



AGENDA

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP BOARD – VIRTUAL MEETING

April 20, 2021 6:00 PM

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS
3. ROLL CALL
4. PRESENTATION
 - A. Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)
 - B. 2020-2021 Deer Management Final Report
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- March 30, 2021 Virtual Regular Joint Board Meeting
 - C. Bills
 - D. Lake Lansing Advisory Committee Re-Appointments
10. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY
11. HEARINGS (CANARY)
12. ACTION ITEMS (PINK)
 - A. Zoning Amendment #21010 (Township Board) amend the Code of Ordinances to require Township Board approval of a special use permit for motor vehicle sales and service establishments and automobile dealerships in the C-2 and C-3 (Commercial) zoning district-
Introduction
 - B. Resolution in Celebration of Earth Day and Arbor Day
 - C. 1st Quarter Budget Amendments
 - D. Deer Management Resolution of Appreciation
13. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS (ORCHID)
 - A. Citizen Climate Commitment
14. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
15. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
16. ADJOURNMENT

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.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Meridian Township Board by contacting:
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 (VIRTUAL MEETING)



To: Board Members
From: LuAnn Maisner, CPRP Director of Parks and Recreation
Date: April 16, 2021
Re: 2020-2021 - Deer Management Program Final Report

The 2020 Deer Management Program concluded its tenth year of the volunteer archery program and added a new early 2021 cull conducted and managed by the Police Department. The combined archery harvest and the police cull resulted a total deer harvest of 326 deer.

The success this year was due to the effective collaborative efforts of the Township Board and Administration, Department of Public Works staff, Parks and Recreation Department staff, Police Department, volunteer archery hunters, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division, and the Sportsmen Against Hunger Organization.

An important component of the deer management program is the venison donation to the community foodbanks. Thanks to the generosity of Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger (MSAH), Meridian Township was able to donate 6,334 lbs. of venison from this program to 14 local food banks and to 75 needy families at the Santa's First Responders Party. The value of the processing fees donated to this year's program by MSAH totaled \$11,084.

Attached is the detailed 2020-2021 Deer Management Final Report and Resolution of Appreciation to Michigan Sportsman Against Hunger for their generous support of our Deer Management Program since 2011, for your consideration. In addition, State Representative Julie Brixie would also like to recognize the efforts of MSAH as well with a special presentation. Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger President, C.J. Merriman and members Dean Hall and Neal Easterbrook will be present to accept the Resolution of Appreciation.

Motion for Township Board Consideration:

MOVE TO APPROVE THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO MICHIGAN SPORTSMEN AGAINST HUNGER FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SINCE 2011, AND TO EXTEND ADDITIONAL APPRECIATION TO ALL 75 VOLUNTEER HUNTERS FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN CONDUCTING A SAFE AND SUCCESSFUL 2020 DEER MANAGEMENT SEASON.

Attachments:

1. Deer Management Final Report
2. Resolution in Appreciation



Deer Management Report **2020 - 2021**

In 2020, the volunteer archery program experienced its most successful season to date harvesting 176 deer! The success this year was due to the effective collaborative efforts of the Township Board, DPW staff, Parks and Recreation staff, Police Department, volunteer archery hunters and the Sportsmen Against Hunger Organization. The identification of CWD in Meridian Township in 2014 had a significant impact on our hunters' ability to achieve great success. The United States Department of Agriculture culled a number of deer in an effort to eradicate this disease from our community. This cull took place between 2015 and 2018. After the cull stopped, there was a 16% increase in the car-deer crashes. The continued high number of car-deer collisions and ongoing destruction of vegetation prompted many residents to reach out for answers and action from their elected officials. Manager Walsh set a goal to harvest 300 deer during the 2020-2021 season. With this goal in mind, it was apparent that new measures and additional efforts were required.

1. Focused on ways to ease the work for the volunteer hunters so they could spend more time in the woods and less time driving to and from the processor.

- Purchased an outdoor walk-in cooler – once the hunter field-dressed their deer, they dropped it off at the cooler and we took it from there.
- DPW Staff member, Mike Ellis led and managed the coolers' maintenance and deer deliveries twice per week to the processor in Jackson.
- Mr. Ellis managed the venison donation process by first reaching out to the Okemos and Haslett Food Banks to deliver the venison. It became immediately clear that other food banks were needed in order to distribute the large amount of venison we were receiving from the processor.
- Mike contacted and nurtured outstanding relationships with 14 local food banks where he distributed a total of 7,154lbs of venison throughout both the archery and extended hunt seasons.
- Purchased two freezers to hold the venison between deliveries.
- The volunteers were provided incentives and prizes for specific harvest milestones throughout the season to keep motivation high.
- Frequent engagement and consistent communication kept everyone motivated until the end of the season. It was very satisfying for everyone that the goal was not only met, but exceeded! The goal for the archery cull was 150 with the final tally reaching 176.

2. A Damage and Nuisance Animal Control Permit was obtained from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The permit allowed the Police Department to cull 150 deer.
 - The Police Department utilized infrared technology to locate the animals and ensure nothing else was in the area. This equipment was previously owned by the Department. No additional costs were incurred.
 - The participating officers were all volunteers who were able to demonstrate both the ability to determine the safety of the shot and the marksmanship ability to place a well-aimed shot.
 - No overtime was paid to the officers.
 - The Department purchased a rifle, ammunition, optics, batteries and suppressors to conduct the cull. A total of \$2,874.94 was spent on equipment to ensure the safety and success of the cull.
 - Four DPW staff worked early morning hours following the evening cull to field dress the deer before delivering them to the processor.
 - 4,874lbs of venison were donated from this program to 14 local food banks.

Program Statistics:

Volunteer Archery Deer Management Program

- October 1st 2020 - January 1st 2021
- 75 resident volunteers participating
- 176 Deer Harvested from 33 Township properties and 7 private properties
- 2,280 pounds of venison donated to local food banks
- 9,120 meals provided locally
- Dollar amount of venison donated = \$25,057
- Estimated 3,500 volunteer hours served in the field

2021 Police Cull

- January 15th 2021 - March 10th, 2021
- 150 deer culled
- 4,874 pounds of venison donated to local food banks
- 19,496 meals provided locally
- Dollar amount of venison donated = \$53,565.26

Total Cull – 326 deer

Total Donation and Food Bank Numbers

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| • Okemos Community Church | 595 pounds |
| • Haslett Community Church | 310 pounds |
| • Saint Paul Lutheran Church | 350 pounds |
| • Williamston Food Bank | 280 pounds |
| • Lakeside Chapel of Park Lake | 400 pounds |

- Capital Area Community Services 895 pounds
- Our Savior Lutheran & City Rescue Mission 1,270 pounds
- Redeemer United Methodist Church 150 pounds
- Community Baptist Church of Lansing 1,124 pounds
- Dansville Clothing & Food Bank 800 pounds
- First Presbyterian Church 150 pounds
- LMTS Outreach Center 200 pounds
- Charlotte Assembly of God 80 pounds
- Santa's First Responders Holiday Party 550 pounds

Total: 7,154 pounds

2020-2021 Program Cost

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| Permits, Equipment and Supplies: | \$23,710.89 |
| Staff Hours: Parks, DPW 1,850 hrs | |
| Overtime Costs DPW Field Dressing: 170 OT hrs | \$ 5,917.46 |
| Sportsmen Against Hunger Contribution for processing: | <u>\$11,084.00</u> |

Dead deer picked up and disposed of by Park Maintenance Staff (not included in totals):

2020 - 59

2021 - 26



Jane & Emma handing out venison at Santa's First Responder Party.



A huge truckload of 1,191 pounds of venison out for donation to local food banks.



Mike Ellis delivering venison to Lakeside Chapel of Park Lake.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

At a regular meeting of the Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held on the 20th day of April 2021, at 6:00 p.m., local time.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following resolution was offered by _____ and supported by _____.

WHEREAS, the Meridian Township Deer Management Program began in 2011 in response to numerous concerns from residents regarding deer damage to personal property; an increase in car/deer collisions; and damage to the natural ecosystems in Meridian Township’s 2,000 acres of parks and land preserves; and

WHEREAS, Meridian Township’s Deer Management Program strives to help maintain healthy deer, habitats, and outdoor recreational opportunities while achieving management goals; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the volunteer archery program experienced its most successful season to date harvesting 176 deer; and

WHEREAS, in early 2021, the police culled an additional 150 deer within areas of the Township that have experienced the highest number of deer/car collisions; and

WHEREAS, the success of the 2020-2021 cull is attributed to the effective collaborative efforts of the Meridian Township Board and Administration, Department of Public Works staff, Parks and Recreation Department staff, Police Department, 75 volunteer archery hunters, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division, Sportsmen Against Hunger Organization, Ingham County Parks, and numerous private homeowners and companies including Delta Dental that allowed the Deer Management Program to operate on their property for the purpose of reducing the overpopulated deer heard in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger Organization has financially supported the Meridian Township Deer Management program since 2011 by funding deer processing fees each year for venison donations to local food banks; and

WHEREAS, special recognition is given today for their one year contribution of \$11,084 to fund the deer processing of 6,334 pounds of venison which Meridian Township distributed to local food banks that fed the needy in our community, as well as, people throughout the Greater Lansing Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN extends its gratitude to all that were involved for their service to the community in an effort to reduce the deer population and to increase the health of our natural lands.

ADOPTED:

YEAS:

NAYS:

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss
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 complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Meridian Township Board on the 20th day of April 2021.

Deborah Guthrie, Clerk



**CLERK'S OFFICE
BOARD COMMUNICATIONS
April 20, 2021**

**BOARD INFORMATION
(BI)**

From: [Christine Goodrick Beavers](#)
To: [Board](#)
Subject: Commercial Recreational Marihuana
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 4:25:56 PM

I am opposed to an ordinance which would allow the sale of Commercial Recreational Marihuana in Meridian township. The Township does not have a need for marijuana shops. We abut East Lansing who has or will have multiple shops. There is little financial gain for the Township and in fact will cause more police calls adding cost to the budget.

You are sending a message that drugs are a good thing. On one hand the government has interfered with patients and their doctors in prescribing opiate drugs but at the same time you want a liquor or pot shop on every street corner. Now they are thinking about allowing bars to stay open until 4:00 am endangering people driving to work. People will continue to sell marijuana products, at a profit, to teens. Students can put gummy bears and other edibles in their pockets and consume during the day. How nice for the teachers.

The Social Justice argument is almost insulting. I have attached studies and comments from people who have more knowledge of the issue than anyone on the Board. Possession can be minimized without making pot shops available in your community. The people that financially benefit will be developers and commercial businesses. If you want social justice in this country making drugs more accessible to a vulnerable population is not an answer.

Addiction of any kind is very destructive not only to the user but their family and children. Yet Michigan has opened the door to gambling, alcohol and marijuana which many feel will lead to stronger drugs. Add to that the proliferation of guns, used by many under the influence, and community is in decline. We should lift people up and easy access to drugs, alcohol and guns is not the answer.

It is interesting that all the communities surrounding Lansing have opted out of marijuana business. They listen to and care about the safety of their youth and citizens. Not surprisingly they are governed by moderate Republicans. Yet you want to emulate south Lansing which has multiple pot shops and usually a shooting or murder every night. I do not think that is a good decision.

Sincerely,

Christine Goodrick Beavers
5125 E. Brookfield Dr.
East Lansing, MI 48823

<https://learnaboutsam.org/marijuana-and-social-justice/>

From: [Rep. Julie Brixie \(District 69\)](#)
To: [Carla Galligan](#); [Dan Opsommer](#); [Patricia Herring Jackson](#); [Kathy Ann Sundland](#); [Courtney Wisinski](#)
Cc: [Board](#)
Subject: RE: Opting In to Commercial Recreational Marijuana
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 1:56:22 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Carla,

Please know that I've read all your emails. Please also understand I've been spending nearly every day for over a year handling hundreds of UIA cases for residents. For context, I'm still working on cases for residents who applied in July of 2020 due to all the issues within the UIA (while working from home with my 11-year-old son who has Autism). The unfortunate reality is I have to prioritize those emails and emails where people need specific assistance.

Nobody is taking advantage of pandemic. Public comment is more accessible than ever with virtual meetings where everyone can engage fully in the meetings from their own home. You used to have to physically attend the meeting to speak during public comment.

For context, the ordinance from that packet is a generic model or template ordinance shared by our attorneys as a possible model to begin working with. The Board didn't propose that, hasn't discussed it yet, and amendments would be needed before it could be adopted.

Thanks,

Dan

From: Carla Galligan <carlagall@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 1:24 PM
To: Dan Opsommer <opsommer@meridian.mi.us>; Patricia Herring Jackson <pjackson@meridian.mi.us>; sundland@meridian.mi.us; Courtney Wisinski <wisinski@meridian.mi.us>
Cc: board@meridian.mi.us; Rep. Julie Brixie (District 69) <JulieBrixie@house.mi.gov>
Subject: Opting In to Commercial Recreational Marijuana

Hi Dan,

Thank you for finally responding to my email after multiple attempts.

Michigan is in a Covid crisis. Residents are navigating multiple priorities with their families, school and work. People are struggling to survive and don't have the time or resources to follow the Board's discussion on this irrevocable decision to Opt-in to Commercial Recreational Marijuana. I will never forget how, in 2019, you personally berated residents who objected to the Board's decision to Opt-in to Medical Marijuana, by asking "Where have you been?" Other governmental entities are making significant accommodations during this pandemic while the Township Board continues to move forward on this issue.

A draft ordinance for authorizing Recreational Marijuana businesses in Meridian Township was included in the 2.16.21 board packet so it's not accurate to say that the "Board hasn't even begun drafting the ordinance."

The Opting-In issue for Commercial Recreational Marijuana should be tabled until governments, workplaces and schools return to in person status.

Your efforts to take advantage of a Covid opportunity appears at best insensitive and at worst furtive.

Sincerely,

Carla Galligan
4367 Aztec Way

From: Dan Opsommer <opsommer@meridian.mi.us>
Subject: Re: Covid pandemic and your tactics
Date: April 12, 2021 at 11:52:58 AM EDT
To: Carla Galligan <carlagall@comcast.net>; Patricia Herring Jackson <pjackson@meridian.mi.us>; Kathy Ann Sundland <sundland@meridian.mi.us>; Courtney Wisinski <wisinski@meridian.mi.us>

Hi Carla,

Ordinance adoption takes many months, and the Board hasn't even begun the formal process of writing an ordinance, much less the legal process to adopt an ordinance.

No zoning ordinance could be adopted prior to the Fall at this point in the calendar year as the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act requires a thoughtful process.

The issue has been discussed since November and we haven't even begun drafting the ordinance. I don't see how anyone is rushing the process.

Please cite what companies donated to the Blue Wave Fund. The Blue Wave Fund has received 2,140 donations from thousands of supporters, which are all public record, to help Gov. Whitmer and the House Democrats flip Michigan. None of which are from marijuana companies.

Thank you,

Dan Opsommer
Meridian Township Trustee
Supervisor Pro Tem

From: [Meridian Township, MI](#)
To: [Board](#)
Subject: sherylrpage@comcast.net
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 6:25:57 AM

Message submitted from the <Meridian Township, MI> website.

Site Visitor Name: Sheryl R Page
Site Visitor Email: sherylrpage@comcast.net

I am writing for continue my opposition to recreational marijuana facilities in Meridian Township. I am concerned that some on the Board are not taking serious citizen concerns under advisement. Marijuana is legal but not all of us want it sold in our backyard. For this issue I strongly support a ballot proposal so that the people may truly decide directly.

Regards,
Sheryl Page
3888 Raleigh Drive, Okemos

From: [Lynne Page](#)
To: [Board](#)
Subject: Commercial Recreational Marihuana in Meridian Township – Resident Opposition
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 6:42:07 PM
Attachments: [L. Page. Township Board. 04.13.21.pdf](#)

To the Township Board,

I have attached a letter dated April 13, 2021 summarizing resident opposition to allowing Commercial Recreational Marihuana businesses in Meridian Township. Thank you for considering this input.

Sincerely,
Lynne S. Page
3912 Raleigh Dr.
Okemos, MI 48864

April 13, 2021

Township Board
Charter Township of Meridian
5151 Marsh Road
Okemos, MI 48864

Re: Commercial Recreational Marijuana in Meridian Township – Resident Opposition

To the Township Board:

Over the last few weeks, I have corresponded with and spoken to hundreds of Meridian Township residents regarding the Board's ongoing initiative to allow commercial recreational marijuana businesses in Meridian Township. Here is a summary of the significant feedback that I have received:

- If the 7 members of the Township Board make a unilateral decision to allow commercial recreational cannabis businesses, residents believe that there will be irrevocable adverse impacts on public safety, infrastructure, public services, and the environment.
- Residents are alarmed that the Board is actually considering moving forward with this initiative despite the Township attorney's opinion that remaining opted out of recreational marijuana would avoid litigation risks, while attempting to limit the number of permits will expose the Township to litigation.
- In this matter, residents feel that the Board is not representing their interests and instead prioritizing non-resident, opportunistic commercial interests over community input.
- Residents feel that the Board has betrayed their trust. The Board promised to obtain two years of experience and data from Meridian Township medical marijuana businesses prior to considering any change to its 2019 decision to disallow commercial recreational cannabis. In the absence of such data, residents believe that moving forward blindly is unjustified and irresponsible.
- There is significant concern regarding the timing of this initiative during a pandemic, when the community may not be aware of this issue and/or may not have the time or resources necessary to participate in the discussion of this discussion.

Please seriously consider the strong community sentiment against rescinding the Board's 2019 decision to opt out of commercial recreational marijuana in Meridian Township.

Sincerely,

Lynne S. Page
3912 Raleigh Drive
Okemos, MI 48864

From: cuiyh105@gmail.com
To: [Board](#)
Subject: strong objection of opening of recreational marijuana stores in Okemos
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 12:02:32 PM

Dear Board members,

I am writing to strongly against the opening of recreational marijuana stores in Okemos. This will have long-term negative consequences and impacts to our community and next generations.

Thanks for your consideration!

Best,

Michael
Resident of Okemos

From: [Ron Styka](#)
To: donnamullinslwvla@gmail.com
Cc: [Board](#); [Delores May](#); [Valerie Lafferty](#); [Stephen Gebes](#); [Deborah Guthrie](#); [Frank Walsh](#)
Subject: Re: League of Women Voters Lansing Area observer will be attending board meetings
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 1:06:13 PM

Thank you for all you do & all that the League of Women Voters does for our community, our state, & our nation as a whole. The League is a positive asset for voters that helps foster democratic principles.

We welcome Delores May to observe our meetings, which as you know are always open to the public.

Currently, due to the pandemic, our meetings are being held virtually via Zoom. By copy of this message I am asking that the clerk & the township technology director notify Ms May of the information needed to attend.

Thank you again.

Ron Styka
Meridian supervisor

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 12, 2021, at 10:16 AM, donnamullinslwvla@gmail.com wrote:

April 6, 2021

Meridian Township Board
Meridian Township
5151 Marsh Road
Okemos, MI 48864

Dear Township Board:

The League of Women Voters Lansing Area is a nonpartisan organization whose purpose is to promote informed, active participation of citizens in government. We maintain an Observer Corps of League members, who regularly attend and report on meetings of governmental units, including county, city, township, and school councils, commissions, boards, authorities, and committees.

League Observers do not participate in the meetings they attend. They do not ask for time on the agenda, nor do they address the issues being discussed. They may ask questions for clarification. League Observers wear identifying badges. The purpose of the Observer Corps is to educate the public about the important work of their local government and more basically, how government works in general. We hope this effort will result in increased community engagement particularly voting in local elections.

This letter is to introduce you to Delores May, who will be observing the Meridian

Township Board regularly. If practical, whenever not posted on your website, please send copies of agendas in advance of meetings and minutes when they become available, to:

Delores May
delores1134@gmail.com

We hope to shine a light on the good work you do for your constituents!

Sincerely,
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Donna Mullins
President
LWVLA

<May introduction letter for Meridian.pdf>

From: [Charles Kotz](#)
To: [Board](#)
Subject: Meridian Township Land Use
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 8:55:34 AM

Dear Board:

“When Nature is erased, how can you ever get it back”?

From an excellent documentary currently streaming on HBO called “Our Towns”. Smaller sized cities, such as Meridian Township are examined...what is working, and what isn’t. I hope you will watch, and see some excellent examples of towns that are striving to create walkable, bicycle safe, communities.

Sincerely,

Charles Kotz
1282 Silverwood Dr.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Brandie Yates](#)
To: [Deborah Guthrie](#)
Subject: Communications Commission Letter to the Township Board
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 1:04:01 PM
Attachments: [Letter of Support for Meridian Township Broadband Goal April 7, 2021.pdf](#)

Deborah,

Attached is the letter to the Township Board from the Communications Commission for the next Township Board meeting packet.

Thank you,

Brandie Yates, CTA

Communications Manager

yates@meridian.mi.us

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Deputy Drain Commissioner

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Sheldon Lewis
Administrative Assistant

March 31, 2021

Robert Schroeder, Mayberry Homes
1650 Kendale Blvd., Suite 200
East Lansing, MI 48823

RE: True Copy of Final Plat of Silverstone Estates
Meridian Charter Township; Section 23
Drain Office #D-16043


Dear Mr. Schroeder:

This letter is in response to the submittal of the True Copy of the Final Plat for Silverstone Estates on March 24, 2021.

The True Copy of the Final Plat is **approved** per section 590.192 of the Land Division Act and the published Rules of the Drain Commissioner.

If you have any questions, please contact our office. It is an honor and a privilege to serve you and the other businesses, citizens and municipalities of Ingham County.

Sincerely,


Angie Cosman
Ingham County Drain Engineer

cc: Deborah Guthrie, Clerk, Meridian Charter Township
Derrick Quinney, Chair of the Ingham County Plat Board

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Township Trustee

Kathy Ann Sundland
Township Trustee

Courtney Wisinski
Township Trustee

Frank L. Walsh
Township Manager

April 7, 2021

Subject: Letter of Support for Meridian Township Broadband

Township Board Members,

We are writing in support of Meridian Township's 2021 Goal F. proposed by Trustee Patricia Herring Jackson and adopted unanimously by the Board;

F. Develop a comprehensive plan to facilitate access to affordable Broadband across the entire Township.

Modern life is dependent on fast, reliable and affordable internet service; the pandemic further exposed internet costs, lack of service and latencies in Meridian Township. While the Communications Commission has supported the idea of Township-wide broadband for years, we recognize the pandemic has shed light on connectivity issues and made broadband a board priority to facilitate access.

As Communications Commissioners, we expect digital equity for all community members. We represent the entire community as part of our responsibilities and authority to;

Evaluate, research and advise the Township Board in the implementation, and expansion of, broadband and internet connectivity in Meridian Township.

The Meridian Township Communications Commission believes that affordable, high-speed broadband services are essential to support the needs of our residents, businesses and community anchor organizations throughout the community. The Commission also has historically been in favor of removing any statutory barriers to pursue supporting expanded broadband services, directly or indirectly.

Specific challenges include lack of access in rural areas of Meridian Township that do not fall under the definition of rural by the federal government in regards to grant applications, lack of speeds, high cost and signal loss. We have heard several complaints from community members with lack of connectivity, lack of competition and access. With children learning virtually from home and adults working from home, access has only become more difficult with online education or work from home. Have you had problems communicating with family members and attending meetings via video platforms during the pandemic? Would you/your family like to be able to download entertainment?

Without quality internet services, we are not keeping up with the world around us. All over the United States, we have begun to experience the journey to greater innovation, economic development and improved social interaction on the platform of all fiber networks.

We are now at a remarkable tipping point, where access to power has been replaced by access to bandwidth, the infrastructure of the 21st Century knowledge economy. We support the Township Board funding a survey and seeking proposals that will improve our life and well-being. Communicating online is crucial for our community.

We are highly in support of the Meridian Township Broadband initiative.

Respectfully,

Meridian Township Communications Commission



AGENDA
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING
April 28, 2021 6:30 pm

Zoom meeting ID: 867 6651 8469
Zoom password: 5151

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
3. CORRECTIONS, APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF MINUTES
 - A. Wednesday, April 14, 2021
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. ZBA CASE NO. 21-04-28-1 (Allied Signs, Inc.), 33650 Giftos, Clinton Township, MI, 48035

| | |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| DESCRIPTION: | 2090 Grand River Avenue |
| TAX PARCEL: | 21-226-003 |
| ZONING DISTRICT: | C-2 (Commercial) |

The variance request is to install a 28 square foot wall sign on the east building façade.

6. NEW BUSINESS
7. OTHER BUSINESS
8. PUBLIC REMARKS
9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
10. ADJOURNMENT

Variance requests may be subject to change or alteration upon review of request during preparation of the staff memorandum. Therefore, Sections of the Code of Ordinances are subject to change. Changes will be noted during public hearing meeting.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Meridian Township Board by contacting:
Assistant Planner Keith Chapman, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 or 517.853.4580 - Ten Day Notice is Required.
Meeting Location: 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 Township Hall



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY

LEGAL AD NOTICE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY

TEST OF VOTING EQUIPMENT

DATE: April 21, 2021

Notice of Public Accuracy Test of Voting Equipment

To the qualified electors of Meridian township, Ingham County, State of Michigan; Notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test for the electronic equipment that will be used for the May 4, 2021 Special Election has been scheduled for **Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm** at the Meridian Township Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan election law.

The meeting agenda, packet and/or virtual meeting credentials will be posted on the Township webpage at www.meridian.mi.us

Publish: **Towne Courier**
April 11, 2021

Deborah Guthrie
Township Clerk

1 Affidavit, please



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY
LEGAL AD NOTICE: NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE
SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of Meridian Township who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the Township Clerk, the office of the County Clerk, or the Secretary of State Michigan Voter Information Center at <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/register/voter>.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is Monday. The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is **Monday, April 19, 2021**.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.498) at the Meridian Township Clerk's Office, located at 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 at the following times:

- Regular business hours: Monday - Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Saturday, May 1st from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Election Day, Tuesday May 4th from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Okemos School District will be voting on the following millage proposals as presented and listed below:

OKEMOS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**OKEMOS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2021 tax levy. Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 19.8661 mills (\$19.8661 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Okemos Public Schools, Ingham County, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 10 years, 2022 to 2031, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2022 is approximately \$9,317,800 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2021 tax levy)?

YES NO

**OKEMOS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SINKING FUND MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Okemos Public Schools, Ingham County, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 0.9861 mill (\$0.9861 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10

years, 2022 to 2031, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings, for school security improvements, for the acquisition or upgrading of technology and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2022 is approximately \$1,388,700?

YES NO

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations should contact the Clerk's Office at 517.853.4300

Deborah Guthrie
Meridian Township Clerk

Publish: **Towne Courier**
Sunday, April 11, 2021

1 Affidavit, please



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY

LEGAL AD NOTICE: Rezoning #21030

MONDAY, April 26, 2021

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LEGAL NOTICE
Rezoning #21040 (Okemos IL-AL Investors, LLC)
Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via the Zoom web conferencing application to hear all persons interested in a rezoning request. The Zoom meeting ID for the public hearing is 872 0006 8286 and the password is 5151. To participate in public comment during the virtual meeting please call 517.349.1232. If you have any questions about accessing the meeting contact Principal Planner Peter Menser at 517.853.4576 or menser@meridian.mi.us.

The applicant Okemos IL-AL Investors, LLC is requesting to rezone two parcels totaling approximately 9.07 acres parcel located at 1510 & 1560 Grand River Avenue, from C-2 (Commercial) to RA (Single Family, Medium Density). The applicant has offered the condition on Okemos IL-AL Investors, LLC becoming the fee simple owner of the property pursuant to a PSA dated February 8, 2021 on or before September 19, 2022, unless such condition is expressly waived by Okemos IL-AL Investors, LLC.

Materials related to the request are available for viewing on the Township website at the following location: <http://www.meridian.mi.us/government/at-your-fingertips/current-applications-before-meridian-township> or at the Meridian Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI, 48864. Written comments may be sent prior to the public hearing to the Planning Commission, Charter Township of Meridian, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan, 48864, or by email to planningcommission@meridian.mi.us.

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April 11, 2021

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Township Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY

LEGAL AD NOTICE: Special Use Permit #21031

EROP, LLC

MONDAY, April 26, 2021

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LEGAL NOTICE
Special Use Permit #21031
(EROP, LLC)
Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via the Zoom web conferencing application to hear all persons interested in a special use permit (SUP) request. The applicant, EROP, LLC, is requesting a special use permit to construct a drive-through car wash at 2703 Grand River Avenue. The project site is zoned C-2 (Commercial).

The Zoom meeting ID for the public hearing is 872 0006 8286 and the password is 5151. To participate in public comment during the virtual meeting please call 517.349.1232. If you have any questions about accessing the meeting contact Principal Planner Peter Menser at 517.853.4576 or menser@meridian.mi.us. The Planning Commission may make a decision on the request on the same night as the public hearing.

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April 11, 2021

Deborah Guthrie
Township Clerk

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 12, 2021

CONTACT: Miriam Mattison, Finance Director
517.853.4104 | mattison@meridian.mi.us

Township Awarded Highest Form of Recognition in Financial Reporting
Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Accounting and Financial Reporting

Meridian Township, MI – The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded the 2019 Certificate of Achievement (COA) for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Meridian Township.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. When a Certificate of Achievement is awarded to a government, an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement (AFRA) is also presented to the individual or department designated as primarily responsible for earning this honor.

“I am honored to receive this award for the 5th year in a row, recognizing my passion for thorough and accurate accounting measures,” stated Miriam Mattison, Finance Director. “I want to thank Township Manager Frank L. Walsh, the Meridian Township Board and community for taking pride in the Township’s financial reporting and transparency.”

The GFOA established the COA for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program in 1945 to encourage and assist state and local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements. Local units of government within the State of Michigan are required by law to file a financial audit report. Populations over 4,000 are required to file an audit report each year. While a COA is not required, Meridian Township files this report each year. The COA includes statistical data, additional schedules like tax levies and debt and is more comprehensive than a financial audit report.

“There is a sacred trust when it comes to protecting tax payer dollars,” stated Township Manager Frank L. Walsh. “This award exemplifies the outstanding work of our financial team led by Finance Director Miriam Mattison.”

Local units of government contract with independent accounting firms to determine whether the financial statements are presented fairly, including verifying financial transactions, tracing cash receipts, compliance with contracts and internal controls. Meridian Township contracted with Yeo and Yeo to conduct their 2019 audit report. Once the audit was reviewed and completed with the state, Meridian Township submitted the audit report to be reviewed by the GFOA.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 14, 2021

CONTACT: Deborah Guthrie, Township Clerk
517.853.4324 | guthrie@meridian.mi.us

2021 May Special Election Draws Near
Meridian Township Provides Voter Information

Meridian Township, MI – Election Day in Meridian Township for the May Special Election is Tuesday, May 4. Polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Voters in the Okemos Public School District will be voting on the following millage proposals in this election: the Okemos Public Schools Operating Millage Renewal Proposal and the Okemos Public Schools Sinking Fund Proposal.

The Meridian Township Clerk's Office outlines the following voter information:

- **Registering to Vote:** Any qualified resident of Meridian Township who is not already registered, may register to vote at the Meridian Township Clerk's Office, Ingham County Clerk's Office, or the Secretary of State's Michigan Voter Information Center (MVIC) at www.michigan.gov/VoterRegistration. The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is Monday, April 19. After this date, residents may only register to vote in-person with proof of residency at the Meridian Township Clerk's Office (5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864).
- **Early Voting/AV Ballots:** All registered voters may receive a ballot before Election Day by completing and returning an Absentee Voter (AV) Ballot Application. Applications may be requested online through the MVIC website, in-person at the Meridian Township Clerk's Office or by contacting the Clerk's Office at 517.853.4300 or elections@meridian.mi.us. The deadline for requesting an AV Ballot to be mailed is Friday, April 30 at 5:00 pm. Registered voters may request an AV Ballot in-person at the Clerk's Office until 4:00 pm on Monday, May 3. If a voter requests an AV Ballot on Monday, May 3 (the day before Election Day), they must vote the ballot at the Clerk's Office. On Election Day, registered voters are to vote at their designated precinct.
- **Returning AV Ballots:** All voted AV Ballots must be returned to the Meridian Township Clerk's Office by 8:00 pm on Election Day. Voters can return their voted AV Ballots by mail or by dropping them off in the drive-up or walk-up secure drop boxes located in front of the Municipal Building. Voters cannot bring their voted AV Ballots to their polling locations on Election Day, unless they want to spoil them at the precinct and vote in-person.
- **Clerk's Office Extended Hours:** The Meridian Township Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, May 1 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm to register voters and issue AV Ballots. The Clerk's Office is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm regular business hours.
- **Same Day Voter Registration Request Deadline:** A voter who registers to vote on Election Day by appearing in-person at the Meridian Township Clerk's Office is eligible to obtain an AV Ballot until 8:00 pm on Election Day. Residents must vote their ballot in the Municipal Building.

For more information about this upcoming election including full ballot language, please visit the Township website at www.meridian.mi.us/Elections. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for this election, should contact the Clerk's Office at 517.853.4300

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DRAFT MINUTES

PROPOSED MOTION:

- (1) Move to approve and ratify the minutes of the March 30, 2021 Virtual Meeting of the Township Board, as submitted.**

ALTERNATE MOTION:

- (1) Move to approve and ratify the minutes of the March 30, 2021 Virtual Meeting of the Township Board, 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, MARCH 30, 2021 **6:00 pm.**

PRESENT: Supervisor Styka, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Jackson, Opsommer

ABSENT: Trustees Sundland, Wisinski

STAFF: Township Manager Walsh, Director of Public Works Perry, Information Technology,
Human Resources Director Tithof

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Styka called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor Styka led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Clerk Guthrie called the roll of the Board. Trustee Wisinski and Sundland were absent.

4. INTRODUCTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS PRESENT

CITY OF WILLIAMSTON

PRESENT: Corey Schmidt, Manager

EAST LANSNG SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRESENT: Tara Chambers, President of School Board

HASLETT SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRESENT: Tamara Lemmer, President; Steve Cook, Superintendent

OKEMOS SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRESENT: Dean Bolton, President of School Board; John Hood, Superintendent

CITY OF LANSING

PRESENT: Andy Schor, Mayor

CITY OF EAST LANSING

PRESENT: Jessy Gress, Mayor Pro-Tem; Lisa Babcock, Councilmember

INGHAM COUNTY

PRESENT: Mark Polsdofer, Commissioner

INGHAM COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT

PRESENT: Bill Conklin, Managing Director; Kelly Jones, Director of Engineering

CAPITAL AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (CATA)

PRESENT: Bradley Funkhouser, CEO; Andy Briskie, Deputy

CAPITAL AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY (CADL)

PRESENT: Scott Duimstra, Executive Director; Betsy Hull, Okemos Branch Head Librarian; Tom Moore, Haslett Branch Head Librarian

WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP

PRESENT: Robin Cleveland, Township Clerk

WILLIAMSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRESENT: David Indish, School Board Trustee

BATH TOWNSHIP

PRESENT: Marie Howe, Supervisor

5. REPORTS ON JOINT ACTIVITIES

City of Lansing: the buildings are closed to public except by appointment. Working on getting vaccinations out into the community. Development projects include housing and retail spaces. Supporting small businesses with loans. Anticipate receiving 51 million in federal funding and will use the funds to cover salaries, water and sewer projects and to replenish the economic development fund.

City of East Lansing: working on economic recovery with activating business outdoor spaces to extend their public space areas and issuing permits to assist with the expansion of these spaces. The annual Art Festival has been delayed until August but will continue to assess the situation. Opened an underground combined farmers market and art market area in the ground floor of one of the parking garages. Using community development block grant funds for business grants and assist with utility payments. The community services are being handled through the drop box. The Grand River development projects are nearing completion.

Williamstown Township: been working with limited staff but plans are underway to bring staff back into office once they have received their vaccines. Preparing for upcoming May 4 election and the Board plans to hold its first in-person meeting in April.

City of Williamston: working with Williamstown Township and the Drain Commissioner's Office on clearing the Red Cedar River up to Meridian Road. Plans underway to use the property at the west edge of downtown to create a parking lot and trailhead to become a launching point for the east side of the County's River Trail. In the north side of downtown, plan to replace a 35 year old boardwalk with a walking path.

Williamston School District: beginning March 1, students returned to in-person learning but are also using a hybrid program with children who wish to learn virtually.

Okemos School District: summarized the two ballot initiatives on the May election ballot. Summarized the diversity, equity and inclusion committee activities. There will be a number of employment opportunities

Haslett School District: started using a hybrid model of return to learn in February. Ingham County Health Department assisted with staff vaccinations and quarantines when necessary and will be offering testing for returning students after spring break. Working on a diversity,

equity and inclusion model with survey and training assistance from MSU. Working on the second year of bond initiative projects.

East Lansing School District: on March 1, started a hybrid model of return to learn. Working with Ingham County on staff vaccinations and testing for staff and students when necessary. Coming to the end of multi-year school rebuilding projects. Working on diversity, equity and inclusion goals including social justice activities.

Ingham County: will be receiving approximately 56 million in federal funding. Discussing strategies on using the funds by 2024. Working on plans to get funds out to assist businesses and resident. Considering rural health issues. Working with utilities companies and General Motors to discuss electric vehicle eco-systems for the region and how to incorporate charge stations in the community. Will be offering a point of contact sheet from the utility companies for this project.

Ingham County Road Department: Hagadorn Road between Mt. Hope to Grand River and Lake Lansing Road between Wood Street to US 27 will be resurfaced. Replacing the bridges over the Red Cedar River on Okemos Road. Crews will be striping on Van Atta Road and Cornell Road. There have been discussions with McLaren Hospital and Congresswoman Slotkin on the expansion of Bennett Road.

CATA: summarized how CATA has been addressing issues to keep services operational. Plan to use federal funding to address rider social distancing requirements. Will begin advertising on buses and potentially at shelters. Have joined with other county rider systems to provide free vaccine appointment trips. Updating the software systems and fare boxes to assist with contactless fare boxes.

CADL: summarized the curbside services and the virtual program offerings. Plan to reopen by May 3 but will continue to offer curbside services. Have partnered with the schools to offer student library cards. Have a model in place that offers access to technology, reliable broadband internet and assistance with using these items. There is a high rate of WIFI usage in the parking areas of the libraries and they will be seeking community partnerships to offer these essential services in public spaces around the community such as in parks.

6. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES OF JOINT INTEREST

- A. Regionalization of broadband: cost, access, speed, millage to build network, having a public utility, Pandemic proved it is a necessity, need a reliable source
- B. Diversity, equity and inclusion
- C. Pathways
- D. Use of federal funds
- E. Electric vehicle system
- F. Red Cedar River clearing
- G. Okemos Road bridge replacements

7. PROPOSED JOINT PROJECTS

- A. Broadband
- B. Diversity, equity and inclusion

8. RECESS

9. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Treasurer Deschaine moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Trustee Jackson

VOICE/HAND VOTE: Motion carried 5-0.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor Styka reviewed the consent agenda.

Trustee Opsommer moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Treasurer Deschaine.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 5-0

A. Communications

Trustee Opsommer the communications not already assigned for disposition be referred to the Township Manager or Supervisor for follow-up. Seconded by Treasurer Deschaine.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 5-0

B. Bills

Trustee Opsommer moved to approve that the Township Board approve the Manager's Bills as follows: Seconded by Treasurer Deschaine.

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----|----------------------------|
| Common Cash | \$ | 548,934.58 |
| Public Works | \$ | 276,761.20 |
| Trust & Agency | \$ | <u>16,593.35</u> |
| Total Checks | \$ | 842,289.13 |
| Credit Card Transactions | \$ | 12,431.44 |
| 03.11.2021 - 03.24.2021 | | |
| Total Purchases | \$ | <u>854,720.57</u> |
| ACH Payments | \$ | <u>2,008,789.35</u> |

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 5-0

C. DNR Trust Fund Grant Resolution

Trustee Opsommer moved to support and approve the attached MSU to Lake Lansing Pathway Phase III Resolution of Support. Seconded by Treasurer Deschaine

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 5-0

D. Ratification of New Full Time Paramedic/Firefighter Appointment

Trustee Opsommer moved to authorize the Fire Department to appoint Gavin Ulman to full time Paramedic/Firefighter. Seconded by Treasurer Deschaine.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 5-0

E. Revised Electronic and Telephonic Meeting Procedures

Trustee Opsommer move to adopt the revised electronic and telephonic meeting procedures, as attached. Seconded by Treasurer Deschaine

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 5-0

11. ACTION ITEMS

A. Transportation Appointment

Trustee Opsommer move to confirm the Supervisor's appointment of Joyce Van Coevering to the Transportation Commission for a term ending 12.31.2022. Seconded by Treasurer Deschaine

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 5-0

B. Resolution in Support of our Asian and Asian American Community

Trustee Jackson moved to approve the resolution to condemn hate, reaffirm our commitment as a welcoming community, and to support our Asian and Asian-American communities. Seconded by Trustee Opsommer

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustee Jackson, Treasurer Deschaine, Clerk Guthrie, Trustee Opsommer, Supervisor Styka

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 5-0

C. Resolution to Parole Board in Opposition to Granting Parole to Don Miller

Trustee Jackson moved that the attached resolution urging the Michigan Parole Board to deny parole to Donald Miller be adopted and forwarded to the Michigan Parole Board prior to its hearing and decision with regard to Mr. Miller's parole. Seconded by Clerk Guthrie

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 5-0

12. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Supervisor Styka Opened Public Remarks at 8:10 pm.

Supervisor Styka Closed Public Remarks at 8:11 pm.

13. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Supervisor Styka asked Trustees to review railroad quiet zones information from the resident in the communication packet. He asked if this issue should be discussed at a future meeting.

Trustee Opsommer stated he shared information he received from Congresswoman Slotkin's office with Supervisor Styka, Manager Walsh and Deputy Township Manager Perry on the possibility of funds being available through the congressional budget for projects. The Township would need to submit the project by April 9 and then completed an application by April 16. During tonight's meeting, the extension of Bennett Road was mentioned. He would like to suggest reconstruction of Okemos and Hamilton Roads as a project. It is a regional truck route. It has been vetted and storm

water management work and other infrastructure updates are needed in this area. Project funding could be 50/50 or 100 percent funded. This could be joint project with community support.

Manager Walsh reported they had a zoom meeting with Ingham County Road Department on the proposed downtown Okemos area road project today. Deputy Township Manager Perry stated the Road Department will be taking the lead, applying as the applicant for the project and staff will work on obtaining supporting documentation from the developer, the developer's engineers and the Drain Office on the storm water management issues and other infrastructure projects in the area. It appears that this is the only road project the County will be submitting.

Trustee Opsommer move to suspend the rules to take action to support applying for a grant with the Ingham County Road Department. Seconded by Treasurer Deschaine.

VOICE/HAND VOTE: Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Opsommer move to approve the Ingham County Road Department's application for one of the ten projects submission to Congresswoman Elizabeth Slotkin's office in support of the Okemos Road and Hamilton Road reconstructive work. Seconded by Trustee Jackson

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Styka, Trustee Jackson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustee Opsommer

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 5-0

14. ADJOURNMENT

Treasurer Deschaine moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Opsommer

VOICE/HAND VOTE: Motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor Styka adjourned the meeting at 8:24 pm.

RONALD J. STYKA,
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

DEBORAH GUTHRIE,
TOWNSHIP CLERK



9.C

To: Board Members
From: Miriam Mattison, Finance Director
Date: April 15, 2021
Re: Board Bills

Charter Township of Meridian
Board Meeting
4/20/2021

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

| | | |
|----------------|----|------------|
| COMMON CASH | \$ | 242,146.02 |
| PUBLIC WORKS | \$ | 549,700.74 |
| TRUST & AGENCY | \$ | 20.00 |

TOTAL CHECKS: \$ 791,866.76

CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS

04/08/2021-04/14/2021

\$ 5,936.18

TOTAL PURCHASES: \$ 797,802.94

ACH PAYMENTS

\$ 488,721.82

04/15/2021 10:43 AM
User: GRAHAM
DB: Meridian

INVOICE APPROVAL BY INVOICE REPORT FOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
EXP CHECK RUN DATES 04/20/2021 - 04/20/2021
BOTH JOURNALIZED AND UNJOURNALIZED OPEN AND PAID
BANK CODE: GF

| Vendor Name | Description | Amount | Check # |
|--------------------------------|--|-----------|---------|
| 1. AT & T | LEGACY TELEPHONE #517.349.1200 | 33.93 | |
| 2. AT & T | HVAC @THB 517.347.1710 201 4 - SERVICES FROM MAR 2 | 166.74 | |
| | ACCOUNT 517 347-4285 924 0 - SERVICES FROM MARCH 2 | 440.36 | |
| | TEL FOR HVAC 517 347-6021 654 8 - SERVICES MAR 2 T | 368.38 | |
| | AT&T PSB FAX - 517 347-6826 173 5 - SERVICES FROM | 434.46 | |
| | DS-1 TO FIRE#92 - 517 R01-1631 985 2 - SERVICES MA | 543.33 | |
| | DS-1 TO COEL - ACCT #517 R01-5602 016 2 - SERVICES | 583.33 | |
| | TOTAL | 2,536.60 | |
| 3. BOBCAT OF LANSING | UNIT 55 - HYDRAULIC HOSES | 431.62 | |
| | UNIT #650 - PARTS AND REPAIRS | 530.56 | |
| | TOTAL | 962.18 | |
| 4. BOYNTON FIRE SAFETY SERVICE | NORTH FIRE - SPRINKLER SYSTEM MODIFICATIONS | 4,595.00 | |
| | 2021 PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG SPRINKLER INSP & BACKFLOW | 475.00 | |
| | 2021 S FIRE BLDG SPRINKLER INSP & BACKFLOW CERT | 175.00 | |
| | 2021 NORTH FIRE SPRINKLER INSP & BACKFLOW CERT | 175.00 | |
| | 2021 CENTRAL FIRE SPRINKLER INSP & BACKFLOW CERT | 175.00 | |
| | TOTAL | 5,595.00 | |
| 5. BRIAN CANEN | MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT | 27.84 | |
| 6. BUILDERS REDI-MIX | REPLACE CONCRETE FRONT ENTRANCE HNC | 1,677.00 | |
| 7. BULL ENTERPRISES | JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR TOWNSHIP BLDGS - MARCH 202 | 8,477.00 | |
| 8. CINTAS CORPORATION #725 | MECHANICS UNIFORMS MAR 2021- J HANSEN/T FRANK | 48.35 | |
| | MECHANICS UNIFORMS - MAR 2021 - J HANSEN/T FRANK | 48.35 | |
| | MECHANICS UNIFORMS MAR 2021 - J HANSEN/T FRANK | 48.35 | |
| | MECHANICS UNIFORMS MAR 2021 - J HANSEN/T FRANK | 48.35 | |
| | MECHANICS UNIFORMS MAR 2021 - J HANSEN/T FRANK | 48.35 | |
| | TOTAL | 241.75 | |
| 9. CITY OF EAST LANSING | 2021 1ST QUARTER MEP REVENUE - MERIDIAN TWP | 55,583.80 | |
| | SHARED ASSESSOR SERVICES - MARCH 2021 | 6,739.20 | |
| | TOTAL | 62,323.00 | |
| 10. COMCAST | FIRE 91 - SERVICES FROM APR 16 2021 TO MAY 15 2021 | 163.35 | |
| 11. CORECOMM INTERNET SERVICES | DNS HOSTING SEMI-ANNUAL 04/14/2021 TO 10/13/2021 | 59.95 | |

| Vendor Name | Description | Amount | Check # |
|--------------------------------------|--|-----------|---------|
| 12. FAHEY SCHULTZ BURZYCH RHODES PLC | LEGAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 31 | 3,461.00 | |
| | LEGAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 31 | 5,258.00 | |
| | LEGAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 31 | 7,756.50 | |
| | LEGAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 31 | 1,499.00 | |
| | LEGAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 31 | 437.00 | |
| | LEGAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 31 | 15,993.37 | |
| | LEGAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 31 | 1,690.00 | |
| | LEGAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 31 | 25.00 | |
| | LEGAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 31 | 945.00 | |
| | LEGAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 31 | 858.00 | |
| | LEGAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 31 | 2,990.00 | |
| | LEGAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 31 | 323.00 | |
| | LEGAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 31 | 44.00 | |
| | LEGAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 31 | 836.00 | |
| | LEGAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 31 | 39.50 | |
| | LEGAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 31 | 154.00 | |
| | LEGAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 31 | 44.00 | |
| | LEGAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 31 | 44.00 | |
| | LEGAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 31 | 22.00 | |
| | LEGAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 31 | 220.00 | |
| | LEGAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 31 | 954.50 | |
| | LEGAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 31 | 654.50 | |
| | LEGAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 31 | 44.00 | |
| | LEGAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 31 | 229.20 | |
| | LEGAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 31 | 733.46 | |
| | LEGAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 31 | 212.32 | |
| | LEGAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 31 | 424.63 | |
| | LEGAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 31 | 1,450.02 | |
| | LEGAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 31 | 144.76 | |
| | LEGAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 31 | 955.42 | |
| | LEGAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 31 | 1,100.19 | |
| | TOTAL | 49,542.37 | |
| 13. FIRST COMMUNICATIONS | ANALOG TELEPHONE SERVICE - 04/01/2021 TO 04/30/202 | 1,447.07 | |
| 14. FORESIGHT GROUP | WATER BILLS & POSTAGE FOR APRIL 1 2021 | 1,368.18 | |
| 15. GOODYEAR COMMERCIAL TIRE | 4 TIRES - UNIT #61 | 650.00 | |
| | 4 TIRES - UNIT #675 | 665.72 | |
| | TOTAL | 1,315.72 | |
| 16. GRANGER | RUBBISH & RECYCLING DISPOSAL SERVICES MAR 2021 | 87.00 | |
| | RUBBISH & RECYCLING DISPOSAL SERVICES MARCH 2021 | 17.50 | |
| | RUBBISH & RECYCLING DISPOSAL SERVICES MARCH 2021 | 114.33 | |
| | RUBBISH & RECYCLING DISPOSAL SERVICES MARCH 2021 | 256.98 | |
| | RUBBISH & RECYCLING DISPOSAL SERVICES MARCH 2021 | 74.26 | |
| | TOTAL | 550.07 | |
| 17. GREG KUEPPERS | RETIREE CANCEL HEALTH INS EFFECTIVE 04/30/2021 | 16.82 | |
| 18. JEFFORY BROUGHTON | 8 RADIO EAR PIECES WITH WIRE FOR POLICE DEPT | 399.60 | |
| 19. JERRY FEDEWA HOMES, INC | REFUND ESCROW ACCOUNT - FISHBECK | 534.85 | |
| 20. JOHNSON CONTROLS | SOUTH FIRE STATION HVAC CONTROLS INSTALLATION | 10,834.00 | |
| 21. KITCH DRUTCHAS WAGNER VALITUTTI | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RIGHT OF WAY/TELECOM & CABLE | 1,200.00 | |
| 22. LANSING SANITARY SUPPLY INC | CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES APRIL 12 2021 | 433.36 | |
| 23. LANSING UNIFORM COMPANY | UNIFORMS - R LEWIS/G ULMAN/W PRIESE | 1,213.00 | |

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| 24. LEAH TRACIAK | INSTRUCTOR FEE FOR FITNESS OVER 50 - NOV | 96.00 | |
| | INSTRUCTOR FEE - DEC 2019 | 64.00 | |
| | TOTAL | 160.00 | |
| 25. MANNIK AND SMITH | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH 26, 2021 | 12,266.50 | |
| 26. MARK'S LOCK SHOP, INC. | SERVICE CENTER - MECHANICS DOOR LEVER LOCK | 225.00 | |
| 27. MEDICAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS OF | MARCH 2021 COLLECTION FEE FOR AMBULANCE BILLINGS | 5,517.77 | |
| 28. MICHIGAN ASSESSORS ASSOCIATION | AD POSTED FROM APRIL 14, 2021 TO MAY 13, 2021 | 150.00 | |
| 29. MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE | CLASSIFIED AD - DIR OF COMMUNITY DEV - 03/26/21-04 | 170.76 | |
| 30. MI-MAUI | MI UNICIPAL ASSOC FOR UTILITY ISSUES 2021 MEMBERSH | 1,800.00 | |
| | MPSC CASE U-20963 STREETLIGHT TARIFF COST SHARE | 1,150.00 | |
| | TOTAL | 2,950.00 | |
| 31. MSU BIKES SERVICE CENTER | MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEE BIKES | 459.00 | |
| 32. NAPA | LAMP KIT UNIT #150 - MAR 2021 | 37.32 | |
| | MAR 2021 - AIR FILTERS | 48.52 | |
| | MAR 2021 - AIR, FUEL & OIL FILTERS | 60.34 | |
| | MAR 2021 - FUEL/OIL FILTERS - UNITS #96, #97, #98 | 71.40 | |
| | TOTAL | 217.58 | |
| 33. NICHOLAS D GARLINGHOUSE | REFUND ESCROW WETLAND DELINEATION OKEMOS RD | 700.65 | |
| 34. OAK CONSTRUCTION CORP | CENTRAL MERIDIAN REGIONAL TRAIL CONNECOR PROJECT | 46,976.00 | |
| 35. PRINT MAKERS SERVICE INC | KIP COPIER SERVICE CONTRACT & METER CHARGES | 44.43 | |
| 36. SPARROW OCCUPATIONAL | APRIL 1 2021 PRE-EMPLOYMENT & FITNESS FOR DUTY PHY | 282.50 | |
| 37. ST MARTHA CONFERENCE OF | REIMBURSEMENT FOR RENT TO AVOID TENTANT EVICTION | 791.00 | 104894 |
| 38. SUSAN WALSWORTH | REIMB FOR U14 BASEBALL SEASON | 140.00 | |
| 39. SWAGIT PRODUCTIONS, LLC | VIDEO STREAMING SERVICE HOMTV MARCH 2021 | 2,613.75 | |
| 40. THE DANIELSON GROUP PC | 50% ARBITRATION FEE | 225.00 | |
| 41. VARIPRO BENEFIT ADMINISTRATORS | APRIL 2021 RETIREE HARTFORD MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTAL | 12,780.35 | |
| 42. VENTURE CONTRACTING | 5055 MARSH RD - CHILIS RESTURANT #200 | 500.00 | |
| 43. VERIZON CONNECT | VEHICLE DATA UPLINK - MERI07 - 03/01/21 TO 03/31/21 | 1,359.96 | |
| 44. WEST MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL | SERVICE REPAIRS - ENGINE 93 & UNIT#138 | 2,663.13 | |
| TOTAL - ALL VENDORS | | 242,146.02 | |

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|--------------------------------|--|-------------------|---------|
| 1. ANDREW BUSCH | OVERPAID ON FINAL WATER BILL - MT. HOPE AVE | 35.00 | |
| 2. CARL SCHLEGEL INC | WOOD TOPSOIL DELIVERED ON 03/30/2021 | 934.61 | |
| 3. CITY OF EAST LANSING | ELMWSA OPERATING & INTERCONNECT FEES - APRIL 2021 | 274,846.66 | |
| | SEWER OPERATIONS BILLINGS - APRIL 2021 | 254,513.75 | |
| | TOTAL | <u>529,360.41</u> | |
| 4. FERGUSON WATERWORKS #3386 | PARTS FOR CUSTOMER INSTALLATIONS | 5,902.18 | |
| 5. GREEN CASTLE PROPERTIES LLC | REIMB SESC INSP DEPOSIT - 1614 & 1622 GRAND RIVER | 4,989.53 | |
| 6. HYDROCORP | CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROG - MARCH 2021 | 2,430.00 | |
| 7. IDC CORPORATION | LIFT STATION CONTROLS SERVICES FEB/MARCH 2021 | 587.00 | |
| 8. JAMES LINCOLN | OVRPMT SEWER/WATER BILLS - E HIDDEN LAKE DR | 234.39 | |
| 9. LUXE DEVELOPMENT | REIMB SEWER CONN CHRG - 1612 RIVER TERRACE | 2,810.00 | |
| 10. M & J MANAGEMENT | UTILITY PLAN REVIEW & INSP REIMB - 1999 M-78 WATER | 2,417.62 | |
| TOTAL - ALL VENDORS | | 549,700.74 | |

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| Vendor Name | Description | Amount | Check # |
|----------------------|--|--------|---------|
| 1. FRANCESCA DWAMENA | PARCEL 33-02-02-09-163-016 OVERPMT OF WINTER PROPE | 20.00 | |
| TOTAL - ALL VENDORS | | 20.00 | |

Credit Card Report 4/8/2021-4/14/2021

| Posting Date | Merchant Name | Amount | Name |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 2021/04/08 | THE HOME DEPOT #2723 | \$8.54 | LAWRENCE BOBB |
| 2021/04/08 | THE HOME DEPOT #2723 | \$21.48 | LAWRENCE BOBB |
| 2021/04/08 | PAS*PASSPT LANSING PR | \$0.52 | BART CRANE |
| 2021/04/08 | IN *KODIAK EMERGENCY EQUI | \$53.34 | TODD FRANK |
| 2021/04/08 | IDU*INSIGHT DIRECT | \$333.99 | STEPHEN GEBES |
| 2021/04/08 | DAVIS INSTRUMENTS CORP | \$929.44 | TAVIS MILLEROV |
| 2021/04/08 | AMZN MKTP US*JL2TI21O3 | \$14.97 | MICHELLE PRINZ |
| 2021/04/08 | SAV-A-JAKE INTL INC | \$110.83 | WILLIAM PRIESE |
| 2021/04/09 | THE HOME DEPOT #2723 | \$13.41 | TYLER KENNEL |
| 2021/04/09 | MEIJER # 025 | \$153.91 | RYAN CAMPBELL |
| 2021/04/09 | MEIJER # 025 | \$52.98 | RYAN CAMPBELL |
| 2021/04/09 | LANGUAGE LINE | \$15.75 | KRISTI SCHAEING |
| 2021/04/09 | LEXISNEXIS EPIC | \$150.00 | KRISTI SCHAEING |
| 2021/04/09 | AMZN MKTP US*T58OB5ZN3 | \$523.82 | JANE GREENWAY |
| 2021/04/09 | AMZN MKTP US*WS4J45SC3 | \$79.90 | JANE GREENWAY |
| 2021/04/09 | CERTIFIED TRAINING INSTIT | \$49.00 | JOHN HECKAMAN |
| 2021/04/09 | WESCO - # 3255 | \$136.00 | ROBERT MACKENZIE |
| 2021/04/09 | WESCO - # 3255 | \$270.00 | KEITH HEWITT |
| 2021/04/09 | WESCO - # 3255 | \$16.09 | KEITH HEWITT |
| 2021/04/09 | SP * 3V GEAR | \$96.90 | WILLIAM PRIESE |
| 2021/04/12 | THE HOME DEPOT #2723 | \$70.07 | LAWRENCE BOBB |
| 2021/04/12 | OFFICEMAX/OFFICEDEPT#3379 | \$27.99 | ROBERT STACY |
| 2021/04/12 | PREMIER SAFETY CHESTERFIE | \$230.03 | ROBERT STACY |
| 2021/04/12 | THE HOME DEPOT #2723 | \$20.88 | TYLER KENNEL |
| 2021/04/12 | FORESIGHT GROUP INC | \$41.55 | KYLE ROYSTON |
| 2021/04/12 | MIDWAYUSA COM | \$138.19 | KYLE ROYSTON |
| 2021/04/12 | MIDWEST POWER EQUIPMENT | \$5.00 | RYAN CAMPBELL |
| 2021/04/12 | THE HOME DEPOT #2723 | \$35.64 | RYAN CAMPBELL |
| 2021/04/12 | IN *JOHNSON, ROBERTS, & A | \$17.50 | KRISTI SCHAEING |
| 2021/04/12 | AMAZON.COM*GA3L77B13 | \$941.70 | KRISTI SCHAEING |
| 2021/04/12 | OFFICEMAX/OFFICEDEPT#3379 | \$92.16 | DAVID LESTER |
| 2021/04/12 | AMAZON.COM*LB7885IL3 | \$51.15 | ROBERT MACKENZIE |
| 2021/04/12 | GRAINGER | \$55.26 | ROBERT MACKENZIE |
| 2021/04/12 | PIONEER ATHLETICS | \$80.85 | CATHERINE ADAMS |
| 2021/04/12 | MEIJER # 253 | \$49.39 | CATHERINE ADAMS |
| 2021/04/13 | MIDWEST POWER EQUIPMENT | \$210.14 | LAWRENCE BOBB |
| 2021/04/13 | IN *JOHNSON, ROBERTS, & A | \$17.50 | KRISTI SCHAEING |
| 2021/04/13 | AMZN MKTP US*W11J63MF3 | \$51.98 | MICHELLE PRINZ |
| 2021/04/13 | FD HAYES ELECTRICAL COMPA | \$200.00 | CATHERINE ADAMS |
| 2021/04/13 | CULLIGAN WATER CONDITION | \$27.60 | CATHERINE ADAMS |
| 2021/04/14 | MIDWEST POWER EQUIPMENT | \$259.99 | LAWRENCE BOBB |
| 2021/04/14 | THE HOME DEPOT #2723 | \$37.02 | ROBERT STACY |
| 2021/04/14 | SPARTAN DISTRIBUTORS - | \$152.41 | KEITH HEWITT |
| 2021/04/14 | THE HOME DEPOT #2723 | \$68.82 | KEITH HEWITT |
| 2021/04/14 | AMZN MKTP US*9V2MQ1MK3 | \$6.99 | MICHELLE PRINZ |
| 2021/04/14 | SOLDANS FEEDS & PET S | \$15.50 | CATHERINE ADAMS |
| Total | | \$5,936.18 | |

ACH Transactions

| Date | Payee | Amount | Purpose |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 4/9/2021 | Nationwide | \$ 4,817.83 | Payroll Deductions 04/09/2021 |
| 4/9/2021 | IRS | \$ 95,445.65 | Payroll Taxes 04/09/2021 |
| 4/9/2021 | Various Financial Institutions | \$ 266,844.23 | Direct Deposit 04/09/2021 |
| 4/9/2021 | Blue Care Network | \$ 37,196.58 | Employee Health Insurance |
| 4/12/2021 | MCT Utilities | \$ 638.58 | Water/Sewer for MCT |
| 4/12/2021 | Consumers | \$ 59,165.53 | Utilities |
| 4/12/2021 | Invoice Cloud | \$ 1,042.25 | Utility Transaction Fee |
| 4/12/2021 | Delta Dental | \$ 13,868.07 | Employee Dental Insurance |
| 4/14/2021 | Health Equity | \$ 625.00 | Employee Health Savings Contribution |
| 4/14/2021 | Blue Care Network | \$ 9,078.10 | Employee Health Insurance |
| Total ACH Payments | | <u>\$ 488,721.82</u> | |



To: Township Board Members

**From: Derek N. Perry, Deputy Township Manager
Director of Public Works & Engineering**

Younes Ishraidi, P.E., Chief Engineer

Date: April 14, 2021

Re: Re-appointments to the Lake Lansing Watershed Advisory Committee

The plan adopted for the Lake Lansing Watershed Management Special Assessment District created an Advisory Committee. It consists of four lakefront property owners (Tier 1), two off-lake (Tier 2) property owners, the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, Ingham County Parks, and a Township staff person.

The purpose of the committee is to implement the watershed management plan. The six property owners serve staggered 2-year terms, ending April 30, with 50% overlap. Meetings are informal and are held in the Meridian Township Municipal Building, voluntarily promulgated under the Open Meetings Act.

The following members will continue to serve until April 30, 2021:

| | | |
|-------------------|------------------|----------|
| Timothy McCarthy | 6076 Columbia | Tier One |
| Curtis Armbruster | 6411 E. Reynolds | Tier One |
| Steven Culling | 6193 Columbia | Tier Two |

The Lake Lansing Advisory Committee recommends the following persons be re-appointed to the Lake Lansing Advisory Committee until April 30, 2022. Their qualifications and past applications are already on file with the Clerk's office:

| | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Susan Andrews | 6076 Columbia | Tier One |
| Ronald Rowe | 6247 E. Lake Drive | Tier One |
| Larry Wagenknecht | 6097 Partridge | Tier Two |

Proposed Motion:

“Move that the following property owners be re-appointed to the Lake Lansing Watershed Advisory Committee for terms expiring April 30, 2023: Susan Andrews, 6076 Columbia; Ronald Rowe, 6247 E. Lake Drive; Larry Wagenknecht, 6097 Partridge.”

Riley Millard

From: webmaster@meridian.mi.us
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2019 2:26 PM
To: Michelle Prinz; Deborah Guthrie; Riley Millard
Subject: Public Service Form Received

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

Form Name: Public Service Application Form
Date & Time: 08/15/2019 2:25 PM
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Survey Details

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Public Service Application Form

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

***Special conditions restrict eligibility for appointment**

1.

Lake Lansing Watershed Advisory Committee*

2. **Occupation:**

Retired Pediatrician/Docent at Potter Park Zoo

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

Not answered

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

I have always been interested in the environment. Living on Lake Lansing has made me even more aware of how fragile our wetlands are. As a docent at Potter Park Zoo since 2008 I had training about ecosystems and teach zoo guests about animals, the environment & how we can help endangered species. I just completed a day-long course - the MSU Extension Paddle Stewards Program. In this program I learned how to report Invasive Species to the MISIN (Midwest Invasive Species Information Network.)

5. Contact Information:

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--|
| Name: | Susan Andrews | Occupation: | Retired General Pediatrician/Part-time Clinical Instructor MSU College of Human Medicine |
| Place of Employment: | Not answered | Home Address: | 6088 Columbia Street |
| Phone (days): | 517-648-4070 | Phone (evenings): | 517-648-4070 |
| Date: | 08/15/2019 | | |

6. Attach Resume and Cover Letter

Resume is attached Susan Andrews CV August 2019.docx

Thank you,
Meridian Township, MI

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**Susan Good Andrews
6088 Columbia Street
Haslett, Michigan 48840**

August 15, 2019

Meridian Township Board
5151 March Road
Okemos, Michigan 48864

Dear Sir/Ms:

I am interested in serving on the Lake Lansing Advisory Committee when the next Tier 1 opening occurs.

I have lived in Meridian Township since 1989, first in Okemos and since December, 2016, on Lake Lansing.

I have always been interested in the environment. Living on Lake Lansing has made me even more aware of how fragile our wetlands are. As a physician I am a skilled observer and have experience communicating with all types of people. As a docent at Potter Park Zoo I had training about ecosystems and teach zoo guests about animals, the environment and how we can help endangered species. I just completed a day-long course -- the MSU Extension Paddle Stewards Program. In this program I learned how to report invasive species to the MISIN (Midwest Invasive Species Information Network.) I am currently doing self-learning Species Training Modules on the MISIN website.

My husband and I are members of the LLPOA. I have read the latest Progressive AE Annual Report and realize that Lake Lansing is a managed lake. We need to balance ecological preservation with the aesthetic & recreational human needs of Meridian Township's largest lake, the community's premiere recreational asset. My husband and I attended the last Lake Lansing Advisory Committee meeting and I am confident that I could contribute energy and ideas to help its work.

I also feel that I would diversify the committee and that I would be a good communicator with neighbors regarding the Lake Lansing Advisory Committee actions.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Good Andrews

CURRICULUM VITAE

Susan Good Andrews, M.D.

August 2019

CONTACT INFORMATION:

6088 Columbia Street
Haslett, Michigan 48840
(c)517-648-4070

sueandl@hotmail.com

PRESENT POSITION: Retired General Pediatrician
Rotational small group leader, Michigan State University
College of Human Medicine

EDUCATION:

1969 - 1972 B.S., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

1972 - 1976 M.D., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

TRAINING:

1976 -1977 Intern in Pediatrics, University of Rochester, Strong
Memorial Hospital

1977 - 1979 Resident in Pediatrics (shared residency for two years of
half-time training), University of Rochester, Strong Memorial
Hospital

1979 - 1980 Chief Resident in Ambulatory Pediatrics, University of
Rochester, Strong Memorial Hospital

1988 - 1990 Primary Care Faculty Development Fellowship, Michigan State
University (a 5-week experience that spanned 2 years)

AWARDS:

1973 Outstanding Michigan Heart Association Research Fellow

1989 Distinguished Clinician Award, College of Human Medicine,
Michigan State University

CERTIFICATION:

July 1, 1977 National Board of Medical Examiners

October 17, 1982 American Board of Pediatrics

APPOINTMENTS:

1976 - 1979 Assistant in Pediatrics, University of Rochester, School of Medicine

1979 - 1980 Instructor in Pediatrics, University of Rochester, School of Medicine

1980 - 1981 Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Human Development, Michigan State University, College of Human Medicine

1981 - 1987 Assistant Professor, Michigan State University, College of Human Medicine

1987 - 1990 Associate Professor, Michigan State University, College of Human Medicine

1995 - 2016 Clinical Assistant Professor, Michigan State University, College of Human Medicine

MEMBERSHIPS AND COMMITTEES:

1972 Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Chapter of Michigan

1978 - 1979 Alternative Birthing Center Advisory Committee, Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, New York

1979 - present Alumni Association, University of Michigan

1979 - 1980 Interviewer, Admissions Committee, University of Rochester, School of Medicine

1985 - 1986 Member, Reappointment, Promotion and Tenure Committee, Department of Pediatrics and Human Development, Michigan State University

1986 - present Fellow, American Academy of Pediatrics

1988 - 1989 Member, Women in Medicine Subcommittee, College of Human Medicine, Michigan State University

1988 - 1990 Member, Women's Advisory Committee to the Dean, College of Human Medicine, Michigan State University

1988 - 1989 Chairperson, Search Committee for General Pediatrics, Department of Pediatrics and Human Development, Michigan State University

1988 - 1990 Chairperson, Grievance Committee, Department of Pediatrics and Human Development, Michigan State University

1990 - 1991 Member, Committee for Handicapped Children, Michigan Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

1990 Member, Course Curriculum Committee, Phase I Focal Problem, College of Human Medicine, Michigan State University

1992 - 1994 Member, Utilization Data Analysis Committee, Blue Care Network/Health Central, Lansing Michigan

1992 - 1995 Member, Pediatric Executive Committee, E. W. Sparrow Hospital, Lansing, Michigan

1993 - 1994 Member, Ambulatory Guidelines Subcommittee for ENT, Orthopedics, & Dermatology Referrals, Blue Care Network/Health Central, Lansing Michigan

1994 - 1995 Member, Clinical Guidelines Subcommittee for Asthma Guidelines, Blue Care Network/Health Central, Lansing Michigan

1994 - 1995 Member, Pediatric Chairperson Search Committee, College of Human Medicine, Michigan State University

2004 - 2006 Member, Medical Management Committee, Blue Care Network of Michigan

1999 - 2006 Chairperson, Pediatric Module Meetings, Creyts Road Blue Care Network Family Health Center

2005 - 2006 Provider Representative, "Good to Great" Committee, Family Health Center, Lansing Michigan

MEMBERSHIPS -- COMMUNITY

1971 - 1973 Resident Advisor, Mary Markley Hall, University of Michigan Residence Halls

1975 - 1976 Volunteer, Ann Arbor's Free People's Clinic

1977 - 1980 Co-advisor, Senior Troop #358, Girl Scouts of Genesee Valley, Inc.

1/1980 Women's Health Fair Physician, Albion, NY

1982 - 1985 Member, Steering Committee, Music Reinforcement in Comprehensive Health Education for Preadolescents, Michigan Department of Public Health

1986 Member, Discussion Group, "Special Education into the 1990's: A Prospectus for Michigan," Michigan Department of Education

1988 - 1990 Member, Interagency Council, Lansing and Ingham Intermediate School Districts

2/1999 Chaperone, Okemos High School Orchestra European Tour

2007 - 2009 Substitute Math & Science Teacher, Okemos Public Schools

2008 - present Docent, Potter Park Zoological Society

WORK EXPERIENCE

1978 - 1979 General Pediatrician (one-half day per week on time off), Anthony Jordan Health Center, Rochester, NY

1978 - 1979 Discussion Leader for Teen Health Workshop and Physician for Teen Group (weekly during time off), Anthony Jordan Health Center, Rochester, NY

1980 - 1991 Primary Care Pediatrician and Preceptor, Child Health Care Clinic, Michigan State University Clinical Center

1982 - 1991 Central Diagnostic Team Physician, Ingham Intermediate School District, Mason, MI

1987 - 1990 Course Coordinator, Infancy to Adolescence: Problems in Behavior and Development, College of Human Medicine, Michigan State University

1988 - 1989 Subproject Leader, Healthy U Summer Camp, Michigan State University

1989 - 1990 Primary Care Pediatrician and Preceptor, Pediatric Health Center, St. Lawrence Hospital

1990 Faculty Member, McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program and Summer Research Opportunity Program, Michigan State University

1990 Faculty Resource Mentor/Advisor, College of Human Medicine, Michigan State University

1991 - 2007 General Pediatrician, Blue Care Network Family Health Centers, Lansing Michigan

2007 - 2009 Part-time General Pediatrician, Haslett Community Pediatrics

2008 - 2017 General Pediatrician and Medical Director, Myelodysplasia Clinic, E. W. Sparrow Hospital

2009 - 2016 Part-time General Pediatrician, Capital Area Pediatrics

2016 - 2017 General Pediatrician, Cleft Palate Clinic, E.W. Sparrow Hospital

GRANT SUPPORT:

\$7,000.00 IN 1988 AND \$7,000 IN 1989 as part of the Michigan State University Health Promotion Program, W.K. Kellogg Foundation

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Andrews, S.G.: Vulvovaginitis in Children and Teenagers. In M. Ziai (ed), Bedside Pediatrics, Little, Brown and Col, Boston, 1983.

Andrews, S.G.: Informing Schools About Children's Illnesses -- Parents' Opinions. Pediatrics. 1991;88(2):306-311.



MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP APPOINTED OFFICIALS
ETHICS STATEMENT

I, Susan Andrews, having been appointed to the position of member of Lake Lansing
for Meridian Township, acknowledge the duties and responsibilities of my position and commit to perform those duties and responsibilities as follows: Advisory
Committee

1. I recognize that my primary role as a public official will be to serve the public interests of Meridian Township.
2. I will continuously strive to achieve and exhibit high standards of integrity and professionalism to promote public respect for the Township's governmental processes.
3. I will avoid participating in any public deliberation and decision-making process whenever it becomes apparent that my continued participation will present a conflict of interest or give rise to the appearance of impropriety.
4. I will not divulge confidential information, which I acquire in the course of my public service to any unauthorized person before the time the release of that information is properly authorized.
5. I will not benefit financially from confidential information which I have obtained, or may obtain by reason of my position or authority.
6. I will not accept employment or render services for a private or public interest if either is incompatible or in conflict with the discharge of my official duties.
7. I will not participate in any governmental deliberation or action that will directly impact a business entity in which I have a financial or personal interest.
8. I will refuse any personal gift, gratuity, favor or other tangible or intangible item if its receipt could be reasonably perceived as influencing my decisions or actions as a public official.
9. I will support and defend the laws of Meridian Township, the State of Michigan and the United States of America.
10. I acknowledge that my failure to fulfill any of the foregoing commitments may result in my removal from the authority on which I serve.

Dated: 11/13/2019

Signed: Susan Good Andrews

Susan Good Andrews
Appointed Official

Brett Dreyfus
Township Clerk

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN

Ronald J. Styka
Brett Dreyfus
Julie Brixie
Frank L. Walsh

Supervisor
Clerk
Treasurer
Manager



Phil Deschaine
Patricia Herring Jackson
Dan Opsommer
Kathy Ann Sundland

Trustee
Trustee
Trustee
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APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Downtown Development Authority* | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Commission* |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development Corporation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

(*Special conditions restrict eligibility for appointment)

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

Summarize your reasons for applying for this type of public service:
47 YEARS LAKE LANSING RESIDENT INVOLVED IN LAKE "CLEAN-UP" DAYS & CONTINUED INTEREST IN HEALTH OF LAKE/WATER QUALITY

Describe education, experience or training which will assist you if appointed. (Attach resume if available) *GOOSE EGGE REPAIR TRAINING - MULTIPLE YEARS ON S.A.D. COMMITTEE & ADVISORY*

Name: RONALD W. ROWE
 Occupation: RETIRED Place of Employment: -
 Home Address: 6247 E LAKE DR. 02E
 Phone: (days) 517-339-8429 (evenings) SAME E-mail RWR@ROWESKI@AOL.COM
 Signature RWR Date 9 APRIL 2019

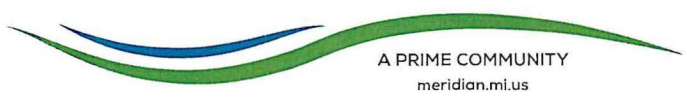
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(PLEASE USE BACK IF NEEDED)

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| FOR OFFICE USE ONLY | | | | |
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| Date Received | | Distro: | Application # | |
| Registered Voter: | Y / N | | | |
| Date Appointed: | | | | |

Revised: April 24, 2017



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN

Ronald J. Styka
Brett Dreyfus
Julie Brixie
Frank L. Walsh

Supervisor
Clerk
Treasurer
Manager



Phil Deschaine
Patricia Herring Jackson
Dan Opsommer
Kathy Ann Sundland

Trustee
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APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

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

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

Summarize your reasons for applying for this type of public service: *I have served on the Committee for a number of years (served as chair) previous chair. I am a Tier 3 propertyowner that is committed to maintaining and improving the water quality & use of Lake Lansing.*
Describe education, experience or training which will assist you if appointed. (Attach resume if available)

Name: Larry Wagenknecht
Occupation: Pharmacist Place of Employment: Michigan Pharmacists Association
Home Address: 6097 Partridge St., Haslett, MI 48840
Phone: (days) 517-377-0224 (evenings) 517-719-6167 E-mail larry@michiganpharmacists.org
Signature Larry W. Wagenknecht Date 4/9/19

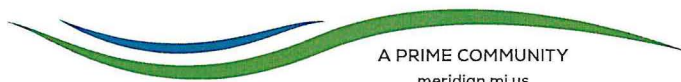
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| Date Appointed: | | | | |

Revised: April 24, 2017





To: Township Board

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

Date: April 15, 2021

Re: Zoning Amendment #21010 (Township Board), amend Code of Ordinances to require Township Board approval of special use permits for motor vehicle sales and service establishments and automobile dealerships in the C-2 and C-3 (Commercial) zoning districts.

The Township Board last discussed Zoning Amendment #21010 at a virtual meeting held on April 13, 2021. A question was asked at the meeting regarding a body shop as part of an automobile dealership. The Zoning Ordinance allows a body shop by special use permit in the I (Industrial) zoning district. While the Zoning Ordinance does not define the term “body shop” the common meaning would be a facility that provides collision repairs, replacement of damaged parts and painting. Prior to the adoption of the C-1, C-2 and C-3 (Commercial) zoning districts in 2001 a body shop was an allowed use by special use permit in the CS (Community Service) zoning district. The special use permit for the Ford dealership approved in 1986 did include a body shop. The establishment of the C-1, C-2 and C-3 zoning districts made the body shop a nonconforming use. As a nonconforming use the body shop could continue to operate but could not be increased, expanded or enlarged in size. The proposed zoning amendment would not change the nonconforming status.

Township Board Options

The Township Board may approve or deny the proposed zoning amendment. If the Board amends the proposal, the amendment may be referred back to the Planning Commission for a recommendation. A resolution to approve the amendment for introduction is provided.

- **Move to adopt the resolution approving Zoning Amendment #21010 to amend Code of Ordinances to require Township Board approval of special use permits for motor vehicle sales and service establishments and automobile dealerships in the C-2 and C-3 (Commercial) zoning districts.**

Attachments

1. Resolution to approve (introduction).
2. Proposed ordinance language dated March 4, 2021.

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RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL

**Zoning Amendment #21010
Township Board**

RESOLUTION

At the regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held virtually using the Zoom video conferencing application, in said Township on the 20th day of April, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following resolution was offered by _____ and supported by _____.

WHEREAS, the Township Board, at its meeting on January 5, 2021, initiated a zoning amendment to require Township Board approval of special use permits for motor vehicle sales and service establishments and automobile dealerships in the C-2 and C-3 (Commercial) zoning districts; and

WHEREAS, the proposed zoning amendment adds new definitions for New Automobile Dealership, Used Automobile Dealership, and Motor Vehicle, adds standards applying to new and used automobile dealerships in C-3 (Commercial) zoning district and adds a new section that requires special use permit approval for the use of any building, land or portion thereof for motor vehicle sales and service establishments, new automobile dealerships, and used automobile dealerships subject to Township Board approval; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed zoning amendment at its regular meeting on February 22, 2021 and recommended approval of the proposed zoning amendment at its meeting on March 8, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board discussed the proposed zoning amendment at its meeting on April 13, 2021 and has reviewed the information forwarded by staff under cover memorandums dated April 8, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the proposed zoning amendment will provide for a thorough review of new and used automobile dealerships, motor vehicle sales and service establishments and the expansion of existing dealerships in the Township.

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 Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, by amending Article 1, Section 86-2, Article IV, Division 3, Section 86-404 (e) (16) and Section 86-405 (c) (9), by adding Section 86-405 (e) (15) and (16) and Article VI, Section 86-660.

ADOPTED: YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

) ss

COUNTY OF INGHAM)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board on the 20th day of April, 2021.

Deborah Guthrie
Township Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN
CHAPTER 86, BY AMENDING ARTICLE 1, SECTION 86-2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 3, SECTION 86-404 (E) (16) AND SECTION 86-405 (C) (9), BY ADDING SECTION 86-405 (E) (15) AND (16) AND ARTICLE VI, SECTION 86-660.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN ORDAINS:

Section 1.

- A. Amendment to Article I, In General, Section 86-2 Definitions of the code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, hereby amends Section 86-2 to add the following definitions:

Section 86-2 Definitions.

AUTOMOBILE DEALERSHIP, NEW – The use of any building, land or portion thereof for the display, sale or lease of new automobiles, trucks or vans.

AUTOMOBILE DEALERSHIP, USED – The use of any building, land or portion thereof for the display, sale or lease of used automobiles, trucks or vans.

MOTOR VEHICLE – Any self-propelled vehicle designed primarily for transportation of persons or goods along public streets, roads or other public ways.

- B. Amendment to Article IV, District Regulations, Division 3 Commercial, Retail, and Business Districts C-1, C-2, & C-3 of the code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, by amending Section 86-404 to read as follows:

Section 86-404 C-2 Commercial District

(a) – (d) Remains as written

(e) Uses permitted by special use permit

(1)– (15) Remains as written

(16) New automobile dealerships, subject to the following:

a. Minimum lot size: four acres.

b. Vehicle service and repair and used automobile sales shall be permitted ancillary uses to the principal new automobile sales use.

c. Body shops shall not be a permitted ancillary use.

(17) Remains as written

- C. Amendment to Article IV, District Regulations, Division 3 Commercial, Retail, and Business Districts C-1, C-2, & C-3 of the code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, by adding section 86-405 (e) (15) and Section 86-405 (16) to read as follows:

Section 86-405 C-3 Commercial District

(a) – (b) Remains as written

(c) Uses permitted by right.

(1) – (8) Remains as written

(9) – Shall be removed and the remaining uses shall be renumbered (9)-(12)

(d) Remains as written

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(1) – (14) Remains as written

(15) Motor vehicle sales and service establishments, provided the outdoor area is paved and properly drained. Dismantled or inoperative vehicles, if stored on-site, shall be within a wholly enclosed building or outside provided the area is enclosed by a solid fence. In addition to the requirements of Subsection 86-402(1)b, uses in this category shall be set back a minimum of 50 feet along side and rear property lines adjacent to other nonresidential uses.

(16) New automobile dealerships, and used automobile dealerships, subject to the following:

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- D. Amendment to Article VI, Special Use Requirements and Restrictions of the code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, by adding Section 86-660 to read as follows:

Section 86-660 Motor vehicle sales and service establishments, new automobile dealerships and used automobile dealerships

(a) Purpose. The use of any building, land or portion thereof for motor vehicle sales and service establishments, new automobile dealerships, and used automobile dealerships shall require a special use permit due to impact such development has upon adjacent property owners, neighborhoods and public infrastructure. The requirements of this section apply to any such type of use.

(b) Application and departmental reviews.

(1) Application. The application for a special use permit shall be submitted to the Director of Community Planning and Development in accordance with § 86-124.

(2) Departmental reviews. The applicant's plan shall be reviewed by the Township Department of Community Planning and Development, the Township EMS/Fire Department, the Township Police Department, the Township Engineer, the county drain commissioner, and the county road commission or the state department of transportation, whichever road agency has jurisdiction over roads in the immediate vicinity, in order to ensure that public utilities, road, and other infrastructure systems are or will be adequate to support the proposed development.

(c) Review process. Upon determination that the application is complete, the Director of Community Planning and Development shall initiate a review process in accordance with Article II, Division 4 of this chapter, subject to all hearings and other provisions set forth therein, as applicable, except the final decision on the special use permit shall be made by the Township Board.

(1) Planning Commission action. The Planning Commission after holding a public hearing shall make a recommendation to the Township Board. In making a recommendation the Planning Commission shall follow the review criteria in § 86-126 and may recommend conditions in accordance with § 86-127.

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(d) Amendments. Any amendments to an approved special use permit shall be in accordance with § 86-129 and subject to the approval of the Township Board.

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.

Ronald J. Styka, Township Supervisor

Deborah Guthrie, Township Clerk

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Chapter 86 Zoning

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12. B.

To: Township Board Members
**From: Derek N. Perry, Deputy Township Manager
Director of Public Works & Engineering**
Date: April 15, 2021
Re: Resolution in Celebration of Earth Day and Arbor Day

As you all know, the residents of Meridian Township take great pride in their concern and care of the environment. The Township Sustainability Plan, Land Preservation Program, Wetland Ordinance and its Greenspace Plan are just a few examples of the priority placed on the stewardship of the Township's natural surroundings.

To honor that ongoing commitment, we are requesting that the Township Board adopt the attached Resolution of Celebration to honor this upcoming Earth Day on April 22, 2021 and Arbor Day on April 30, 2021.

Proposed motion:

"Move to adopt Resolution in Celebration of Earth Day and Arbor Day 2021."

**RESOLUTION IN CELEBRATION OF
EARTH DAY AND ARBOR DAY 2021**

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, in said Township on the 20th day of April 2021 at 6:00 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following resolution was offered by _____ and supported by _____:

WHEREAS, ARBOR DAY was first celebrated in 1872 to promote conservation efforts and has become a cherished and respected tradition in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is a time to celebrate trees and their importance in our lives and represents an opportunity to emphasize that tree planting is an important personal demonstration of stewardship; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day helps remind Meridian residents that healthy natural resources are vital and that each of us can play a role in ensuring the quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS, the first EARTH DAY was observed in 1970 to raise awareness of environmental issues including climate change, protecting the worlds resources, and environment; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Meridian, no matter their race, gender, age, income, sexual orientation, or national origin, have the right to a healthy environment; and.

WHEREAS, Meridian Township has adopted a Climate Sustainability Plan that recognizes that education, conservation, waste reduction and environmental protection are imperative to a sustainable future; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, HEREBY:

Strongly supports and encourages its residents, businesses and institutions to use ARBOR DAY and EARTH DAY to celebrate the environment and commit to building a sustainable and green community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian pledges this EARTH DAY, APRIL 22ND, 2021 and ARBOR DAY, APRIL 30TH, 2021 to celebrate, promote and support green initiatives in the Charter Township of Meridian and to encourage others to undertake similar actions.

ADOPTED:
YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____



To: Board Members
From: Miriam Mattison, Finance Director
Date: April 15, 2021
Re: 2021 1st Quarter Budget Amendments

The April 2021 amended budget is attached. It reflects the recommended budget amendments that are detailed in exhibit A. These amendments result from revenue and expenditures that were unknown during the original budget process.

Amendments to the 2021 General Fund include revenue increases for election reimbursements totaling \$12,000. Expenditure requests are from COVID-19 supplies, election supplies, election postage, IT contractual services, drains, publications, and construction improvements totaling \$403,310.

The projected Fund Balance for the General Fund is computed as follows:

| | |
|--|----------------------|
| Fund Balance at 12/31/20 per audit | \$10,263,785 |
| Original Budgeted Use of Fund Balance 2021 | (967,875) |
| 1 st Qtr. budget amendments | <u>(391,310)</u> |
| Projected Use of Fund Balance | <u>(\$1,359,185)</u> |
| Projected Fund Balance at 12/31/21 | <u>\$8,904,600</u> |
| Fund Balance/Average Monthly Expenditures | <u>4.74</u> |

Amendments to the Special funds consists of requests from Park Millage Fund for use of \$368,400 for the Harris Nature Center projects and the Central Meridian Trail project. The Cable TV Fund is requesting the use of \$6,000 to replace the CAMTV encoder. The TIRF Fund is requesting use of \$33,500 for the carryover of the Lake Lansing harvesting project. The revolving Energy Fund is requesting the use of \$7,500 for an energy monitoring project. The Motor Pool Fund is requesting \$71,000 as a carryover for Police vehicle uplifts and a dump truck body.

The following motion is proposed:

MOVE TO APPROVE THE 1st QUARTER 2021 BUDGET AMENDMENTS WITH A DECREASE IN BUDGETED FUND BALANCE FOR THE GENERAL FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$391,310 WHICH PROJECTS A USE OF FUND BALANCE OF \$1,359,185. BASED ON 2020 RESULTS, THE PROJECTED FUND BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2021 WILL BE \$8,904,600.

Attachment:

1. April 2021 Budget Amendment Financial Information

Beginning of Year Budget Amendments
2021 Budget
Charter Township of Meridian

| Department | Amount | Explanation | Account |
|--|--------------------------|---|---------------------|
| GENERAL FUND | | | |
| <i>Revenue</i> | | | |
| Reimbursements - Elections | \$12,000.00 | Unbudgeted Item - May Election | 101-000.000-679.000 |
| | <u>\$12,000.00</u> | | |
| <i>Expenditures</i> | | | |
| General Government | | | |
| Administrative Services - COVID-19 supplies | 100,000.00 | Unbudgeted Item | 101-170.173-728.400 |
| Elections - Supplies - May Elections | 10,000.00 | Unbudgeted Item | 101-170.191-728.001 |
| Elections - Postage - May Elections | 2,000.00 | Unbudgeted Item | 101-170.191-730.001 |
| IT - Contractual Services | 145,000.00 | Carryover - IT Help Desk | 101-170.230-820.000 |
| Watershed Management - Drains at Large | -15,000.00 | Lower than anticipated | 101-170.260-842.000 |
| Watershed Management - Chapter 20 | -50,000.00 | Lower than anticipated | 101-170.260-842.500 |
| Watershed Management - Special projects - Prin | 15,910.00 | Higher than anticipated | 101-170.260-843.500 |
| Watershed Management - Special Projects - Int | -39,100.00 | Lower than anticipated | 101-170.260-843.501 |
| Cable - TV - Publications | 10,400.00 | Carryover - Prime Meridian Magazine | 101-750.806-750-000 |
| Capital Outlay - Professional Services | 3,600.00 | Carryover - HVAC | 101-900.901-821.000 |
| Capital Outlay - Construction/Improvements | 220,500.00 | Carryover - HVAC and additional exp for breakroom upgrade | 101-900.901-974.000 |
| Total General Government | <u>403,310.00</u> | | |

Total Expenditures for General Fund 403,310.00

Net from Fund Balance -391,310.00

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Park Millage

| | | | |
|---|---------------------------|--|---------------------|
| <i>Expenditures</i> - Park Dev. - Const/Imp | 368,400.00 | Carryover - HNC Retrorooms and Pavilion and Central Meridian Trail | 208-750.759-974.000 |
| Net from Fund Balance | <u><u>-368,400.00</u></u> | | |

Cable TV

Expenditures

| | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Video Production Equipment | <u>6,000.00</u> | Unbudgeted - CAMTV Encoder | 230-750.806-980.010 |
| Total Expenditures | <u><u>\$6,000.00</u></u> | | |
| Net from Fund Balance | <u><u>-\$6,000.00</u></u> | | |

TIRF

Expenditures

| | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Lake Lansing Watershed | <u>33,500.00</u> | Carryover - Lake Lansing harvesting | 246-000.000-972.020 |
| Total Expenditures | <u><u>\$33,500.00</u></u> | | |
| Net from Fund Balance | <u><u>-\$33,500.00</u></u> | | |

Revolving Energy Fund

Expenditures

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Contractual Services | <u>7,500.00</u> | Unbudgeted - EcoWorks Energy monitoring | 275-000.000-820.000 |
| Total Expenditures | <u><u>\$7,500.00</u></u> | | |

Net from Fund Balance - \$7,500.00

**Motorpool
Expenditures**

Vehicles

71,000.00

Carryover - Police vehicle uplifts and Dump Truck body

661-000.000-981.000

Total Expenditures \$71,000.00

Net from Fund Balance - \$71,000.00



To: Board Members
From: LuAnn Maisner, CPRP Director of Parks and Recreation
Date: April 16, 2021
Re: 2020-2021 - Deer Management Program Final Report

The 2020 Deer Management Program concluded its tenth year of the volunteer archery program and added a new early 2021 cull conducted and managed by the Police Department. The combined archery harvest and the police cull resulted a total deer harvest of 326 deer.

The success this year was due to the effective collaborative efforts of the Township Board and Administration, Department of Public Works staff, Parks and Recreation Department staff, Police Department, volunteer archery hunters, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division, and the Sportsmen Against Hunger Organization.

An important component of the deer management program is the venison donation to the community foodbanks. Thanks to the generosity of Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger (MSAH), Meridian Township was able to donate 6,334 lbs. of venison from this program to 14 local food banks and to 75 needy families at the Santa's First Responders Party. The value of the processing fees donated to this year's program by MSAH totaled \$11,084.

Attached is the detailed 2020-2021 Deer Management Final Report and Resolution of Appreciation to Michigan Sportsman Against Hunger for their generous support of our Deer Management Program since 2011, for your consideration. In addition, State Representative Julie Brixie would also like to recognize the efforts of MSAH as well with a special presentation. Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger President, C.J. Merriman and members Dean Hall and Neal Easterbrook will be present to accept the Resolution of Appreciation.

Motion for Township Board Consideration:

MOVE TO APPROVE THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO MICHIGAN SPORTSMEN AGAINST HUNGER FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SINCE 2011, AND TO EXTEND ADDITIONAL APPRECIATION TO ALL 75 VOLUNTEER HUNTERS FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN CONDUCTING A SAFE AND SUCCESSFUL 2020 DEER MANAGEMENT SEASON.

Attachments:

1. Deer Management Final Report
2. Resolution in Appreciation



Deer Management Report **2020 - 2021**

In 2020, the volunteer archery program experienced its most successful season to date harvesting 176 deer! The success this year was due to the effective collaborative efforts of the Township Board, DPW staff, Parks and Recreation staff, Police Department, volunteer archery hunters and the Sportsmen Against Hunger Organization. The identification of CWD in Meridian Township in 2014 had a significant impact on our hunters' ability to achieve great success. The United States Department of Agriculture culled a number of deer in an effort to eradicate this disease from our community. This cull took place between 2015 and 2018. After the cull stopped, there was a 16% increase in the car-deer crashes. The continued high number of car-deer collisions and ongoing destruction of vegetation prompted many residents to reach out for answers and action from their elected officials. Manager Walsh set a goal to harvest 300 deer during the 2020-2021 season. With this goal in mind, it was apparent that new measures and additional efforts were required.

1. Focused on ways to ease the work for the volunteer hunters so they could spend more time in the woods and less time driving to and from the processor.

- Purchased an outdoor walk-in cooler – once the hunter field-dressed their deer, they dropped it off at the cooler and we took it from there.
- DPW Staff member, Mike Ellis led and managed the coolers' maintenance and deer deliveries twice per week to the processor in Jackson.
- Mr. Ellis managed the venison donation process by first reaching out to the Okemos and Haslett Food Banks to deliver the venison. It became immediately clear that other food banks were needed in order to distribute the large amount of venison we were receiving from the processor.
- Mike contacted and nurtured outstanding relationships with 14 local food banks where he distributed a total of 7,154lbs of venison throughout both the archery and extended hunt seasons.
- Purchased two freezers to hold the venison between deliveries.
- The volunteers were provided incentives and prizes for specific harvest milestones throughout the season to keep motivation high.
- Frequent engagement and consistent communication kept everyone motivated until the end of the season. It was very satisfying for everyone that the goal was not only met, but exceeded! The goal for the archery cull was 150 with the final tally reaching 176.

2. A Damage and Nuisance Animal Control Permit was obtained from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The permit allowed the Police Department to cull 150 deer.
 - The Police Department utilized infrared technology to locate the animals and ensure nothing else was in the area. This equipment was previously owned by the Department. No additional costs were incurred.
 - The participating officers were all volunteers who were able to demonstrate both the ability to determine the safety of the shot and the marksmanship ability to place a well-aimed shot.
 - No overtime was paid to the officers.
 - The Department purchased a rifle, ammunition, optics, batteries and suppressors to conduct the cull. A total of \$2,874.94 was spent on equipment to ensure the safety and success of the cull.
 - Four DPW staff worked early morning hours following the evening cull to field dress the deer before delivering them to the processor.
 - 4,874lbs of venison were donated from this program to 14 local food banks.

Program Statistics:

Volunteer Archery Deer Management Program

- October 1st 2020 - January 1st 2021
- 75 resident volunteers participating
- 176 Deer Harvested from 33 Township properties and 7 private properties
- 2,280 pounds of venison donated to local food banks
- 9,120 meals provided locally
- Dollar amount of venison donated = \$25,057
- Estimated 3,500 volunteer hours served in the field

2021 Police Cull

- January 15th 2021 - March 10th, 2021
- 150 deer culled
- 4,874 pounds of venison donated to local food banks
- 19,496 meals provided locally
- Dollar amount of venison donated = \$53,565.26

Total Cull – 326 deer

Total Donation and Food Bank Numbers

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| • Okemos Community Church | 595 pounds |
| • Haslett Community Church | 310 pounds |
| • Saint Paul Lutheran Church | 350 pounds |
| • Williamston Food Bank | 280 pounds |
| • Lakeside Chapel of Park Lake | 400 pounds |

- Capital Area Community Services 895 pounds
- Our Savior Lutheran & City Rescue Mission 1,270 pounds
- Redeemer United Methodist Church 150 pounds
- Community Baptist Church of Lansing 1,124 pounds
- Dansville Clothing & Food Bank 800 pounds
- First Presbyterian Church 150 pounds
- LMTS Outreach Center 200 pounds
- Charlotte Assembly of God 80 pounds
- Santa's First Responders Holiday Party 550 pounds

Total: 7,154 pounds

2020-2021 Program Cost

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|---|------------------------|
| Permits, Equipment and Supplies: | \$23,710.89 |
| Staff Hours: Parks, DPW 1,850 hrs | |
| Overtime Costs DPW Field Dressing: 170 OT hrs | \$ 5,917.46 |
| Sportsmen Against Hunger Contribution for processing: | <u>\$11,084.00</u> |

Dead deer picked up and disposed of by Park Maintenance Staff (not included in totals):

2020 - 59

2021 - 26



Jane & Emma handing out venison at Santa's First Responder Party.



A huge truckload of 1,191 pounds of venison out for donation to local food banks.



Mike Ellis delivering venison to Lakeside Chapel of Park Lake.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

At a regular meeting of the Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held on the 20th day of April 2021, at 6:00 p.m., local time.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following resolution was offered by _____ and supported by _____.

WHEREAS, the Meridian Township Deer Management Program began in 2011 in response to numerous concerns from residents regarding deer damage to personal property; an increase in car/deer collisions; and damage to the natural ecosystems in Meridian Township’s 2,000 acres of parks and land preserves; and

WHEREAS, Meridian Township’s Deer Management Program strives to help maintain healthy deer, habitats, and outdoor recreational opportunities while achieving management goals; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the volunteer archery program experienced its most successful season to date harvesting 176 deer; and

WHEREAS, in early 2021, the police culled an additional 150 deer within areas of the Township that have experienced the highest number of deer/car collisions; and

WHEREAS, the success of the 2020-2021 cull is attributed to the effective collaborative efforts of the Meridian Township Board and Administration, Department of Public Works staff, Parks and Recreation Department staff, Police Department, 75 volunteer archery hunters, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division, Sportsmen Against Hunger Organization, Ingham County Parks, and numerous private homeowners and companies including Delta Dental that allowed the Deer Management Program to operate on their property for the purpose of reducing the overpopulated deer heard in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger Organization has financially supported the Meridian Township Deer Management program since 2011 by funding deer processing fees each year for venison donations to local food banks; and

WHEREAS, special recognition is given today for their one year contribution of \$11,084 to fund the deer processing of 6,334 pounds of venison which Meridian Township distributed to local food banks that fed the needy in our community, as well as, people throughout the Greater Lansing Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN extends its gratitude to all that were involved for their service to the community in an effort to reduce the deer population and to increase the health of our natural lands.

ADOPTED:

YEAS:

NAYS:

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss
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 complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Meridian Township Board on the 20th day of April 2021.

Deborah Guthrie, Clerk



13. A.

To: Township Board Members

From: John Sarver, Chair
Meridian Environmental Commission

LeRoy Harvey, Environmental Programs Coordinator

Derek N. Perry, Deputy Township Manager
Director of Public Works & Engineering

Date: April 14, 2021

Re: Citizens Climate Commitment

The Environmental Commission has endorsed and is recommending that the Township Board authorize a citizen's climate commitment initiative. The initiative concept was developed by the Energy Team, reviewed, and approved by the Environmental Commission.

With the understanding that the electric grid is going to primarily use renewable energy in the future, the idea is to encourage our residents to consider electric alternatives before they need to replace equipment fueled by natural gas or gasoline. Frequently when equipment fails, e.g. furnaces and hot water heaters, there is no time to research alternatives.

If authorized by the Township Board, the Environmental Programs office, within the Department of Public Works, would create a web page where residents could sign up to make their commitment. This initiative will be an educational effort to further the implementation of our Climate Sustainability Plan.

Attached is a draft of the Citizen's Climate Commitment form that residents would sign and pledge to participate in the initiative.

My Citizen's Climate Commitment

On June 16, 2020 the Meridian Township Board adopted a Climate Emergency Resolution. The resolution stated that on October 8, 2018, the United Nations released a special report that projected that limiting warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius this century will require an unprecedented transformation of every sector of the global economy over the next 12 years. It also mentioned that the U.S. Fourth National Climate Assessment detailed the massive threat that climate change poses to the American economy and underscored the need for emergency climate action at all levels of government. The resolution makes it a priority to implement the township operations and community initiatives outlined in the township's Climate Sustainability Plan.

To address the Climate Emergency we have to reduce our use of fossil fuels. The electric grid is making the transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy. Consumers Energy has a goal to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2040. DTE Energy has said it will work to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050. Since the electric grid will continue to increase its use of renewable energy, many have proposed "electrifying everything" to decrease our use of natural gas and gasoline. Energy efficiency also has a very large role to play in reducing carbon emissions.

We can't wait until 2030 to start eliminating our use of fossil fuels. Many of the decisions we make today including purchasing vehicles and home appliances and equipment will still be having an impact for 10, 15 or 20 years from now. It makes sense to switch from gas to electric appliances and heating equipment when a replacement is needed, but frequently when equipment fails there is no time to research alternatives. When you're ready to buy a new vehicle, it makes sense to look at the variety of electric vehicles that are now available. The Citizen's Climate Commitment asks Meridian Township residents to consider electric alternatives and plan ahead for their future purchases. Citizens are asked to consider replacing the following fossil fuel equipment with electric equipment. Click on the links for additional information. [Energy Audits](#) can help you figure out what are your best options.

[Gasoline vehicles to electric vehicles](#)

[Gas stoves to electric ovens with induction stove tops](#)

[Gas hot water heaters to heat pump water heaters or electric on-demand water heaters](#)

[Gas furnaces to air source or geothermal heat pumps](#)

[Gas clothes dryers to electric dryers](#)

[Gasoline yard equipment to electric models](#)

Citizen's Climate Commitment

Recognizing that climate change is an emergency, I make a Citizen's Climate Commitment that I will make energy efficiency a personal priority and when I replace my vehicle, furnace, hot water heater, stove, yard equipment, or clothes dryer, or if I build a new home, I will consider electric alternatives to help my community become carbon free by 2030.

Name

I have considered my options and commit to making a future purchase of an electric:

vehicle oven hot water heater space heating system clothes dryer
 lawn mower snow blower leaf blower chain saw weed trimmer outdoor grill

Energy Audits

Consumers Energy provides a free Home Energy Analysis

<https://www.consumersenergy.com/residential/save-money-and-energy/assessments>

Michigan Saves identifies contractors who conduct Energy Audits

<https://michigansaves.org/find-a-contractor/>

Gasoline Vehicles to Electric Vehicles

Choosing an electric vehicle over a gasoline vehicle has many advantages. No matter where you plug in across the country, electric vehicles are cheaper to fuel than their gasoline-powered counterparts. Every electricity provider in the 50 largest US cities offers a rate plan that makes filling up on electricity cheaper than gasoline, adding up to a median yearly savings of over \$770.

Electric vehicles can also save you on maintenance costs. Battery EVs have no gasoline engine, they do not need oil changes, spark plugs, or timing belts, and unlike gasoline motors, electric motors required no routine maintenance. These reduced maintenance costs can save an EV owner over \$1,500 over the life of the vehicle, compared to a gasoline-powered vehicle. An electric engine generates instant torque, which means that electric vehicles zoom off starting lines and provide smooth, responsive acceleration and deceleration. Electric vehicles also have a low center of gravity, which improves handling, responsiveness, and ride comfort and they are quiet.

EVs produce less global warming pollution. The average EV in the US today produces the emissions equivalent of a gasoline car that gets 73 miles per gallon. The emissions performance of EVs is set to only improve as wind and solar power displace coal-fired electricity generation. Many EV owners are also choosing to pair their EV with rooftop solar panels and home energy storage units. When powered exclusively by renewable energy, an EV can operate nearly emissions free.

Additional information

U.S. Department of Energy web site on fuel economy

<https://www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/evtech.shtml>

Electric Vehicles: Car and Driver Buying Guide

<https://www.caranddriver.com/ev/>

Gas Stoves to Electric Ovens with Induction Stove Tops

Electric stoves are comparable in price to gas stoves, while electric ovens with induction stove tops are more expensive but also more efficient. With induction, the pan is heated directly – rather than the burner first and then the pan. This greatly reduces the risk of burns. It also makes for a faster, more efficient way of cooking. Since induction is based on electromagnetism, pots and pans must be magnetic. If a magnet sticks to it, it's induction-ready.

Although cooking food on any stove produces particulate pollutants, burning gas produces nitrogen dioxide, or NO₂. Brief exposures to air with high concentrations of NO₂ can lead to coughing and wheezing for people with asthma or other respiratory issues, and prolonged exposure to the gas can contribute to the development of those conditions, according to the [EPA](#). Homes with gas stoves can contain 50 to 400 percent higher concentrations of NO₂ than homes with electric stoves, often resulting in levels of indoor air pollution that would be illegal outdoors, according to a recent [report](#) by the Rocky Mountain Institute.

Additional resources

Good Housekeeping article on pros and cons of induction cooking

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/appliances/electric-range-reviews/a28435170/induction-stove-cooktop-pros-cons/>

Gas Hot Water Heaters to Heat Pump Water Heaters or Electric On-demand Water Heaters

A “heat pump” is a device that moves heat from one place to another. A heat pump water heater (HPWH) moves heat from the surrounding space into the hot water tank. Most heat pumps operate as “hybrid” devices – i.e. they use the heat pump whenever possible, but built-in controls switch to conventional resistance heating when there are large hot water needs. A HPWH is an energy efficient water heating option (Energy Factor ratings of greater than 2.0).

As their name implies, tankless, or on-demand water heaters, don't store water in a tank. Instead they heat water as it passes through the unit, using a heat exchanger to rapidly bring it up to temperature. Heating water only when you need it eliminates the standby energy losses you get with a storage tank. Compared to gas tankless units, electric tankless units tend to be smaller and more limited in terms of flow.

Additional resources

Michigan Saves provides financing for contractors

<https://michigansaves.org/find-a-contractor/>

EPA has information on heat pump water heaters

https://www.energystar.gov/products/water_heaters/heat_pump_water_heaters

EPA has information on on-demand water heaters

<https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/heat-and-cool/water-heating/tankless-or-demand-type-water-heaters>

Consumers Reports has an article on tankless water heaters

<https://www.consumerreports.org/water-heaters/tankless-water-heaters-vs-storage-tank-water-heaters/>

Gas Furnaces to Air Source or Geothermal Heat Pumps

Heat pumps, air source or geothermal, can provide both heating and cooling for a home. Heat pumps work by transferring heat rather than burning fossil fuels to create heat. This makes them more efficient. A heat pump system is an all-in-one system that works as an air conditioner in the summer, and works in reverse to heat the home in the winter. To heat the home, it transfers heat from outside to inside while to cool, it transfers heat from inside your home to outside.

Air source heat pumps absorb heat from the outside air to heat your home. They can still extract heat when air temperatures are as low as -15°C. Geothermal heat pumps exchange heat with the earth instead of the outdoor air using loops to get heat from the ground or ground water. Geothermal heat pump systems are more energy efficient operating at between 300 to 600 percent efficiency even in the coldest weather. Air-source heat pumps reach 175 to 300 percent efficiency. The price for an air source heat pump is similar to the price of a high efficiency gas furnace, but a geothermal heat pump is much more expensive.

Additional resources

Michigan Saves provides financing for heat pump systems and has lists of Geothermal contractors and HVAC contractors. <https://michigansaves.org/find-a-contractor/>

Federal tax credits for geothermal heat pumps

Residential – <https://programs.dsireusa.org/system/program/detail/1235/residential-renewable-energy-tax-credit>

Commercial - <https://programs.dsireusa.org/system/program/detail/658/business-energy-investment-tax-credit-itc>

EPA has information on choosing and installing a geothermal heat pump

<https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/choosing-and-installing-geothermal-heat-pumps>

EPA has information on air source heat pumps

<https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/heat-and-cool/heat-pump-systems/air-source-heat-pumps>

Gas Clothes Dryers to Electric Dryers

A gas clothes dryer typically costs \$100 more than a comparable electric model, but the gas clothes dryer may be less expensive to operate depending on natural gas and electric prices in the area. ENERGY STAR certified dryers use about 20% less energy than conventional models without sacrificing features or performance. ENERGY STAR models use innovative energy saving technologies, such as moisture sensors that detect when clothes are dry and automatically shut the dryer off.

Additional resources

Bob Vila – “Choosing a New Appliance: Gas vs. Electric Dryers”

<https://www.bobvila.com/articles/gas-vs-electric-dryers/>

EPA has information on dryers

https://www.energystar.gov/products/appliances/clothes_dryers

Gasoline Yard Equipment to Electric Models

There are a number of opportunities to switch from gasoline yard equipment to electric models including lawn mowers, snow blowers, leaf blowers, weed trimmers, outdoor grills, and chain saws. Lawn mowers and snow blowers provide significant opportunities to reduce our use of fossil fuels.

Gas mowers emit hydrocarbon gases into the air, so you can reduce your carbon footprint by opting for a corded or battery-operated electric mower. Gas-powered mowers make more noise, around 95 decibels, while electric mowers produce between 65 to 75 decibels. Gas mowers require regular maintenance and are pricier. Corded electric mowers are the least expensive because they don't feature a gas engine or batteries. Battery-operated mowers run in between. Electric mowers cost less to operate, \$11 to \$22 per year in electricity, while gas mowers cost \$20 to \$35 per year.

While electric motors are not as powerful as gas engines, an electric snow blower is lighter and is usually more compact than a gas machine. This makes them easier to transport and store. Electric snow blowers aren't as noisy as their gas counterparts and require very little maintenance. You don't need to mix gas and oil or pull on a recoil starter every time you want to use the snow blower. An electric snow blower starts instantly, with the touch of a button. A corded electric snow blower will restrict your movement, but is the cheapest of all your options. You can always opt for a battery-powered snow blower which will cost more.

Additional information:

Bob Vila article “What's the Difference? Gas vs. Electric Lawn Mowers”

<https://www.bobvila.com/articles/gas-vs-electric-lawn-mowers/>

Gas vs Electric Snowblowers – Which is the Best Choice for Me?

<https://ownthewinter.com/gas-vs-electric-snowblowers/>