

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
SPECIAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING - **APPROVED** -  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198  
853-4000, Town Hall Room  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2007, **9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting, Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra  
ABSENT: Trustee Woiwode  
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Attorney Andria Ditschman

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the meeting to order at 9:08 A.M.

2. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

Judy Kindel, 2915 Margate Lane, East Lansing, expressed her concern for global warming and desire to have the Township work toward greater energy efficiency. She noted her belief this goal could be inserted as part of the strategy for 1.1 (4) in the Township's Policy Governance Manual. Ms. Kindel provided the Supervisor with a copy of "everyday strategies for energy efficiency".

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

3. DISCUSSION OF BOARD POLICY & GOVERNANCE MODEL

A. Ethics: Andria Ditschman, Hubbard Fox Law Firm

Attorney Ditschman provided Board members with an overview of commonly referenced ethic questions, allowing for questions and answers throughout her presentation. A summary of her presentation will be provided to Board members at a later date .

B. Policy Governance: Eric Cramer, Growth Management Consulting

Eric Cramer provided Board members handouts for his slideshow entitled: *Policy Governance Concept Review*, flow chart for discussion regarding *Board Monitoring-Self Evaluation Process* and a handout reviewing *The Ten Principles Proposed in the Carver Policy Governance Model* (as interpreted by this consultant).

[Clerk Helmbrecht left the room at 11:25 A.M.]

Board members and staff discussed the following suggested additions, deletions and changes to the current Policy Governance Policy Manual:

- Policy 1.1.1 - Insert "Preserving, maintaining, and/or acquiring" before "Natural"
- Policy 1.1.1 (a.) - Delete "and proper"
- Policy 1.1.1 (a i.) - Change Education to "Educate" and remove the word "of" after educate.
- Policy 1.1 (b) - After "Increase" remove the words "the amount of"
- Policy 1.1.2. - Insert "Preserving, maintaining, and acquiring" before Green and remove "unpaved"
- Policy 1.1.3 - Add "of the township" before "including", remove "preserved", and add "community gardens" before "and wood lots."
- Policy 1.1.4- Add "Improving and expanding" before "Increased" and delete "Increased"
- Policy 1.1.5 - Add "Preserving" before "Clean" and delete "safe"
- Policy 1.3.3 - Add c. "Encourage Mixed Use Planned Development zoning for redevelopment"

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

John Anderson, 215 Newman Road, Okemos, provided Board members with a review of his beliefs regarding the state of the Township.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy adjourned the meeting at 12:45 P.M.

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SUSAN MCGILLICUDDY  
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

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MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT  
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Sandra K. Otto, Secretary