSTRIES	MARKETPLACE ON THE GREEN TESTING	3,442.50	
65. PRO-TECH MECHANICAL SERVICES	SERVICE CENTER HVAC COMPRESSOR REPAIRS	875.00	
66. RICHARD G VONTERSCH	SOLAR PANEL LANDSCAPING MUNICIPAL BUILDING 7/31	30.00	
67. ROWERDINK AUTOMOTIVE PARTS	UNIT 128-FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2020	399.91	
	UNIT 128-FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2020	17.75	
	FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2020	36.77	
	FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2020 - STOCK	40.37	
	FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2020- STOCK	61.41	
	FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2020 - CREDIT	(14.00)	
	FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2020- STOCK	101.78	
	FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2020- CREDIT	(14.00)	
	FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2020 CREDIT	(101.78)	
	PARTS 2020	101.78	
	FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2020- SHOP SUPPLY	17.18	
	FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2020- UNIT 130	399.91	
	FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2020-UNIT 46	14.68	
	FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2020-UNIT 135	20.52	
	FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2020- STOCK	111.50	
	FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2020- CREDIT	(125.50)	
	FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2020- UNIT 653	153.91	
	FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2020- UNIT 653	153.91	
	FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2020	175.56	
	FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2020	(14.00)	
	FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2020- SERVICE CHARGE	19.85	
	TOTAL	1,557.51	

Vendor Name	Description	Amount	Check #
68. SAFETY SYSTEMS INC	SAFETY SYSTEMS TO REPLACE FIRE ALARM PULL STATION -PSB	312.00	
	ANNUAL ALARM MONITORING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT	360.00	
	ANNUAL ALARM MONITORING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT	306.00	
	ANNUAL ALARM MONITORING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT	642.00	
	ANNUAL ALARM MONITORING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT	246.00	
	ANNUAL ALARM MONITORING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT	324.00	
	ANNUAL ALARM MONITORING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT	258.00	
	ANNUAL ALARM MONITORING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT	312.00	
	ANNUAL ALARM MONITORING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT	186.00	
	TOTAL	2,946.00	
69. SCOUT TROOP 125	BOY SCOUT CAMPERSHIP/SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATION	1,000.00	
70. SHAWN DIEMER	FARM MARKET VENDOR	2,230.00	
71. SPARROW OCCUPATIONAL	3 PHYSICALS	309.00	
	4 PHYSICALS	785.50	
	1 DRUG SCREEN	45.00	
	TOTAL	1,139.50	
72. SPARTAN DISTRIBUTORS	TORO MOWER REPAIR PARTS 2020	619.20	
	UNIT 79 TORO MOWER REPAIR PARTS 2020	219.15	
	TORO MOWER REPAIR PARTS 2020	76.47	
	TORO MOWER REPAIR PARTS 2020	389.96	
	TORO MOWER REPAIR PARTS 2020	146.56	
	TOTAL	1,451.34	
73. STEPHEN GROSE	FARM MRKT VENDOR	317.00	
74. SWAGIT PRODUCTIONS, LLC	VIDEO STREAMING SERVICES HOMTV- JULY	3,462.00	
75. THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON	MERIDIAN TWP 2013 UTGO BONDS	23,358.75	
76. THE CHEESE PEOPLE OF GRAND RAPIDS	FARM MARKET VENDOR	276.00	
77. THE RAPID GROUP LLC	SHREDING SERVICES THRU 7/31	55.00	
78. THE SHYFT GROUP USA, INC	CREDIT MEMO	(8.39)	
79. TOKIO MARINE HCC-PUBLIC RISK GROUP	DEDUCTIBLE RECOVERY	1,871.03	
80. VARIPRO BENEFIT ADMINISTRATORS	FLEX ADMINISTRATION 08/20	179.00	
	FLEX ADMINISTRATION 09/2020	12,299.20	
	TOTAL	12,478.20	
81. VERIZON CONNECT	FLEET - SERVICE FOR JULY	1,359.96	
82. VERIZON WIRELESS	VERIZON USAGE 6.24-7.23	4,006.71	
83. VITAC CORPORATION	COVID LIVE MEETING CLOSED CAPTIONING	3,052.50	
84. WASTE MANAGEMENT	ANIMAL CARCASS REMOVAL DUMPSTER (DEAD DEER REMOVAL PROGRA	126.57	
85. WILBUR HOCHSTETLER	FARM MARKET VENDOR	233.00	
86. ZOLL MEDICAL CORP	STANDING PO FOR HEART MONITOR SUPPLIES/EQUIP.	603.50	
	STANDING PO FOR HEART MONITOR SUPPLIES/EQUIP.	359.25	
	TOTAL	962.75	
TOTAL - ALL VENDORS		1,151,259.62	

Vendor Name	Description	Amount	Check #
1. AMROCK INC-CHASE TWO	ARDM-004776-0000-04 - OVER PMT ON FINAL BILL	577.66	
2. CARL SCHLEGEL INC	SAND , GRAVEL & TOPSOIL 2020	823.20	
3. CATHEY INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES, CO	POOL FILL HOSE REPAIR	190.46	
4. CHRISTOPHER HACKBARTH	BURC-005332-0000-03 OVER PMT ON FINAL BILL	31.83	
5. CITY OF EAST LANSING	SEMI ANNUAL SEWER OPERATIONS - AUG	254,513.75	
	ELMWSA OPERATING AND INTERCONNECT COSTS FY 2020-2021	274,846.64	
	TOTAL	529,360.39	
6. CNFC TITLE	CHAG-005134-0000-00 OVER PMT ON FINAL BILL	42.44	
7. DIVERSIFIED NATIONAL TITLE AGENCY	HASL-001180-0000-01	89.39	
	SKYD-006280-0000-00 OVER PMT ON FINAL BILL	250.00	
	SMAL-002473-0000-01 OVER PMT ON FINAL BILL	234.39	
	TOTAL	573.78	
8. FERGUSON WATERWORKS #3386	WATER METER REGISTERS AND PARTS 2020 - CUSTOMER INSTALLS	17,048.00	
	WATER SYSTEM REPAIR PARTS 2020 - HAGADORN APARTMENTS	182.78	
	CUSTOMER INSTALLATION	874.46	
	TOTAL	18,105.24	
9. FIRST AMERICAN ADMINISTRATORS	EYEMED INSURANCE - JULY	204.64	28300
10. FRANK KELLEY	LAKW-006354-0000-01 OVER PMT ON FINAL BILL	88.02	
11. HYDROCORP	CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM SERVICES- JULY	2,430.00	
12. IDC CORPORATION	MUD LAKE LIFT GENERATOR	583.50	
	LIFT STATION CONTROLS MAINTENANCE 2020	2,004.00	
	TOTAL	2,587.50	
13. MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE - AUG	363.08	28299
14. MICHIGAN RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION	MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR MRWA 7.2020-7.2021	875.00	
15. MML WORKERS' COMP FUND	POLICY PREMIUM 7.1.2020-7.1.2021	3,158.71	
16. PATRICIA TRUDGEN	BEUN-005921-0000-01 OVER PMT ON FINAL BILL	47.64	
17. RICHARD & CHRISTINA LUKE	WTOW-002125-0000-01 OVER PMT ON FINAL BILL	31.83	
18. SME	2020 MISCELLANEOUS TESTING FOR WATER, SEWER AND PATHWAY R	719.50	
	2020 MISCELLANEOUS TESTING FOR WATER, SEWER AND PATHWAY R	602.40	
	2020 MISCELLANEOUS TESTING FOR WATER, SEWER AND PATHWAY R	777.50	
	TOTAL	2,099.40	
19. TITLE RESOURCE AGENCY	COPP-004468-0000-02 OVER PMT ON FINAL BILL	234.39	
	PORT -006050-0000-01	149.51	
	SAPP-002371-0000-06 OVER PMT ON FINAL BILL	197.56	
	STIL-002807-0000-02 OVER PMT ON FINAL	102.07	
	TURG-002424-0000-02 OVER PMT ON FINAL BILL	245.00	
	TOTAL	928.53	
20. TRANSNATION TITLE	GRAY-002473-0000-03 OVER PMT ON FINAL BILL	31.63	
21. USA BLUE BOOK	REPLACEMENT PUMP BENNETT ROAD SIMPLEX LIFT STATION	1,999.13	
22. VERIZON WIRELESS	VERIZON USAGE 6.24-7.23	444.74	
TOTAL - ALL VENDORS		564,994.85	

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INVOICE APPROVAL BY INVOICE REPORT FOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
EXP CHECK RUN DATES 08/18/2020 - 08/18/2020  
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Vendor Name	Description	Amount	Check #
1. MERCANTILE BANK OF MI	33-02-02-15-203-014 REFUND FOR OVER PAYMENT FOR TAX YEAR	224.80	12962
2. STATE OF MICHIGAN	SOR REGISTRATION 7/31/2020	90.00	
3. VASAVEELA VEMULA	33-02-02-13-101-007 REFUND FOR 2020 TAX YEAR	2,800.37	12963
TOTAL - ALL VENDORS		3,115.17	

**Credit Card Report 7/31/2020-8/12/2020**

<b>Posting Date</b>	<b>Merchant Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Name</b>
2020/07/31	MIDWEST POWER EQUIPMENT	\$31.18	LAWRENCE BOBB
2020/07/31	THE HOME DEPOT #2723	\$77.94	ROBERT STACY
2020/07/31	THE HOME DEPOT #2723	\$163.69	TYLER KENNEL
2020/07/31	FERGUSON WTRWRKS #3389	\$211.52	CHAD HOUCK
2020/07/31	FERGUSON WTRWRKS #3389	\$201.38	CHAD HOUCK
2020/07/31	AMZN MKTP US*MV5AC5YF0 AM	\$17.95	KRISTI SCHAEING
2020/07/31	COSTCO WHSE#1277	\$179.45	BRETT DREYFUS
2020/07/31	USPS PO 2569800864	\$52.70	ROBIN FAUST
2020/07/31	BUILDERS PLUMB HEAT BRANC	\$76.55	KEITH HEWITT
2020/07/31	DICK'S CLOTHING&SPORTING	\$9.84	MICHAEL DEVLIN
2020/07/31	SA COMPANY	(\$33.50)	WILLIAM PRIESE
2020/07/31	MEIJER # 025	\$78.26	CATHERINE ADAMS
2020/08/03	MENARDS LANSING SOUTH MI	\$78.03	LAWRENCE BOBB
2020/08/03	DEWITT FENCE	\$22.32	LAWRENCE BOBB
2020/08/03	THE HOME DEPOT #2723	\$55.77	LAWRENCE BOBB
2020/08/03	THE HOME DEPOT #2723	\$36.32	ROBERT STACY
2020/08/03	THE HOME DEPOT #2723	\$61.80	TYLER KENNEL
2020/08/03	AMZN MKTP US*MF59A5F12	\$109.55	BRETT DREYFUS
2020/08/03	AMZN MKTP US*MF2ND0171	\$45.24	BRANDIE YATES
2020/08/03	THE HOME DEPOT #2723	\$74.22	DAVID LESTER
2020/08/03	AMZN MKTP US*MF2CL3G01	\$56.97	MICHELLE PRINZ
2020/08/03	NOR*NORTHERN TOOL	\$215.82	CATHERINE ADAMS
2020/08/03	AMZN MKTP US*MF97C0121	\$212.29	CATHERINE ADAMS
2020/08/03	AMZN MKTP US*MF1SR9FZ0	\$174.81	CATHERINE ADAMS
2020/08/04	ID CARDS INSTANTCARD	\$100.00	KRISTI SCHAEING
2020/08/04	COMCAST	\$314.46	ANDREA SMILEY
2020/08/04	SUBWAY 7897	\$93.57	BRETT DREYFUS
2020/08/05	USA BLUE BOOK	\$135.18	CHAD HOUCK
2020/08/05	THE HOME DEPOT 2723	\$89.98	KYLE ROYSTON
2020/08/05	3986 ALL-PHASE	\$125.00	KYLE FOGG
2020/08/05	SUBWAY 7897	\$53.03	BRETT DREYFUS
2020/08/05	MEIJER # 025	\$24.96	MICHAEL DEVLIN
2020/08/05	MEIJER # 025	\$12.68	MICHAEL DEVLIN
2020/08/05	THE INTERNATIONAL SOCI	\$125.00	WILLIAM PRIESE
2020/08/05	THE HOME DEPOT #2723	\$13.94	WILLIAM PRIESE
2020/08/05	OFFICEMAX/OFFICEDEPT#3379	\$70.19	CATHERINE ADAMS
2020/08/05	SOLDANS FEEDS & PET S	\$10.74	CATHERINE ADAMS
2020/08/05	AMZN MKTP US*MF5F84AU0	\$249.90	CATHERINE ADAMS
2020/08/05	AMZN MKTP US*MF8L20811	\$19.48	CATHERINE ADAMS
2020/08/06	GRAND TRAVERSE PIE COM	\$206.70	ANDREA SMILEY
2020/08/06	STARBUCKS STORE 02481	\$15.26	ANDREA SMILEY
2020/08/06	FLEETPRIDE476	(\$21.36)	TODD FRANK
2020/08/06	FLEETPRIDE476	\$377.32	TODD FRANK
2020/08/06	SPEEDWAY 08796 LANSING MI	\$19.84	ROBERT MACKENZIE
2020/08/06	USA BLUE BOOK	\$172.76	ROBERT MACKENZIE
2020/08/06	AMZN MKTP US*MF5P50AK2 AM	\$17.89	ROBERT MACKENZIE
2020/08/06	HAMMOND FARMS LANDSCAPE S	\$31.96	KEITH HEWITT
2020/08/06	NEXTUP PICKLEBALL RACK	\$144.52	MICHAEL DEVLIN
2020/08/06	NEXTUP PICKLEBALL RACK	\$176.40	MICHAEL DEVLIN
2020/08/06	AMAZON.COM*MF6XA4EF0 AMZN	\$36.57	MICHELLE PRINZ
2020/08/06	STATE OF MI EMS	\$225.00	WILLIAM PRIESE
2020/08/06	STATE OF MI EMS	\$75.00	WILLIAM PRIESE

2020/08/07	MIDWEST POWER EQUIPMENT	\$125.70	TODD FRANK
2020/08/07	D & G EQUIPMENT INC	\$217.25	TODD FRANK
2020/08/07	ZOOM.US	\$16.78	STEPHEN GEBES
2020/08/07	U-HAUL JOLLY CEDAR	\$133.59	ROBERT MACKENZIE
2020/08/07	HASLETT TRUE VALUE HARDW	\$9.99	DAN PALACIOS
2020/08/07	THE HOME DEPOT #2723	\$21.63	KEITH HEWITT
2020/08/07	AMAZON.COM*MF54D3ST1 AMZN	\$66.01	MICHELLE PRINZ
2020/08/10	LEXISNEXIS RISK SOL EPIC	\$150.00	KRISTI SCHAEDING
2020/08/10	THE HOME DEPOT #2723	\$15.85	KEITH HEWITT
2020/08/10	FIRST DUE FIRE SUPPLY CO	\$140.00	WILLIAM PRIESE
2020/08/10	AMAZON.COM*MF9HC0V52 AMZN	\$50.83	CATHERINE ADAMS
2020/08/11	YOUNG CHEVROLET OF STJOHN	\$38.34	TODD FRANK
2020/08/11	IN *KODIAK EMERGENCY EQUI	\$68.23	TODD FRANK
2020/08/11	GRAINGER	\$118.38	ROBERT MACKENZIE
2020/08/11	WWW.KENNYPRODUCTS.COM	\$180.00	MICHAEL DEVLIN
2020/08/12	KROGER #793	\$13.96	MICHAEL HAMEL
2020/08/12	ID CARDS INSTANTCARD	\$100.00	KRISTI SCHAEDING
2020/08/12	AMAZON.COM*MM5IZ54A1 AMZN	\$30.76	MICHELLE PRINZ
2020/08/12	SOLDANS FEEDS & PET S	\$10.74	CATHERINE ADAMS

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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,634.11</b>
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ACH Transactions

Date	Payee	Amount	Purpose
7/30/2020	ICMA	\$ 39,419.90	Payroll Deductions 7/31/2020
7/31/2020	Various Financial Instituions	\$ 293,331.29	Direct Deposit 7/31/2020
7/31/2020	IRS	\$ 110,128.26	Payroll Taxes 7/31/2020
7/31/2020	State of MI	\$ 45,064.15	MI Bus Tax
8/5/2020	Blue Care Network	\$ 38,754.11	Employee Health Insurance
8/7/2020	Invoice Cloud	\$ 1,103.10	Utility Transaction Fee
8/10/2020	Delta Dental	\$ 14,095.40	Employee Dental Insurance
8/12/2020	Blue Care Network	\$ 6,841.14	Employee Health Insurance
8/12/2020	MCT Utilities	\$ 2,043.33	Water/Sewer for MCT
<b>Total ACH Payments</b>		<u><u>\$ 550,780.68</u></u>	



9. D

**To: Township Board**  
**From: Miriam Mattison, Finance Director**  
**Date: August 14, 2020**  
**Re: 2021 Budget Public Hearing Date**

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Staff will present Board members with the 2021 Recommended Budget on August 31, 2020; therefore, approval is requested for the 2021 Budget Public Hearing to be held September 15, 2020, as scheduled.

The following motion is prepared for Board consideration:

**MOVE THAT A VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING BE HELD, VIA ZOOM, AT 6:00 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2020, FOR THE PURPOSE OF TAKING COMMENTS REGARDING THE 2021 CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN RECOMMENDED BUDGET.**



**To:** Township Board

**From:** Mark Kieselbach, Director of Community Planning and Development  
Keith Chapman, Assistant Planner

**Date:** August 12, 2020

**Re:** Rezoning #20010 (Ho Cho) 5654 Okemos Road

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The Township Board last discussed Rezoning #20010, a request to rezone approximately 4.67 acres located at 5654 Okemos Road from RR (Rural Residential) to RAA (Single Family-Low Density), at its meeting on August 6, 2020. At the meeting the Board agreed to consider a resolution to deny the rezoning for introduction.

#### **Township Board Options**

The Township Board may approve or deny the proposed rezoning from RR (Rural Residential) to RAA (Single Family-Low Density). If the Board amends the proposal, the request may be referred back to the Planning Commission for a recommendation. A resolution to deny the requested rezoning is provided.

- **Move to adopt the resolution to deny Rezoning #20010 to rezone 4.67 acres located at 5654 Okemos Road from RR (Rural Residential) to RAA (Single Family-Low Density).**

#### **Attachment**

1. Resolution to deny.

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**RESOLUTION TO DENY**

**Rezoning #20010 (Ho Cho)  
5654 Okemos Road**

**RESOLUTION**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Municipal Building, in said Township on the 18th day of August, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

The following resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by \_\_\_\_\_.

WHEREAS, Young Ho Cho requested the rezoning of approximately 4.67 acres located at 5654 Okemos Road from RR (Rural Residential) to RAA (Single Family-Low Density); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the request at its regular meeting on June 8, 2020 and has reviewed the staff materials provided under a cover memorandum dated March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board discussed the rezoning at its meeting on August 6, 2020 and has reviewed the staff and Planning Commission material forwarded under a cover memorandum dated July 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the current RR zoning of the subject property is consistent with the zoning of adjacent properties to the east, west, north, and south of the site; and

WHEREAS, the current residential use of the subject property is consistent with the residential use of adjacent properties to the north, east, and south of the subject site; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has not adequately demonstrated why the requested rezoning to RAA is appropriate or why the current RR zoning is unreasonable; and

WHEREAS, the subject property could be used as currently zoned.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby denies Rezoning #20010 to rezone 4.67 acres located at 5654 Okemos Road from RR (Rural Residential) to RAA (Single Family-Low Density).

ADOPTED: YEAS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution to Deny - Introduction**  
**Rezoning #20010 (Ho Cho)**  
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STATE OF MICHIGAN )

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COUNTY OF INGHAM )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and a complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board on the 18th day of August, 2020.

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Brett Dreyfus  
Township Clerk





12.B

**To:** Township Board

**From:** Mark Kieselbach, Director of Community Planning and Development  
Keith Chapman, Assistant Planner

**Date:** August 12, 2020

**Re:** Rezoning #20030 (Planning Commission) 5937 Potter Street - Introduction

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The Township Board last discussed Rezoning #20030, a request to rezone approximately 0.10 acres located at 5937 Potter Street from C-1 (Commercial) to RN (Mixed Residential), at its meeting on August 6, 2020. At the meeting the Board agreed to consider a resolution to approve the rezoning for introduction.

#### **Township Board Options**

The Township Board may approve or deny the proposed rezoning from C-1 (Commercial) to RN (Mixed Residential). If the Board amends the proposal, the request may be referred back to the Planning Commission for a recommendation. A resolution to approve the requested rezoning for introduction is provided.

- **Move to adopt the resolution to approve for introduction Rezoning #20030 to rezone 0.10 acre located at 5937 Potter Street from C-1 (Commercial) to RN (Mixed Residential).**

#### **Attachment**

1. Resolution to approve.

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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE**

**Rezoning #20030 (Planning Commission)  
5937 Potter Street  
INTRODUCTION**

**RESOLUTION**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Municipal Building, in said Township on the 18th day of August, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

The following resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by \_\_\_\_\_.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission initiated the rezoning of one 0.10 acre parcel addressed as 5937 Potter Street from C-1 (Commercial) to RN (Mixed Residential); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing at its regular meeting on June 8, 2020 and discussed the staff material forwarded under cover a memorandum dated March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board discussed the rezoning at its meeting on August 6, 2020 and has reviewed the staff and Planning Commission material forwarded under a cover memorandum dated July 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rezoning to RN (Mixed Residential) is consistent with the 2017 Future Land Use Map designation of R3 Residential 1.25 – 3.5 dwelling units per acre; and

WHEREAS, the property proposed for rezoning is developed with a single family residence, which is a use allowed by right in the proposed RN zoning district; and

WHEREAS, the property proposed for rezoning is located adjacent to properties used for single family purposes to the east and south; and

WHEREAS, the current zoning of C-1 imposes nonconforming status on the existing single family house, requiring variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals to make improvements to the properties beyond general upkeep and limits the property owner from rebuilding if the structure is removed or destroyed; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rezoning to RN will allow the property owner to maintain the existing use of the property in conformance with the ordinance.



**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP**  
**OF MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP**  
**PURSUANT TO REZONING #20030**

The Charter Township of Meridian ordains:

Section 1. Amending the Zoning District Map.

A. The Zoning District Map of Meridian Township, as adopted in Section 86-312 of the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, as previously amended, is hereby amended by changing the C-1 (Commercial) District symbol and indication as shown on the Zoning District Map, for 5937 Potter Street, the property legally described as:

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to that of RN (Mixed Residential).

Section 2. Validity and Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and the invalidity of any phrase, clause or part of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of the Ordinance.

Section 3. Repealer Clause. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 4. Savings Clause. This Ordinance does not affect rights and duties matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun, before its effective date.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective seven (7) days after its publication or upon such later date as may be required under Section 402 of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act (MCL 125.3402) after filing of a notice of intent to file a petition for a referendum.

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Ronald J. Styka, Township Supervisor

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Brett Dreyfus, Township Clerk



12.C

**To: Township Board**

**From: Mark Kieselbach, Director of Community Planning and Development**  
**Peter Menser, Principal Planner**

**Date: August 13, 2020**

**Re: Special Use Permit #19191 (Green Peak Innovations, LLC)**

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The Township Board discussed Special Use Permit #19191 to construct a commercial medical marihuana provisioning center on the east side of Northwind Drive, south of Grand River Avenue at its meeting on August 6, 2020. At the meeting the Board agreed to consider a resolution to approve the request at its next meeting on August 18, 2020.

#### **Township Board Options**

The Township Board may approve or deny the proposed special use permit proposal. If the Board amends the proposal, the request may be referred back to the Planning Commission for a recommendation. A resolution to approve the special use permit with conditions is provided.

- **Move to adopt the resolution approving Special Use Permit #19191 to construct a commercial medical marihuana provisioning center on an undeveloped parcel (Parcel I.D. #20-127-003) located on the east side of Northwind Drive, south of Grand River Avenue.**

#### **Attachment**

1. Resolution to approve.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE**

**Special Use Permit #19191  
(Green Peak Innovations, LLC)**

**RESOLUTION**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held virtually using the Zoom web conferencing application on the 18th day of August, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
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ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

The following resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by \_\_\_\_\_.

WHEREAS, Green Peak Innovations, LLC has submitted a request to construct a new freestanding 2,700 square foot commercial medical marihuana provisioning center on a 1.79 acre undeveloped parcel (Parcel I.D. #20-127-003) located on the east side of Northwind Drive, south of Grand River Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board adopted both zoning and non-zoning ordinances allowing commercial medical marihuana facilities in designated overlay areas throughout the Township at its meeting on May 21, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the zoning ordinance established seven designated areas in the Township where commercial medical marihuana facilities are permitted and identified the zoning districts in which each of the five types of commercial medical marihuana facilities can locate; and

WHEREAS, the non-zoning ordinance established the application process, the facility types allowed, the number of permits, and the general operational standards for the different types of commercial facilities, which include growers, processors, secure transporters, provisioning centers, and safety compliance facilities; and

WHEREAS, the overlay areas adopted by the Township Board allow commercial medical marihuana provisioning centers in the I (Industrial), C-1, C-2, C-3 (Commercial), and RP (Research and Office Park) zoning districts subject to the approval of a special use permit reviewed by the Planning Commission and approved by the Township Board; and

WHEREAS, the subject site is located entirely within Overlay Area 3 and is appropriately zoned C-2 (Commercial), which allows commercial medical marihuana provisioning centers by special use permit; and

WHEREAS, the proposed commercial medical marihuana provisioning center meets the required setbacks from any public or private K-12 school, church, place of worship or other religious facility, library, preschool, or child care center established in Section 40-31 of the Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing at its regular meeting on June 22, 2020, and has recommended approval of the request on July 13, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, the Township Board discussed the request at its regular meeting on August 6, 2020, and has reviewed staff material forwarded under a cover memorandum dated July 29, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the proposed commercial medical marihuana provisioning center will not adversely affect adjacent land uses or the health, safety, and general welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, municipal water and sanitary sewer is available to serve the subject site; and.

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the general standards for granting a special use permit found in Section 86-126 of the Code of Ordinances.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby approves Special Use Permit #19191, subject to the following conditions:

1. Approval is in accordance with the site plan, floor plan, and building elevations prepared by Studio Intrigue Architects dated February 13, 2020.
2. Approval is subject to the applicant receiving approval of a Commercial Medical Marihuana Facility permit by the Director of Community Planning and Development.
3. Approval is subject to the applicant receiving Final Approval for a medical marihuana license from the State of Michigan, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.
4. Approval is subject to the applicant finalizing the rearrangement of lot lines with the parcel to the north to attain the required 100 feet of lot frontage to develop the parcel.
5. The applicant shall obtain and maintain any and all other applicable permits, licenses, and approvals necessary to operate the proposed commercial medical marihuana provisioning center from the State of Michigan, Township, and any other applicable agencies. Copies of all permits, licenses, and approvals shall be submitted to the Department of Community Planning and Development.
6. Site plan review approval is required to construct the proposed building. The final site plan, building elevations, and landscape plan shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development.
7. The applicant shall obtain all necessary permits, licenses, and approvals from the Ingham County Road Department, Ingham County Drain Commissioner, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, and the Township, as applicable. Copies of all permits, licenses, and approval letters shall be submitted to the Department of Community Planning and Development.
8. Utility, grading, and storm drainage plans for the site are subject to the approval of the Director of Public Works and Engineering and Ingham County Drain Commissioner and shall be completed in accordance with the Township Engineering Design and Construction Standards.
9. No grading or land clearing shall take place on the site until the site plan has been approved by the Director of Community Planning and Development and building, grading, and soil erosion and sedimentation control (SESC) permits have been issued for the project.

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10. All utility service distribution lines shall be installed underground.
11. Any future building additions or revisions to the site layout will require amendments to Special Use Permit #19191.
12. The final design of the trash and recycling facilities and related enclosures shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development.
13. Site accessories such as railings, benches, exterior lighting fixtures, and bicycle racks shall be of commercial quality and complement the building design. The final design and location of such accessories shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development.
14. All mechanical, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and similar systems shall be screened from view by an opaque structure or landscape materials (if at street level) selected to complement the building. Such screening is subject to the approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development.
15. Sign permits shall be required for any signage proposed on the property.
16. The provisioning center shall remain in compliance with the operational requirements established in Section 40-31 of the Code of Ordinances.
17. The special use permit shall be revoked if the applicant fails to maintain a valid Commercial Medical Marihuana Facility permit from the Township and Facility License from the State of Michigan.

ADOPTED: YEAS: \_\_\_\_\_

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NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MICHIGAN )

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COUNTY OF INGHAM )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Township Board of the Charter Township Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and a complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board on the 18th day of August, 2020.

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Brett Dreyfus  
Meridian Township Clerk



12.D

**To:** Township Board

**From:** Mark Kieselbach, Director of Community Planning and Development  
Keith Chapman, Assistant Planner

**Date:** August 12, 2020

**Re:** Rezoning #20040 (Michigan Baptist Convention) 4606 Hagadorn Road - Introduction

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The Township Board last discussed Rezoning #20040, a request to rezone approximately 4.999 acres located at 4606 Hagadorn Road from RR (Rural Residential) to PO (Professional and Office), at its meeting on August 6, 2020. At the meeting the Board agreed to consider a resolution to approve the rezoning for introduction.

#### **Township Board Options**

The Township Board may approve or deny the proposed rezoning from RR (Rural Residential) to PO (Professional and Office). If the Board amends the proposal, the request may be referred back to the Planning Commission for a recommendation. A resolution to approve the requested rezoning for introduction is provided.

- **Move to adopt the resolution to approve for introduction Rezoning #20040 to rezone 4.999 acres located at 4606 Hagadorn Road from RR (Rural Residential) to PO (Professional and Office).**

#### **Attachment**

1. Resolution to approve.

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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE**

**Rezoning #20040 (Michigan Baptist Convention)  
4606 Hagadorn Road  
INTRODUCTION**

**RESOLUTION**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Municipal Building, in said Township on the 18th day of August, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
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ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

The following resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by \_\_\_\_\_.

WHEREAS, Michigan Baptist Convention requested the rezoning of approximately 4.999 acres located at 4606 Hagadorn Road from RR (Rural Residential) to PO (Professional and Office); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing at its regular meeting on June 22, 2020 and discussed the staff material forwarded under cover a memorandum dated June 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board discussed the rezoning at its meeting on August 6, 2020 and has reviewed the staff and Planning Commission material forwarded under a cover memorandum dated July 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rezoning to PO (Professional and Office) is consistent with the 2017 Future Land Use Map designation of Business/Technology for the property; and

WHEREAS, the subject site meets or exceeds the minimum standards for lot area and lot width of the proposed PO (Professional and Office) zoning district; and

WHEREAS, the subject site is located adjacent to property zoned PO (Professional and Office) to the south; and

WHEREAS, public water and sanitary sewer serve the subject site.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby **INTRODUCES FOR PUBLICATION AND SUBSEQUENT ADOPTION** Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_, entitled "Ordinance Amending the Zoning District Map of Meridian Township pursuant to Rezoning Petition #20040" from RR (Rural Residential) to PO (Professional and Office)



**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP**  
**OF MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP**  
**PURSUANT TO REZONING #20040**

The Charter Township of Meridian ordains:

Section 1. Amending the Zoning District Map.

A. The Zoning District Map of Meridian Township, as adopted in Section 86-312 of the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, as previously amended, is hereby amended by changing the RR (Rural Residential) District symbol and indication as shown on the Zoning District Map, for 4606 Hagadorn Road, the property legally described as:

BEG 1020.2 FT N OF SW COR OF SEC - N 232.4 FT - E 937 FT - S 232.4 FT - W 937 FT TO BEG ON SW 1/4 OF SEC. 20, T4N R1W

to that of PO (Professional and Office).

Section 2. Validity and Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and the invalidity of any phrase, clause or part of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of the Ordinance.

Section 3. Repealer Clause. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 4. Savings Clause. This Ordinance does not affect rights and duties matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun, before its effective date.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective seven (7) days after its publication or upon such later date as may be required under Section 402 of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act (MCL 125.3402) after filing of a notice of intent to file a petition for a referendum.

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Ronald J. Styka, Township Supervisor

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Brett Dreyfus, Township Clerk



**To: Board Members**  
**From: Michael Hamel, Fire Chief**  
**Date: August 12, 2020**  
**Re: Firefighter Candidate Sponsorship**

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Over the last few years, the Fire Department has found it increasingly difficult to recruit qualified candidates for the position of paramedic/firefighter. Similar to the sponsorship program the Police Department implemented in 2018, the Fire Department proposes sending licensed paramedics to the Fire Academy. Two Fire Academies are typically available locally. The first is through Lansing Community College running August thru December. The second is through a collaboration of Ingham County Fire Chiefs running October through April. These two programs provide the same training. The sponsorship will provide wages for the candidate during their time in school as well as the cost of tuition and fees.

**The following motion is proposed for Board consideration:**

**MOVE TO SUPPORT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S SPONSORSHIP OF PARAMEDICS TO ATTEND THE FIRE ACADEMY PROVIDING WAGES AND TUITION TO QUALIFIED CANDIDATES.**



**To: Board Members**

**From: Phil Deschaine, Township Treasurer  
LuAnn Maisner, CPRP, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Jane Greenway, LLA, Senior Parks and Land Management Coordinator**

**Date: August 11, 2020**

**Re: Land Preservation – Tax Reversion Property Acquisition Recommendation**

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On August 12, 2020, the Land Preservation Advisory Board unanimously voted to recommend that the Township Board work to acquire a 7.97 acre tax reverted property located on Nemoke Trail, parcel number is 33-02-02-15-100-010.

Background:

- This parcel is available from the Ingham County Treasurer as a foreclosed property.
- The foreclosed amount in taxes is \$2,043.19.
- The parcel is contiguous to the Nemoke Land Preserve.
- The parcel contains valuable ecological features such as white oaks and sensitive ferns which could indicate a fen wetland ecosystem.
- The parcel has wildlife value and multiple species have been observed on the property such as Sandhill Cranes, Yellow Rails, White-tail deer, Snapping turtles and Solitary Sandpipers.

The Land Preservation Advisory Board respectfully requests that the Township Board formally notify the Ingham County Treasurer, Eric Schertzing, that Meridian Township is interested in acquiring the property, subject to any and all land acquisition requirements in the Meridian Township Zoning Ordinance.

Motion for Consideration:

**MOVE TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD TO ACQUIRE PARCEL NUMBER 33-02-02-15-100-010, A 7.97 ACRE PROPERTY THAT IS ADJACENT TO THE NEMOKE LAND PRESERVE.**

**Attachments:**

1. Letter from Ingham County Treasurer
2. Map of Foreclosed Properties

**Eric A. Schertzing**  
**Ingham County Treasurer**

**Alan Fox**  
**Chief Deputy Treasurer**  
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July 29, 2020

Mr. Phil Deschaine  
Meridian Township Treasurer  
5151 Marsh Road  
Okemos, Michigan 48864

Dear Mr. Deschaine:

I am writing to you on behalf of Treasurer Eric Schertzing who serves as the Foreclosing Governmental Unit (FGU) for Ingham County under Public Act 123 of 1999; MCL 211.1-211.157.

The COVID-19 Pandemic has significantly impacted our economy and daily life. State Executive Orders 2020-67, 2020-68 and 2020-106 extended the Judicial Foreclosure deadline and redemption until July 20, 2020. Like many counties in Michigan, Treasurer Schertzing did not foreclose on occupied properties to give some of Ingham County's most vulnerable citizens time to recover financially and remain sheltered.

Property considered blighted or vacant was foreclosed upon by the FGU for unpaid property taxes in Meridian Township. Public Act 123 affords certain acquisition rights to government prior to the auction process. I encourage you to review this process at MCL 211.78m(1). Essentially, the Township may acquire the property for public use by paying the taxes owed. A list of all property tax foreclosed parcels located in Meridian Township is enclosed. We ask that this local purchase option be exercised no later than August 17, 2020.

Treasurer Schertzing, working in consultation with local government, spearheaded the creation of the Ingham County Land Bank Authority in 2005 to help combat the problems property tax foreclosed parcels can present to governments and communities. Oftentimes the cost of maintaining such parcels exceeds any benefit a local jurisdiction may gain. Properties that do not sell at the auctions can remain with the local unit, or

after the local unit submits a formal rejection resolution in November, they are typically transferred by the County to the Land Bank at year-end.

However, the State of Michigan and then your jurisdiction have access to these property tax foreclosed parcels prior to the Treasurer's Tax Auction. When this issue is taken up in the township processes, Treasurer Schertzing would be happy to schedule his attendance to answer any questions that may arise.

Also included is a form that may be used to request the F.G.U. add any applicable municipal liens to a foreclosed parcel's minimum bid. This form must be returned no later than August 17, 2020.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jenna R. Casuccio', written in a cursive style.

Jenna R. Casuccio  
Property Tax Forfeiture/Foreclosure Coordinator  
Ingham County Treasurer's Office  
(517) 676-7237  
jcasuccio@ingham.org

Cc: Phil Deschaine, Meridian Township Treasurer

Cc: Mark Kieselbach, Director of Community Planning & Development

Enclosure

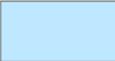
Meridian Township  
2020 Right of First Refusal List

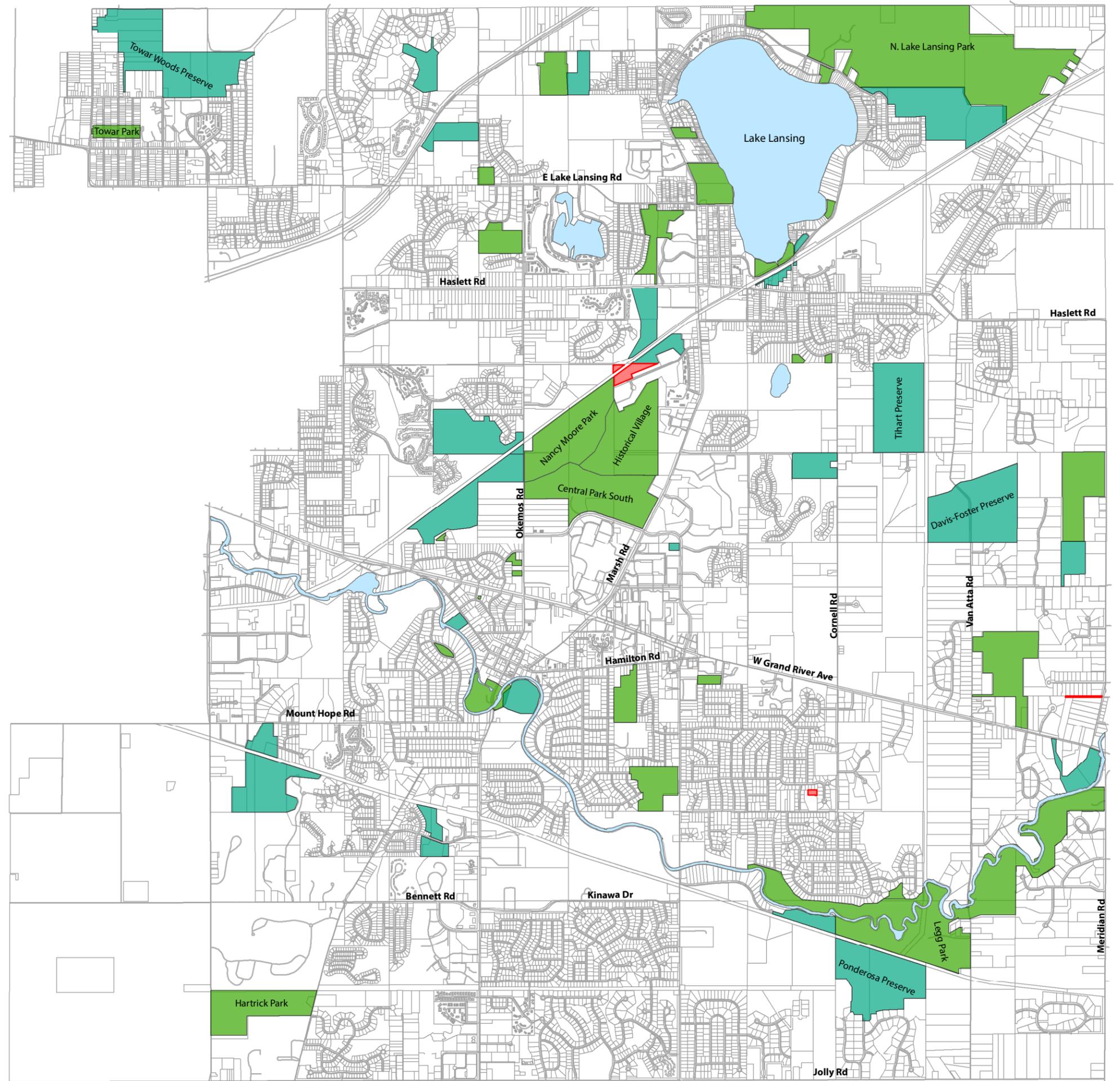
PARCEL	ADDRESS	LEGAL	FRC AMOUNT
33-02-02-15-100-010	Nemoke	M15-2-7, 15-4, 15-4-2 THAT PART OF THE E 1/2 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SEC 15 LYING NORTH OF NEMOKE TRAIL, EXC- NEMOKE TRAILS CONDOMINIUMS, ALSO EXC- G.T.W. RR R/W, ALSO EXC- C.P. CO. R/W DESC AS THE N 16.5 FT OF THE E 1/2 OF NW 1/4 SEC 15 LYING N'LY & W'LY OF G.T.W. RR R/W T4NR1W	2,043.19
33-02-02-24-478-001	(Vac) Meridian	PT. SE 1/4 SE 1/4 LYING N. OF A LINE 1954.5 S. OF E. & W. 1/4 LINE OF SEC 24 & S. OF S. LINE SHERWOOD HILLS SUB., W. OF MERIDIAN RD.	2,680.29
33-02-02-26-176-009	1312 Hatch	M26-11-1 BEG W 1/4 COR SEC 26 -N 89 DEG 50' 28"E, 1775.23 FT (PT BEING 950.225 FT E OF SW COR OF E 30 AC OF W 1/2 OF NW 1/4 SEC 26) -N 0 DEG 00'57"W, 479 FT TO POB -N 89 DEG 50'28" E, 209.40 FT -S 0 DEG 00'57"E, 17 FT -N 89 DEG 50'28"E, 56.4 FT -N 0 DEG 00'57"W, 165 FT -S 89 DEG 50'28"W, 264 FT -S 0 DEG 00'57"E, 148 FT TO POB SEC 26 T4NR1W .92 AC M/L	12,962.23



# Foreclosed Properties

## Legend

-  Foreclosed Parcel
-  Water
-  Land Preservation
-  Park
-  Parcel
-  Street



1 in = 1 miles



**To: Board Members**  
**From: Ronald J. Styka, Township Supervisor**  
**Date: August 14, 2020**  
**Re: Planning Commission Appointment**

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The Planning Commission currently has one vacancy.

Mark Blumer submitted an Application for Public Service on July 31, 2020 to request appointment to the Planning Commission. Mr. Blumer is recently retired from a nearly 50 year career as a governmental attorney.

The following motion is proposed for Board consideration:

**MOVE TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT MADE BY SUPERVISOR STYKA OF MARK BLUMER TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A TERM ENDING 12/31/2021.**

**Attachment:**

1. Application for Public Service

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A new entry to a form/survey has been submitted.

**Form Name:** Public Service Application Form  
**Date & Time:** 07/31/2020 11:14 AM  
**Response #:** 59  
**Submitter ID:** 12759  
**IP address:** 76.250.57.253  
**Time to complete:** 15 min. , 58 sec.

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### Survey Details

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**I am interested in service on one or more of the following public bodies as checked below:**

**\*Special conditions restrict eligibility for appointment**

**1.**

Assessing Board of Review\*

Downtown Development Authority\*

Planning Commission

**2. Occupation:**

Attorney

**3. Indicate areas not included above which may warrant special attention or study that are of interest to you:**

Due to my history as a government attorney and prosecutor, I believe I could be of assistance in any board or commission that deals with law enforcement and/or public safety.

**4. Describe education, experience or training which will assist you if appointed:**

I have been a government attorney for almost 50 years. Most of that time I was a prosecutor of one kind or another (chief trial prosecutor and first assistant in Attorney General Criminal Division....later recalled to

direct the Criminal Trial and Appeal Division by current AG). Chief assistant prosecutor of Jackson County and finally Magistrate of the 55th District Court in Mason. I have been a resident of Meridian Township since 1975.

**5. Contact Information:**

<b>Name:</b>	Mark Edward Blumer	<b>Occupation:</b>	Attorney
<b>Place of Employment:</b>	Not answered	<b>Home Address:</b>	6120 Horizon Drive
<b>Phone (days):</b>	(517) 203-8871	<b>Phone (evenings):</b>	same
<b>Date:</b>	07/31/2020	<b>Email:</b>	mark.blumer@gmail.com

**6. Attach Resume**

**Resume is attached** Mark's Resume copy.doc

**7. Attach Cover Letter**

**Cover Letter is attached** cover letter.docx

Thank you,  
**Meridian Township, MI**

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Mark E. Blumer  
6120 Horizon Drive  
East Lansing, Michigan 48823  
1 (517) 203-8871

July 31, 2020

To Whom it May Concern,

I hereby submit my application for consideration for appointment to a position in your organization. My resume accompanies this letter and demonstrates that I am now retired after a career of nearly fifty years as a government attorney in various positions. Because I am retired, I have few time restraints and I offer my services to you for whatever benefit I might bring to your operation.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me if any additional information might assist you in your selection.

Sincerely,

Mark Blumer

**Mark E. Blumer**  
6120 Horizon Drive  
East Lansing, MI 48823  
(517) 351-8116 home  
(517) 203-8871 cell

**Education:**

Michigan State University--BA with Honors 1971  
University of Detroit School of Law--JD 1974  
Bar Admission--October 1974  
National College of District Attorneys--Career Prosecutor training--July 1984  
Medico-Legal Investigation of Death--March 1995  
Numerous professional training seminars

**Career History:**

- A. Magistrate of the 55<sup>th</sup> District Court, Mason Michigan (2013-2020)
- B. Office of the Prosecutor, Jackson County Michigan—Chief Assistant Prosecutor (2005-2013)
- C. Michigan Department of Attorney General--assistant attorney general (1976-2005: full retirement)
  - 1) Health Care Fraud, First Assistant--October 2003-2005
  - 2) Criminal Division, First Assistant and Acting Assistant-in-Charge--June 1978-October 2003: Criminal Division assignments:
    - a) Criminal prosecution for violation of all state criminal laws
    - b) Legal Advice to Michigan State Police, Governor and Attorney General on Criminal Law issues
    - c) Legal Opinion writing
    - d) Until January 1984--defense of state law enforcement officers who were sued in the line of duty
    - e) Assist county prosecutors upon request
    - f) Education of other staff attorneys, Michigan State Police, prosecutors
    - g) Acting Assistant-in-Charge of Criminal Division--February, 2003-October, 2003.
  - 3) Executive Division (special assignments for Chief Deputy AG)-April 1976-June 1978
  - 4) Education Division-January 1976-April 1976

Michigan Department of State-license appeal hearing officer (1975)

**Description of Magistrate Duties:**

As Magistrate of the 55<sup>th</sup> District Court I was required to review and assess for probable cause nearly every search warrant and arrest warrant in the district. I also arraigned all persons brought before the court on criminal matters. I handled waivers of preliminary examinations and arraigned on probation violation arrests. I also adjudicated traffic and ordinance violation cases and adjudicated small claims cases brought in our court. I was designated as deputy court administrator and acted as administrator in the absence of the Court Administrator. Finally, I was a member of the court senior administrative team (composed of the two district judges, the court administrator, the chief probation officer and myself) which set policy and procedures for the court.

**Description of Jackson County Duties:**

As Chief Assistant Prosecutor, I advised the elected prosecutor on all legal issues confronting the office and I directed the substantive activities of the entire professional staff. On occasion, I also tried major cases such as R.I.C.O., murder and sexual assault cases. However, seventy-five percent of my daily activities involved the direct administration of the legal affairs of the office of the prosecutor. I evaluated and trained the junior attorneys and supervised their activities. I was the liaison to the courts; in particular, to the Domestic Violence Court. In that activity, I consulted with the DV judge as to programs and policies in that court. I also worked with state representatives to propose revised legislation concerning DV repeat offenders that would make the recidivist offender subject to greater and more assured punishment. I am also one of the most senior and widely experienced prosecutors in the state of Michigan. As such, I have been asked, fairly regularly, to advise, assist and mentor younger, less experienced prosecutors in other counties when they encounter unusual or unusually difficult cases. I also regularly assisted in training new prosecutors in various programs managed by the Michigan Prosecuting Attorneys Coordinating Counsel (PACC).

**Description of State Attorney General Duties:**

As the First Assistant in the division I had a number of varied duties. When the Assistant-in-Charge was away I am was charge of the division and its entire staff. At other times I assisted the Assistant-in-Charge with administrative duties.

For over 20 years, I was also the chief trial attorney of the criminal division. In this position I was routinely assigned to independently handle the most difficult cases. I was also regularly called upon to aid county prosecutors who were unable, due to inexperience, lack of resources, or conflict of interest, with their cases.

The cases which I prosecuted generally had one or more of the following elements: extremely difficult factual situations; no legal precedent; political or social sensitivity. I have handled all appeals of my cases myself, and have written all appellate briefs for my cases (with review and approval of the Solicitor General). Copies of briefs I have written for the Michigan Court of Appeals, the Michigan Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court are available upon request.

Prior to a reordering of division assignments by the Attorney General, I also frequently tried cases related to Civil Rights lawsuits against the State of Michigan and

several of its agencies including the Michigan State Police, the Department of Corrections and the Department of Natural Resources.

Examples of my cases:

Dearden v. City of Detroit, established the only case counter to the general national precedent that a state agency could be barred from a local activity by a zoning ordinance.

People v. Garza, first degree murder conviction in completely circumstantial case eight years after the crime. Body of victim not found until three weeks before trial and three months after obtaining the “bind over.”

People v. Hryshko, bribery conviction. Defendant was third ranking official in Macomb County prosecutor’s office.

People v. Ratliff, manslaughter/attempted murder conviction. Defendant was a police officer who killed his wife (a judge) in the Kent County courthouse, then had a gunfight with police coming to her rescue.

People v. Davis, defendant convicted of murdering his wife with exotic poison then making it appear to be horse riding accident. Captured in Pago Pago with help of TV program “Unsolved Mysteries” (subject of a book and a TV movie).

People v. Schuette, defendant was administrator of District Court in Romulus, MI convicted of embezzling over one quarter of a million dollars in two years.

People v. Madejczyk, defendant was police chief of Grandville, MI (and president of the Michigan Association of Police Chiefs) and had been embezzling from the department for most of his 30 years in office.

People v. Draheim, defendant bound victim with police flexi-cuffs and murdered her. Crime unsolved for 16 years until AG entered case. Defendant convicted of murder and sentenced to 60-90 years.

People v. Bean, 23 year cold case, bodiless murder. First case in Michigan prosecuted using new version of spousal privilege.

People v. McRae, serial murder case. (reversed by Michigan Supreme Court on procedural grounds). I supervised the investigation, tried the prosecution, handled all the state appeals (two in Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court-including all oral arguments), and prepared and filed the Petition for Certiorari in the U.S. Supreme Court.

People v. Murine, defendant repeatedly sexually assaulted the 7 year old daughter of his girlfriend. Most difficult part of the case was obtaining the testimony of the victim.

People v. Russell, felony stalking at an unparalleled level.

### **Teaching Experience:**

- Lecturer at National Advocacy Center (Columbia, SC)—national training school for prosecutors and US Attorneys—7 times
- Lecturer for the National Association of District Attorney training programs twice
- Instructor at in-house trial practice seminars for Attorney General department
- Lecturer at State Police Arson School (Prosecutor program) 1988-2005
- Guest lecturer at FBI Academy 5 times
- Lecturer at Rocky Mountain homicide seminar 1994 (Montana)
- Lecturer at Western States homicide seminar 1993 and 2001 (Wyoming)

- Lecturer at Midwestern Conference on unsolved and serial murders 1989
- Instructor at Lansing Community College, School of Criminal Justice 1990-2002
- Instructor at Trial practice seminar for National Association of Attorneys General
- Co-author: Sauer, Norman, William A. Lovis, Mark E. Blumer and Jennifer Fillion, “The Contributions of Archeology and Physical Anthropology to the John McRae case.” In Dawnie W. Steadman (ed.) Hard Evidence: Case Studies in Forensic Anthropology. Prentice Hall, 2002.
- Lecturer at NDAA program on Homicide Prosecution. My topic was prosecuting the bodiless homicide—November, 2008
- Visiting Professor of Criminal Law. Thomas M. Cooley School of Law, Lansing, Michigan, 2005 to present.

**Foreign Language Ability and Experience:**

In college I was in a specialized program called Justin Morrill College. This was an early experimental program designed to develop substantial fluency in one or more of four languages (Spanish, French, Russian and German). Students were then required to live in a country where that language was spoken and to study there. Students then returned to East Lansing and obtained BA degrees with an emphasis in foreign relations/political science. My chosen language was Spanish and I traveled extensively through South America and lived with a family in Buenos Aires, Argentina. At the end of this training my Spanish ability was sufficient that native Spanish speakers could detect that I was not from his/her country but could not tell where I was really from.

Since that time, I have tried to maintain my ability in Spanish. I admittedly have lost some fluency over the years. However, I still have the ability to interview witnesses and interrogate defendants in Spanish and I have, on occasion, caught an official court translator in missed translations.

**Family and non-professional activities:**

My wife Susan and I have been married for over 40 years. We raised two children and we are grandparents of two. I am an avid photographer and my work has been shown in an art gallery in Lansing, Old Town. My other hobby is woodworking and furniture building and design.

**Honors and Recognition:**

- Prosecutor of the year-1997, by IAAI/MACP
- Frank J. Kelley Attorney General award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy, 2002
- Citation of Professional Excellence from Michigan State Police twice
- Letter of Professional Recognition from Attorney General
- Letter of Commendation from Governor John Engler
- Invitation to be teaching assistant at NCDA career prosecutor course 1985
- Subject of the book, Murder in the Thumb by Richard Carson, 2009
- Subject of the book, With Murderous Intent by Robert Hemming, 1991
- Subject of a TV movie, Victim of Love.

**References:**

- Henry Zavislak—Jackson County Sheriff and Prosecuting Attorney (Retired), Jackson, MI
- Hon. Stephen Markman—Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court
- Hon. Amy Krause—Michigan Court of Appeals Judge, Lansing, MI
- Hon. Darryl Mazur—(Domestic Violence judge) 12<sup>th</sup> District Court, Jackson, MI
- Hon. Michael Klaeren—12<sup>th</sup> District Court, Jackson, MI

- Robert Ianni—Bureau Chief--Dept. of Attorney General (retired), Lansing, MI
- Thomas Boyd, former Chief Judge of 55<sup>th</sup> District Court, now State Court Administrator, Lansing, MI
- Michael Dillon, Court Administrator of 55<sup>th</sup> District Court, Mason, MI
- Stephanie Godsey, Magistrate of 55<sup>th</sup> District Court, Mason, MI

**Please Note:** I attach this note to my resume because I assume that your office is aware of me and my career history up to very recent events. I retired from my position as Magistrate of the 55<sup>th</sup> District Court, a position that I loved very much, because the Attorney General of Michigan contacted me and personally requested that I return to that office (after an absence of 15 years) to run the recently reorganized Criminal Trial and Appeals Division. I was greatly honored by her request and accepted her offer. I began work there the second week of April 2020; about the same time that the pandemic began to explode. I and my wife are both 70 and she is a cancer survivor with asthma. We became greatly concerned that I might bring home the virus due to numerous personal contacts that I would have at the two offices (Lansing and Detroit) that I had to manage. My wife is critically vulnerable to this disease, so I requested permission to work from home until the crisis subsided. The Attorney General executive staff deemed me to be a critical employee and denied my request. I therefore resigned at the end of my second week there.

I believe that based upon my nearly 50 years as a trial and supervisory prosecutor and magistrate that I can be an asset to your office in any assignment that you ask me to perform.

Thank you for your consideration.