

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED** -  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198  
853-4000, Town Hall Room  
TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2014 **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor LeGoff, Clerk Dreyfus (6:01 P.M.), Treasurer Brixie, Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra (6:02 P.M.), Wilson

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Township Manager Frank Walsh, Director of Community Planning & Development Mark Kieselbach, Director of Public Works and Engineering Ray Severy, Police Chief David Hall, Fire Chief Fred Cowper, Director of Finance Gretchen Gomolka

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. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A. William Anderson, Ph.D. - Carriage Hills Shopping Center Revitalization Project Update  
William Anderson, 2910 Crestwood Drive, East Lansing, updated the Board on the efforts of the public/private partnership to revitalize the Carriage Hills Shopping Center. He gave a brief history of the project to date, noting one of the next steps in the process is to consult with shopping center revitalization experts.

Board discussion:

- DTN is the management company for Carriage Hills and one of the partners
- Goodrich store will be closing at the end of July and it appears the owners are not interested in relocating to the Carriage Hills Shopping Center
- Horrocks has been contacted as to its interest, but their desire is to own the building

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor LeGoff opened Public Remarks.

Rx Harrington, 820 Piper Road, Haslett, addressed the police forfeiture agreement the Township has with Bodwin & Associates.

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett, expressed appreciation for the Memorial Day services held by the American Legion and the services held by the Township at Glendale Cemetery.

Vance Kincaid, 4530 Nakoma Drive, Okemos, spoke to what he alleged to be “irresponsibility” relative to the Okemos Road Streetlight project. He believed the maintenance and increased electrical costs for the 100 streetlights, as well as removal of the old streetlights, have not been budgeted by the Township. Mr. Kincaid stated the roads should be a Township priority over this streetlight project.

Supervisor LeGoff closed Public Remarks.

6. TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT

Township Manager reported as follows:

- Brush pickup program has been completed
- New central fire station is scheduled to break ground on July 22<sup>nd</sup>
- The Vegetation Committee will meet next week to discuss the proposed ordinance for removal of trees and vegetation by utility companies

7. BOARD COMMENTS & REPORTS

Clerk Dreyfus gave a detailed report on the Memorial Day Service he led at the Glendale Cemetery, with 130 residents signaling a trend of increased annual attendance. He stated the Clerk’s Office mailed out 3,600 absentee voter applications for the upcoming gubernatorial election last week and approximately 1,000 letters were mailed to voters in Precinct 12 announcing Wardcliff School is once again their polling location. Clerk Dreyfus added 200 letters were sent to prospective election workers for the upcoming primary election. He announced the Clerk’s Office received a grant from the State of Michigan to upgrade hardware for the Qualified Voter File (QVF) system.

Treasurer Brixie reported the Treasurer’s Office mailed annual special assessments over the weekend. She noted that although sidewalk special assessments allow for a payment plan, residents can pay those assessment in full with one payment.

Trustee Styka reminded residents the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM until noon at the Central Park pond and the Celebrate Downtown Okemos will be held on June 14<sup>th</sup>. As the Board’s cable liaison, he reported his participation in a webinar on the proposed Comcast/Time Warner merger, noting Michigan would be serviced by a newly formed company created by the merger. He expressed several concerns with the effect of the merger on HOMTV.

Trustee Veenstra clarified for the public that approximately two-thirds (2/3) of the funding for the Okemos Road Streetlight Project came from a grant and the remainder from the Township’s general fund. He addressed public comment regarding forfeiture and expressed his continued concern with the Township’s policy for collection of forfeiture fees prior to conviction. Trustee Veenstra asked several questions about the QVF and received clarification by Clerk Dreyfus.

8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Treasurer Brixie moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Wilson.**

**The seconder offered the following amendment:**

- **Add Agenda Item #12D: Letter of Support for Tri-County Region’s “Innovation in Regional Planning” Award Nomination**

**Seconded by the maker of the main motion.**

Board discussion:

- Deadline for submission of the letter of support is June 6, 2014

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

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

MOTION: NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor LeGoff reviewed the consent agenda.

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

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

NAYS: None  
 Motion carried unanimously.

A. Communications

(1) Board Information (BI)

BI-1 John P. Gardner, Senior Manager, External Affairs, Comcast, Heartland Region, 1401 E. Miller Road, Lansing; RE: Channel changes effective June 30, 2014

(2) Commission Linkage (CL)

CL-1 Todd Wilson, Park Commission Chair; Re: Park Commissioner resignation and open seat on the Park Commission

(3) On File in the Clerk's Office

Material handed out at the May 20, 2014 Meeting

Neil Bowlby, 6020 Beechwood Drive, Haslett; RE: Information on utility line clearing and construction of subsequent brush piles for wildlife habitat

**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 Styka.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees 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 May 20, 2014 Regular Meeting as amended. Seconded by Trustee Styka.**

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

NAYS: None  
 Motion carried unanimously.

C. Bills

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

Common Cash	\$ 358,685.38
Public Works	\$ 70,386.72
Total Checks	\$ 429,072.10
Credit Card Transactions	\$ 7,565.78
Total Purchases	<u>\$ 436,637.88</u>
ACH Payments	<u>\$ 408,931.32</u>

**Seconded by Trustee Styka.**

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

NAYS: None  
 Motion carried unanimously.

(Bill list in Official Minute Book)

D. Ratification of Police Officer Appointments

**Treasurer Brixie moved to ratify the appointments of Taylor Comiskey, David Gubry and Bryan LeRoy to the position of police officer contingent upon successful completion of those items stipulated in the conditional offer of employment. Seconded by Trustee Styka.**

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

- E. Ratification of Part-Time Paramedic/Firefighter Appointment  
**Treasurer Brixie moved to ratify the appointment of Daniel Ackles to the position of part-time paramedic/firefighter pending completion of a successful background investigation and physical examination. Seconded by Trustee Styka.**

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

- F. Fire Department Promotions – Battalion Chief, Captain, Lieutenant, and Full-Time Firefighter  
**Treasurer Brixie moved to authorize the Fire Department to promote Captain Mark Vroman to the rank of Battalion Chief, Lieutenant Kin Phinney to the rank of Captain, Firefighter Bill Richardson to the rank of Lieutenant, and Samantha Weber to full-time firefighter. Seconded by Trustee Styka.**

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

- G. Resolution for Charitable Gaming License – Greater Lansing Amateur Hockey Association  
**Treasurer Brixie moved to approve the charitable gaming license for Greater Lansing Amateur Hockey Association. Seconded by Trustee Styka.**

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

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

11. HEARINGS

A. Review the State Revolving Fund Draft Project Plan

Supervisor LeGoff opened the public hearing at 6:44 P.M.

Jeff Brown, Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc., 5913 Executive Drive, Suite 100, Lansing, gave a Powerpoint presentation on the State Revolving Fund Draft Project Plan review of Meridian Township's inflow and infiltration (I & I) issues within its sanitary sewer collection system. He stated the study identified three areas which did not meet Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) acceptable capacity: The Towar, Birchwood and a small stretch at the main discharge through Michigan State University into East Lansing.

- Board discussion:  
Clerk Dreyfus requested a definition for “under capacity” and “lateral” mentioned during the presentation for the Towar area.

Mr. Brown referenced the graph shown earlier where flows in the system increased when it rained and indicated a simulation is made for standards (e.g., 4" rain) set by MDEQ. He stated, essentially, the current system can't pump the water out as fast as it is coming in. Mr. Brown explained a "lateral" is a smaller pipe which comes from a home and connects down into the sewer, noting a leaky sanitary lateral can also take in rain water.

Trustee Veenstra requested an explanation as to how a manhole can develop leakage.

Mr. Brown responded that when sewer systems were first developed and installed, the regulations were different and infiltration was not a primary concern. He indicated gaskets are now installed to prevent water leaking between the joints, but were not set during original installation. Mr. Brown also added that many of them were made out of brick and the mortar has deteriorated over the years, allowing leakage along with leakage in the area of the casting.

Trustee Veenstra inquired as to methods which can be used to correct leakage.

Mr. Brown stated the correction varies with the different types, noting Towar Gardens had many deteriorated castings near the top of the manholes, which would need to be rebuilt with modern construction methods. He added if there is a defective manhole, modern methods of coating from the inside can be employed, which would prevent the need to enter into the expensive process of digging up a manhole.

Trustee Veenstra requested an explanation regarding the hydraulic grade issue at the upstream end of the interceptor to MSU.

Mr. Brown explained the hydraulic grade is the level at which the sewer surcharges.

Treasurer Brixie requested an explanation for the public as to why reduction of I & I is so important to water treatment systems.

Mr. Brown stated the Clean Water Act of the 1970's made it illegal to discharge sewer into rivers and, as a result, many wastewater treatment plants were built with available federal funding. He noted once federal funding was depleted, the loan program was created. Mr. Brown indicated all wastewater treatment plants are biological in nature so large fluctuations are "hard" for the treatment plants, and this program helps communities pay to reduce discharges into the river which impacts water quality.

Treasurer Brixie inquired as to the criteria used to prioritize the five identified projects on the completion schedule.

Mr. Brown stated prioritization was determined based on the area's impact on the system: Towar Gardens was selected for year 1 because of its outdated pump station and year 2 and 3 because of its high I & I level, the Birchwood area for work in year 4 and extension of the force main to limit surcharging and keep pump stations in compliance for year 5.

Trustee Scales inquired as to how noise and air pollution would be mitigated during these projects.

Mr. Brown responded the trenchless process would help eliminate some noise as there is less machinery which would be used, adding some air pollution would result from construction vehicles.

Trustee Veenstra inquired if the approximate \$1 million cost would be funded from sewer system users.

Mr. Brown responded in the affirmative.

Trustee Veenstra noted the calculated increase in sewage rates would be approximately 6%.

Trustee Veenstra stated the Township pays for sewage treatment and inquired of the estimated savings when infiltration is reduced.

Mr. Brown responded those numbers were not calculated as the reduction would be rainfall dependent, noting it to be relatively minor.

- **Public**

Vance Kincaid, 4530 Nakoma Drive, Okemos, acknowledged repairs of the system as a priority, but expressed concern with the rate increase (6%) which will result from them. He requested cost differentials be provided to determine the estimated amount of savings which could be passed on to users. Mr. Kincaid acknowledged information indicated 90% of the study was funded through a grant, and inquired where the remaining 10% was obtained, requesting a total dollar figure.

Mr. Brown responded the total available to the community was a \$1 million grant. He added the Township applied for the full \$1 million, which required a \$100,000 match from the sewer fund.

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett, suggested funds from an approximate \$5 million surplus be used to finance the suggested repairs.

Trustee Veenstra explained the \$1 million would come from the sewer fund, not the tax fund, but create an approximate 6% increase in sewer rates. He requested a detailed list of the \$1 million cost, stating he could not support these projects until this information was provided. Trustee Veenstra believed if this item had been better identified on tonight's agenda, more residents may have attended the meeting.

Trustee Scales asked Mr. Brown to respond to a statement in the staff memorandum indicating copies of the draft project plan have been available for review in the Clerk's Office since May 5, 2014.

Mr. Brown explained one of the requirements of the State Revolving Fund (SRF) is publication of a notice in the local paper identifying the project cost, the details of the project, the proposed rate increase and a draft project plan available for public review.

Supervisor LeGoff closed the public hearing at 7:20 P.M.

## 12. ACTION ITEMS

Supervisor LeGoff opened Public Remarks.

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett, expressed concern with some of the definitions contained in the Snow Emergency Parking Ordinance. He believed a better method of communicating information to the public regarding the snow emergency is to have cadets drive through the Township and flag every non-compliant vehicle. Mr. Provencher requested the fine structure either be included in the ordinance or, if identified in another part of the Township's Code of Ordinances, reference be made to that specific section.

Supervisor LeGoff closed Public Remarks.

A. Second Quarter Budget Amendments

**Treasurer Brixie moved to approve the 2014 Second Quarter Budget Amendments with a decrease in budgeted fund balance for the General Fund in the amount of \$378,130 which projects a use of Fund Balance of \$707,153. The projected Fund Balance at December 31, 2014 is \$6,136,882.**

**Seconded by Trustee Scales.**

**The maker offered the following amendment:**

- **The General Fund forgives the remaining \$240,000 due from the Local Roads Fund, which will reduce the nonspendable fund balance to zero. The total projected fund balance at December 31, 2014 would be \$5,896,882.**

**Seconded by Trustee Wilson.**

Board and staff discussion:

- “Dismal” road infrastructure is costing residents additional money in terms of increased gas costs and car repairs
- Current condition of the road infrastructure is hurting the Township in its ability to attract people to and and retain people within the community
- Problem is not going to “go away”
- Board member belief the proposed amendment has “nothing” to do with fixing roads and is unnecessary at this time
- Proposed amendment would only affect future years as this year’s \$80,000 has already been factored in
- Situation can be handled on a yearly basis
- Concern with the Board continuing to “kick the can down the road” each year
- This action does not change the “spendable” fund balance as the Township has already paid the \$240,000
- First year road millage collection was approximately \$425,000
- During the first year of road millage, the sitting Township Board voted to approximately double the amount of money for a bigger impact on repairs
- Debt elimination plan created last year was a state requirement to eliminate the deficit over a five (5) year period
- The Township has made only one \$80,000 payment to date
- Repayment of the \$240,000 would reduce funds in the local road fund available for future years
- Board member belief that although it made “sense” at that time for the previous Board to designate these funds from the fund balance to fix the roads, it did not make “sense” to borrow it
- Projected Fund Balance at 12/31/14 of \$6,136,882 includes the \$240,000 debt from the Local Road Fund to the General Fund
- Amendment would not change the spendable unassigned Fund Balance, but remove nonspendable funds of \$240,000 from one side of the debit/credit entry and remove the asset from the balance sheet

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff, Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus  
 NAYS: Trustee Veenstra  
 Motion carried 6-1.

Continued Board discussion:

- \$50,000 for the conversion of a portion of the Service Center into a temporary fire station is contained in the General Fund Capital Outlay





**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Charter Township of Meridian is directed to publish the Ordinance at least once prior to the next regular meeting of the Township Board.**

**Seconded by Trustee Styka.**

Board and staff discussion:

- Proposed ordinance would allow for declaration of a snow emergency and road clearing
- Rationale for the Police Chief declaring the snow emergency as it is a public safety issue
- Definition of motor vehicle is taken from the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code
- Concern with the six (6) hour time frame given in Section 58.49 (a)(1) for state trunk lines and primary streets
- Examples of primary v. local streets
- Okemos Road, Marsh Road, Haslett Road and Central Park Drive are examples of primary street
- Zoning ordinance reference for these roads as arterial, but for road purposes, the County refers to them as primary roads
- Local roads would be subdivision streets and all other streets not designated as primary
- Cornell Road, Van Atta Road and Powell Road are examples of local roads
- Effective means of communication to the public in the event of a widespread power failure
- Trust in the Township’s Police Chief and his staff to take reasonable steps to publicize the snow emergency
- Proposed ordinance language is commonly used throughout the state

**Without objection, the following changes were made to the text of the ordinance:**

- Delete the word “their” in the definition of Police Chief contained in Sec. 58-47
- Delete the comma after “Chief” in Sections 58-48(a) and Section 58-48(c)

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

- C. Rezoning #14030 (Fedewa), Request to Rezone Approximately 5.2 Acres from RR (Rural Residential) to C-2 (Commercial) Located on Saginaw Highway, **Final Adoption**  
**Trustee Scales moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby FINALLY ADOPTS Ordinance No. 2014-01, entitled “Ordinance Amending the Zoning District Map of Meridian Township Pursuant to Rezoning Petition #14030” RR (Rural Residential) to C-2 (Commercial).**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Charter Township of Meridian is directed to publish the Ordinance in the form in which it is finally adopted at least once prior to the next regular meeting of the Township Board.**

**Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.**

Board discussion:

- Proposed rezoning has been before the Board for several meetings
- Public has not weighed in on this topic to any significant degree
- Concern with allowing this stretch of Saginaw Highway “lined with stores” is an unwanted form of sprawl
- Concern with the danger which will be allowed by the use of directional crossovers on Saginaw Highway
- Corollary issue that adjacent Land Preservation properties should be examined for their underlying zoning

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff, Treasurer  
Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus  
NAYS: Trustee Veenstra  
Motion carried 6-1.

- D. Letter of Support for Tri-County “Innovation in Regional Planning” Award  
**Trustee Wilson moved to approve the letter of support to nominate the Tri-County Region’s Capitol Corridor Plan for 2014 Planning Award in the category of “Innovation in Regional Planning.” Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.**

Board discussion:

- Involvement in the charette process by the Board, multiple communities, residents and business owners
- Positive community response to the long-range planning process focusing on the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) proposal for the Grand River/Michigan Avenue corridor
- BRT will allow the community to move away from a car oriented society and shift to transit oriented design for a more walkable community
- Support is premature when the Township has not adopted either a Capitol Corridor Plan or a BRT Plan
- Award is for the process used in development of Tri-County Region’s Capitol Corridor Plan

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff, Treasurer  
Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus  
NAYS: Trustee Veenstra  
Motion carried 6-1.

### 13. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

Supervisor LeGoff opened and closed Public Remarks.

- A. Review the State Revolving Fund Draft Project Plan

Board and staff discussion:

- Estimated rate increase of 5.5% will not be reduced once the \$1 million is spent as the sewer fund will need a Capital Improvement Project every year
- Township uses a rate model prepared by a consultant several years ago
- Significant number of private sump pumps emptying into the sanitary sewers in the Towar area are illegal connections
- Property owner is required to pay for corrective measures and if grouped as part of one job, the home owner will pay less
- Township is hoping to be awarded a Sewer, Asset Management and Wastewater (SAW) grant in October, 2014 to be used for further studies of the sewer system to ascertain needed improvements
- Board recognition of the importance of a proper functioning sewer system
- Excess I & I from rain water can create an over capacity situation at the East Lansing wastewater treatment plant and require expansion
- Project will allow the wastewater treatment plant to function without expansion
- Township has been making consistent upgrades to the older parts of the system which decreased the flow to the wastewater treatment plant
- In the big picture, the rate increase is small but reaps big benefits through improved function of the sewer system
- Reminder to the public there are copies of the State Revolving Fund Draft Project Plan available in the Clerk’s Office
- This infrastructure project is an example of the cost of development
- Each approved development in the Township has long-term liability through the cost of infrastructure maintenance and repair
- An Urban Services Management Area (USMA) is cost effective to the community as it concentrates infrastructure in a concentrated area which keeps infrastructure costs down
- SAW grant would allow an asset management plan to be compiled for the Township’s sewer system which would designate prioritization of needed improvements and maintenance

- SAW grant would be for \$2 million (first \$1 million requires a 10% match and the remaining \$1 million requires a 25% match), making the total project approximately \$2.4 million
- SRF Grant required the Township to complete the first year of projects or pay back the \$1 million
- SAW Grant is not similarly conditioned like the SRF Grant
- Request for a two page summary on the State Revolving Fund Draft Project Plan in order for the summary to be contained in the on-line packet for public awareness

**It was the consensus of the Board to place this item on for action at the June 17, 2014 Board meeting.**

B. Tax Foreclosed Properties

Township Manager Walsh summarized the Township staff's position on the listed tax foreclosed properties, indicating the Township has no desire in acquiring any of the properties and no further action is required.

14. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor LeGoff opened Public Remarks.

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett, expressed appreciation for the process used for the Michigan Avenue/Grand River Avenue Corridor study. He offered several points in opposition to the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project and requested Meridian Township's current representative sitting on Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA)'s Board of Directors be removed.

Vance Kincaid, 4530 Nakoma Drive, Okemos, addressed the necessity of fixing the sewer infrastructure. He spoke to the amount of money borrowed to receive the matching grant for installation of the Okemos Road Streetlight Project. Mr. Kincaid requested more discussion of legal fees within the Board packets.

Supervisor LeGoff closed Public Remarks.

15. FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Trustee Veenstra inquired if the Township had borrowed money for the Okemos Road Streetlight Project.

Mr. Severy responded the Township's share of the Okemos Road Streetlight Project was approximately \$100,000 with those funds coming out of the General Fund.

Trustee Wilson reported her attendance at Lansing Economic Area Partnership's (LEAP) quarterly Board meeting today and will provide a summary for Board members in the near future. She noted one of the presentations dealt with preparation by LEAP for the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB), marketing the Lansing region as the next incubation center. Trustee Wilson addressed the need for Meridian Township to plan now for creating the community where FRIB and ancillary business employees will want to locate. She indicated LEAP sponsored an incubation bus tour and Meridian Township's Meridian Asset Resource Center (MARC) was one of the stops. Trustee Wilson encouraged any resident interested in starting a business to visit the MARC for information and assistance.

Trustee Brixie suggested the Board consider deferring their comments for Final Board Member Comment at the end of the meeting to help facilitate the agenda items in a more timely fashion. She indicated feedback has been received through the Economic Development Corporation's (EDC) Outreach Committee relative to the "friendliness" of the Board meetings, and the length of the meetings have been a recurring topic.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor LeGoff adjourned the meeting at 8:50 P.M.

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ELIZABETH LEGOFF  
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

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BRETT DREYFUS  
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Sandra K. Otto, Secretary