

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
853-4000, Town Hall Room
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2016 **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor LeGoff, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Brixie, Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Township Manager Frank Walsh, Assistant Township Manager/Director of Public Works and Engineering Derek Perry, Director of Community Planning & Development Mark Kieselbach, Police Chief David Hall, Fire Chief Fred Cowper, Director of Finance Miriam Mattison, Human Resources Director Joyce Marx, Director of Information and Technology Stephen Gebes

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Supervisor LeGoff called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS
Supervisor LeGoff led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. ROLL CALL
The secretary called the roll of the Board.
4. PRESENTATION (None)
5. PUBLIC REMARKS
Supervisor LeGoff opened Public Remarks.

Ali Damsaz, 743 W. Grand River, Okemos, offered an update on the circumstances surrounding his desire for extension of Township water to his gas station located at the corner of Van Atta Road and Grand River Avenue so canopies can be approved and placed over the gas pumps located at his business.

Ann Alchin, 5972 Cypress, Haslett, addressed what she alleged was obscene and scandalous campaign literature sent out during the August Primary. She spoke to the lack of Board decorum while requiring the public to “follow the rules”.

Billie Jo O’Berry, candidate for the Ingham County Prosecutor’s Office, 1195 Clayton Court, Mason, spoke to the credibility of the Prosecutor’s Office as she believed there have been things in that office which have been covered up. Ms. O’Berry urged citizens to vote for her as she will be a strong leader to adequately serve the residents of Ingham County.

Erik Lindquist, 4436 Copperhill Drive, Okemos, addressed the integrity and honesty of the current Township Treasurer relative to three (3) alleged misrepresentations in her latest campaign piece.

Larry Stephens, 125 Shoemsmith, Haslett, urged the Board to consider needed improvements to the Township’s recycling center as it is an eyesore and does not fit the image of Meridian Township.

Fred Wurtzel, representative for the National Federation of the Blind of Michigan, 7189 Connors Road, Munising, urged the Board to continue its efforts to provide more Redi-Ride transportation to more people for more times of the day. He encouraged Board members to hold their ground on their position relative to the BRT. Mr. Wurtzel spoke in opposition to the elimination of current bus stops with the proposed BRT project, adding the National Federal of the Blind of Michigan is currently engaged in a lawsuit in Washtenaw County for bus stop removal along Washtenaw and Huron Avenues. He indicated at this point in the BRT project, neither Frandor, Meridian Mall or the entrance to Meijer will have stops. Mr. Wurtzel addressed the lack of prosecution to drivers who hit pedestrians.

Neil Bowlby, 6020 Beechwood Drive, Haslett, responded to a statement made by the current Treasurer during her candidate debate concerning independent audits by clarifying Mr. Lindquist's expertise in his field while employed at CATA was what brought about the negative audit the following year. He noted Mr. Lindquist used a different auditing firm which turned up several problems with how CATA previously "did its books." He alleged Mr. Lindquist's opponent has filed an incomplete campaign finance statement and the Ingham County Clerk has taken note. He urged residents to vote for Mr. Lindquist as Township Treasurer as he believed he is more qualified for the position, has the highest ethical standards and does not "stoop to negative campaigning and outright lies."

Aaron Richmond, 1424 Biscayne Way, Haslett, believed the gas station for the proposed Costco project is unnecessary as there are currently four (4) gas stations on either side of the proposed project. He believed the gas station does not provide any community benefit. While Mr. Richmond understood the need for adequate parking space, he cannot subscribe to filling in a wetland to allow for additional parking beyond what is allowed by code. He spoke to the excess parking spaces which are not utilized for nearby Kroger, Meijer and Walmart. Mr. Richmond voiced opposition to taxpayers subsidizing development through a tax increment financing (TIF).

Ody Norkin, 3803 Sandlewood, Okemos, addressed the lack of a avenue for residents to thoroughly vet their concerns to the Township Board beyond the three (3) minute public remark limit. He urged residents to "do their homework" and vote for Erik Lindquist as the next Township Treasurer. Mr. Norkin suggested the current Treasurer put a lot of blocks up to making progress on the Redi-Ride situation. He believed the cost of the BRT "cannibalizes" other legitimate projects in the Tri-County area in an attempt to save seven (7) minutes of transport time.

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett, addressed the qualifications of and support for candidate Erik Lindquist for Township Treasurer. He spoke to campaign contributions from builders and developers which were accepted by the current Treasurer. Mr. Provencher stated it is unacceptable for him to vote for someone who takes money from builders and developers whose projects the Treasurer has approved as opposed to someone who represents the citizenry. He believed her \$1,000 "consulting fee" paid to Dan Opsommer was suspicious given his campaign finance recording of \$1,000 the next day depicted as a "loan". Mr. Provencher noted several contributions given to Dan Opsommer were from individuals outside of Meridian Township, one the current Mayor of East Lansing.

Supervisor LeGoff closed Public Remarks.

6. TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT

Township Manager Walsh reported the following:

- Walnut Hills Country Club rezoning request will come before the Planning Commission on November 14th and November 21st and then to the Township Board the first time on December 6th
- Township is testing new material under the road for the recycling center to see if it will be used to improve the service drive
- A new Economic Development Coordinator has been hired and will start in a few weeks
- Costco development is a 65-acre site, with a 32-34 acre environmental easement which abuts the adjacent neighborhood
- Costco request for a brownfield will go before the City of East Lansing, with the Township provision that any brownfield request over \$1 million must come back before the Township Board

7. BOARD COMMENTS & REPORTS

Clerk Dreyfus reported absentee ballots can be requested up to 4:00 P.M. on Monday, November 7th. He noted on Monday, November 7th, any requested ballot must be voted in the building. Clerk Dreyfus stated the Clerk's office will be open on Saturday, November 5th from 8:00 AM until 2:00 P.M. He urged residents to contact the Clerk's office at 853-4300 if they have questions regarding the voting process. Clerk Dreyfus addressed citizen comments regarding withholding their vote. He explained how residents can vote a straight party ticket and still vote for someone outside of that party by "splitting" their ticket.

Trustee Veenstra announced the November 3rd Annual Appreciation Night for appointees to Board and Commissions will be held at Henry's Place, beginning at 6:00 P.M. He indicated the winners of the 2016 awards will be announced at the event. Trustee Veenstra reported the Water Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is holding a public hearing on the permit for Costco Wednesday night, November 2nd, at 7:00 P.M. at the East Lansing City Hall. He requested the Township Board amend its limit on the Costco brownfield credit to state "\$1 million or the actual cost of contamination cleanup, whichever is less."

Trustee Wilson clarified the process surrounding brownfield reimbursement to developers by explaining the developer cannot be reimbursed for more than the actual cost of eligible contamination cleanup.

8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

9. CONSENT AGENDA (SALMON)

Supervisor LeGoff reviewed the consent agenda.

Treasurer Brixie moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Trustee Wilson.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustee Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

A. Communications

Treasurer Brixie moved that the communications be received and placed on file, and any communications not already assigned for disposition be referred to the Township Manager or Supervisor for follow-up. Seconded by Trustee Wilson.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustee Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Minutes

Treasurer Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the October 18, 2016 Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Wilson.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustee Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Bills

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

Common Cash	\$ 265,521.53
Public Works	\$ 64,682.74
Trust & Agency	\$ --
Total Checks	\$ 330,204.27
Credit Card Transactions	\$ 7,304.08
Total Purchases	<u>\$ 337,508.35</u>
ACH Payments	<u>\$ 558,932.02</u>

Seconded by Trustee Wilson.

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

[Bill list in Official Minute Book]

D. Additions to the Tax Roll

Treasurer Brixie moved to assess the charges identified in the staff memorandum with parcel identification available in the Treasurer's Office dated October 28, 2016 for Delinquent Special Assessments, Utility Bills, False Alarms, Nuisance, Lot Mowing/Code Violation, and Misc. Fees as a tax lien against the subject properties as authorized by Michigan Compiled Laws (MCL) 41.727, 41.728 and Meridian Township Ordinance Code Sections 58-32, 58-33, 78-98, 78-155, 46-5, 82-27, 18-1 and 18.15. Seconded by Trustee Wilson.

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

10. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY (See Agenda Item #12B)

11. HEARINGS (None)

12. ACTION ITEMS

Supervisor LeGoff opened Public Remarks.

Neil Bowlby, 6020 Beechwood Drive, Haslett, spoke to action which could eliminate the possibility of the developer of the Elevation at Okemos Pointe Brownfield seeking a reassessment in the future to lower taxes on the project after the 12-year payback period.

Kathy Sundland, 2318 Barnsbury Road, East Lansing, Democratic candidate for Township Board of Trustees, addressed the phrase "qualifying expenses" relative to a brownfield tax credit. She suggested the Township may want to consider elimination of a portion of the interest expenses.

Supervisor LeGoff closed Public Remarks.

A. Shaw Street Property

Trustee Veenstra moved to authorize the Township Manager to proceed with the sale of the Shaw Street property for \$8,116. Seconded by Trustee Wilson.

Board discussion:

- Offer price is more than the minimum bid set at \$6,000
- Mailing was sent to all property owners and occupants within 300 feet of the subject property
- The Township placed a for sale sign on the property itself

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

B. Elevation at Okemos Pointe Brownfield Plan

Treasurer Brixie moved [and read into the record], NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby approves the brownfield request from Okemos Pointe, LLC. Seconded by Trustee Wilson.

Board, applicant's consultant and Ingham County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (ICBRA) representative discussion:

- Compromise capped the contingency fee at \$200,000, less than the original 15%
- Interest amount is capped at \$300,000
- Interest is calculated with the assumption all of the principal activities and the contingency amount will be spent
- If the activity amount is less, the developer will still calculate at an approximate 2.5% rate
- Likelihood the developer will be under the \$3.3 million cost and the interest will be less than the \$300,000 capped amount
- Ingham County's Local Site Remediation Revolving Fund (LSRRF) captured amount to be collected was changed from 5% (\$187,000) to approximately 2.5% (\$86,344) of eligible activity costs
- If the county does not agree to the proposed changes, it must come back to the Board again
- Applicant's plan to go to the next Brownfield Authority meeting and has requested to be placed on the agenda
- Attorney has reviewed the proposed language

Possibility of a tax appeal: (Questions for the Attorney (See Agenda Item #10))

Q. Does the language limit them to not seeking any type of appeal or Board of Review?

A. No. What it says is that if someone seeks at the Board of Review a reduction in the assessed value, then the owner of the property will make things right, make things whole.

Q. How would that work?

A. That is an agreement between the Brownfield Authority and the current owner. Let me just say as a practical matter, because the reimbursements are on a "collect as we go" basis", we are at very little risk if there is a reduction in assessed valuation; it would be a reduction in collections to fund the brownfield. We are at very little risk in any event, but it is a commitment by the owner to make the Brownfield Authority whole if there is a reduction in the assessed value.

Q. Have these ever been challenged before?

A. Not to my knowledge. In fact, I think the County indicated this is the first time they've seen this language. It's the first time we have seen presented too, so we looked at it. There are a number of issues that you might raise, but the practical reality is that our risk is so low because of the nature of the reimbursement scheme that we were comfortable with this language as presented.

Continued Board and ICBRA Chair discussion:

- ICBRA Chair does not agree with lowering the percentage of the revolving fund below 5%
- ICBRA Chair statement it is a one year capture in 2029 which would satisfy the initial 5%
- Statute states the LSRRF can be funded up to 100% of the on-site environmental activities
- Discussions at the ICBRA typically start around 15% and then the values are considered
- Money will be used to help developers or small business owners who wish to expand with their site assessment activities and who do not have the up-front capital
- Concern whether the Ingham County Board of Commissioners will approve the modification from 5%

Q. Is there anything we can do to stop appeals by the property owner to lower assessments after the 12 year brownfield period is over with?

A. No.

Q. That's not legally permissible?

A. I suppose you could try and have some sort of contractual agreement. All that would have to happen is that's there a sale of the property and the new owner would have the right to pursue.

Q. There wouldn't be any way to make a non-appeal clause binding on a new owner?

A. Well, again, I think you are trying to control something that might happen 12 years out with an owner we don't know with as many transactions as you have. Then you have the fundamental issue that the standard for property taxes is that the state equalized value (SEV) is 50% of the value of the property.

Q. That's not true; you know that.

A. Taxable value is one thing; SEV is another thing. I guess my point is that we would run up against a number of statutory and, I think, legal difficulties in trying to control the future 12, 15, 20 years hence.

Q. It's a \$67 million project. As you say, half of it would be \$33 million plus. I agree with you, except this property, for tax purposes, is being valued on an income approach, so that assessed value is only \$19 million and not the \$33 million, that's half of the investment.

A. The SEV is what was established after discussions with the assessor, discussions with the Michigan Tax Tribunal, and it is what it is. We may have our personal opinions as to what it ought to be, hence the discussion over big box stores. That does not change the facts that sometimes the Tax Tribunal establishes a slightly different valuation.

Continued Board discussion:

- Brownfield is a concept to bring economic development to an area not likely to be redeveloped due to perceived high cost of development to remediate
- Difference in a brownfield plan is that a portion of the tax stream is diverted back to the developer to pay initial costs of remediation and allow an increase in revenues in the future
- Continued concern with the diversion of taxpayer funds to something that is not directly associated with environmental contamination cleanup (e.g., interest)
- Board member belief there are negative ramifications to TIFs
- Board member belief it's a risky proposition when municipalities act like banks relative to tax revenue
- Approval of the applicant's willingness to compromise by capping the interest at \$300,000
- Project is desirable as it includes features such as small parks, covered bicycle parking and linkage to the Township pathway system
- Appreciation to the Township Manager and Trustee Veenstra for their negotiation efforts to place a cap of \$300,000 on the amount of interest
- Appreciation for the applicant's willingness to compromise

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustee Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

C. 2017 Board Meeting Schedule

Clerk Dreyfus moved to adopt the 2017 Township Board Meeting Schedule Resolution as follows:

Tuesday, January 3, 2017

6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 2017	6:00 P.M. Joint Meeting (Township Boards and Commissions)
Tuesday, January 17, 2017	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 2017	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 21, 2017	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 7, 2017	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 21, 2017	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 30, 2017	6:00 P.M. Joint Meeting (School Districts and Local Governments)
Tuesday, April 4, 2017	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 18, 2017	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 2, 2017	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 16, 2017	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 6, 2017	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 20, 2017	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 6, 2017	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 18, 2017	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 1, 2017	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 15, 2017	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 5, 2017	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting (Proposed Budget Hearing & Deliberations)
Tuesday, September 19, 2017	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 3, 2017	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 17, 2017	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 7, 2017	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 21, 2017	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 5, 2017	6:00 P.M. Town Hall Meeting
Tuesday, December 12, 2017	6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

Each of the above meetings shall be held at the specified time in the Town Hall Room of the Meridian Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan (517) 853-4000, unless changed and noticed in accordance with MCL 15.265.

A summary of this resolution stating date, place, and time shall be posted in the Meridian Municipal Building within ten (10) days after the first regularly scheduled meeting of the year in accordance with MCL 15.265.

Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.

Board discussion:

- Concern there be continuity in place from the current Board to the new Board
- Preference for the new Board to vote on the schedule
- Schedule can be adopted this evening and be amended by the future Board if they so desire

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustee Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff, Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Conditional Discharge of Mortgages at 5868 and 5870 Shaw Street

Treasurer Brixie moved to approve discharging the Rental Property Rehabilitation Program Mortgage from 5868 Shaw Street, Haslett, MI 48840, parcel #33-02-02-10-279-012 and 5870 Shaw Street, Haslett, MI 48840, parcel #33-02-02-10-279-011 conditioned on the receipt of \$1,196.88 owed to the Township. Seconded by Trustee Wilson.

Board discussion:

- Program in the 1980s and 1990s designed to improve the quality of rental housing stock
- Explanation of how the program worked
- One of the rental properties burned down before the time period expired and the owner demolished the remains
- People who owned the property have passed away and the property is being sold
- Inquiry as to why the Board is acting on it now instead of after the money is received
- Buyer of the property has already had to cancel one closing and desires to close on the property as soon as possible
- Dollar amount will be incorporated into the purchaser's closing

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY COMMENT: Just as a point of information. Typically with the closing it won't be scheduled until, in a situation like this, the municipality has authorized the discharge of the mortgage. The title company will have that as part of their closing checklist to make sure everything is in order before they then get a closing date. We really need to do this so we have authorized the discharge of the mortgage once the condition's been met. Typically, the title company will have a separate check cut for our "piece" that will be delivered to us at closing. That's the normal practice.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustee Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

13. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS (None)

14. FINAL PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor LeGoff opened Public Remarks.

Neil Bowlby, 6020 Beechwood Drive, Haslett, addressed state campaign finance law prohibition regarding transferring money from one candidate committee to another candidate committee, except up to \$100 for a fundraiser ticket. He noted one way around this law is to hire someone to perform a service, pay them and have the other candidate place the funds into their campaign. Mr. Bowlby reviewed a transaction dated August 25th where the Committee to Elect Julie Brixie hired Dan Opsommer to do consulting work and paid him \$1,000 for his services and then on August 26th Dan Opsommer made a \$1,000 loan from his personal account into his campaign. He believed this transaction has the appearance of circumventing the law relative to moving money from one campaign committee to another. Mr. Bowlby believed Erik Lindquist to be the best candidate for Township Treasurer on the issues of integrity, experience, investment skills and knowledge and urged residents to vote for him. He reminded voters that even if they vote a straight party ticket, they can split their ticket and vote for Erik.

Ann Alchin, 5972 Cypress, Haslett, questioned who is in charge during Board meetings. She spoke to the duties of the Supervisor. Ms. Alchin suggested a copy of Robert's Rules of Order be purchased for each Board member and they be "tested" on it. She hoped Treasurer Brixie would have a response concerning the payment from her campaign committee to Dan Opsommer for consulting services. Ms. Alchin urged voters to bring order back to the Township Board and elect Erik Lindquist for Township Treasurer.

Erik Lindquist, 4436 Copperhill Drive, Okemos, stressed how important education and experience are in a position on the Township Board. He addressed the Certified Professional Investment Funds Manager (CPIFM) certification of his opponent and the Certified Fraud Examiners (CFE) certification held by him. Mr. Lindquist stated the CFE certification requires academic credential and years of experience in the fraud, accounting or law enforcement profession and completion of a ten (10) hour exam, with continuing professional education credits. He noted his opponent holds a CPIFM, which involves an eight (8) hour seminar with a 75 question exam and no apparent continuing education. Mr. Lindquist requested citizens do their homework and compare the levels of certification, experience and education held by his opponent and himself when casting their vote for Township Treasurer.

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett, requested the 2017 Board Meeting Schedule be available to the public in other ways than just recorded in the minutes. He asked that copies be placed in the vestibule of the Municipal Building, placed on the home page and the Clerk's Office portion of the township website. Mr. Provencher voiced his support for Ron Styka as Supervisor, Brett Dreyfus for reelection to the Clerk position and Erik Lindquist as Township Treasurer.

Aaron Richmond, 1424 Biscayne, Haslett, spoke in support of public transportation and CATA, but believed there are glaring problems with the proposed BRT relative to planning, implementation, long term viability and vision. He voiced his opposition to the reduction in stops and lack of contingency planning for the remaining 20% funding and maintenance. Mr. Richmond noted concern with the narrowing of lanes and elimination of turn signals relative to cyclists. He addressed transit priority signaling as it effects north-south traffic intersections. Mr. Richmond indicated his preference for a multi-phase comprehensive system overhaul of the Lansing area as a whole. He stated his preference for a light-rail system in lieu of bus use. Mr. Richmond urged the Board to work with CATA to implement a mutually beneficial plan.

Brent Forsberg, 2422 Jolly Road, Okemos, thanked the Board and staff for work over the last three (3) years to make Okemos Pointe, a community based project, a reality.

Supervisor LeGoff closed Public Remarks.

15. FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Trustee Veenstra inquired about a response to his request made during the last meeting regarding who paid for the CATA bus, as he was concerned that CATA used taxpayer funds to bus people to that Board meeting to speak on behalf of CATA and its BRT. He alleged Treasurer Brixie, the Township's CATA Board member, did not answer that question. He asked if the riders paid their fares or if CATA provided the transportation free of charge.

Treasurer Brixie responded by stating the report she supplied clearly stated there had been a mechanical problem with the bus used as it was previously a Redi-Ride bus until 5:00 P.M. that day. She stated it changed to a SpecTran run, but the signage showed Redi-Ride, adding that at the conclusion of business that day, the bus was taken to the garage for repair to the signage system.

Trustee Scales clarified earlier statements made about the Okemos Pointe Brownfield by indicating the property owner cleaned up contamination on the site according to the standards required at that time, circa 1960s. He pointed out the Resource Conversation Recovery Act (RCRA), which governs the disposal of solid and hazardous waste, was not enacted until 1974, and the Clean Water Act was not enacted until 1976. Trustee Scales indicated one of the reasons why brownfield redevelopment opportunities were implemented is because of the significant contamination in the state and nation which existed for many years and the sites would be too expensive to clean up without assistance.

Trustee Veenstra spoke to the sanctity of the secret ballot and prohibition against vote buying.

Treasurer Brixie urged residents who expressed concerns over her campaign finance report to contact her at her campaign email address.

Township Manager Walsh pointed to his memo contained in the Board packet relative to supplemental information provided on the Okemos Pointe Brownfield in response to a Board member inquiry at the last Board meeting concerning adequate pass-through funding for police and fire services over the next 12 years.

Trustee Veenstra voiced his disagreement with the Manager's response.

16. CLOSED SESSION – Contract Negotiations

Clerk Dreyfus moved that the Board enter into a closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiation of our collective bargaining agreements. Seconded by Trustee Scales.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustee Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor LeGoff recessed the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

The Board adjourned to the upstairs conference room for a closed session.

Treasurer Brixie moved to return to open session. Seconded by Trustee Wilson.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor LeGoff reconvened the meeting at 9:16 P.M.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Styka moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Wilson.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor LeGoff adjourned the meeting at 9:20 P.M.

ELIZABETH LEGOFF
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

BRETT DREYFUS, CMMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Sandra K. Otto, Secretary