

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR TOWN HALL MEETING - **APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
349-1200, Town Hall Room
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2006, **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting, Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development Mark Kieselbach, Director of Engineering & Public Works Ray Severy, Personnel Director/Assistant Manager Paul Brake

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor McGillicuddy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the roll of the Board.

4. REPORTS/BOARD COMMENT/NEW WORRIES

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA — OR CHANGES

Trustee Such moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Brixie.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-1 (Veenstra).

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor McGillicuddy reviewed the consent agenda.

Trustee Brixie moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Trustee Such.

Trustee Veenstra offered the following friendly amendment to Agenda Item #6E:

- **Amend the motion by adding the following language at the end to read “with appropriate setback requirements”**

The maker did not accept the amendment.

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The amendment to the main motion was not seconded.

The adopted Consent Agenda items are as follow:

A. Communications

(1). Board Information (BI)

BI-1 Hope Borbas Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos; RE: Program Guide for August, 2006

(2). Staff Communication/Referral (SC)

SC-1 Gerald Richards, Township Manager; RE: Memorandum and Resolution from the Mason City Council relative to its position on the Capital Area District Library Extended Millage and Additional Millage Question

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- SC-2 Memorandum from Cindy Cummings, Police Records Supervisor; RE: Current list of licensed vendors and non-licensed persons or nonprofit organizations engaged in soliciting or canvassing dated July 17, 2006
- SC-3 Mark Kieselbach, Director of Community Planning and Development; RE: Commissioner Review #06133 (Township Board), Applegate/Towner Road, east of 1997 Towner
- SC-4 Mark Kieselbach, Director of Community Planning and Development; RE: Commissioner Review #06123 (Township Board), Applegate Gold Driving Range and School
- SC-5 Michigan Townships Association Legislative E-Report, July 14, 2006 Edition
- SC-6 Michigan Townships Association Legislative E-Report, July 21, 2006 Edition

Trustee 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 Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: Trustee Veenstra
Motion carried 6-1.

B. Minutes

Trustee Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the July 18, 2006 Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: Trustee Veenstra
Motion carried 6-1.

C. Bills

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

Common Cash	\$ 529,595.41
Public Works	\$ 147,847.53
Total Checks	\$ 677,442.94
Credit Card Transactions	\$ 14,530.68
Total Purchases	<u>\$ 691,973.62</u>
ACH Payments	<u>\$ 445,013.69</u>

Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: Trustee Veenstra
Motion carried 6-1.

[Bill list in Official Minute Book]

D. Ratify Fire Fighter Appointment

Trustee Brixie moved the ratification of Jeremy Hagerman to the position of paramedic/firefighter contingent upon successful completion of those items stipulated in the conditional offer of employment. Seconded by Trustee Such.

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ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: Trustee Veenstra
Motion carried 6-1.

- E. Township Board Request to the Planning Commission to allow Mixed Use Planned Unit Development in C1 (Commercial District)

Trustee Brixie moved to request the Planning Commission initiate a zoning amendment to Section 86-440 of the Code of Ordinances to permit a mixed use planned unit development in the C-1 (Commercial) zoning district. Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: Trustee Veenstra
Motion carried 6-1.

- F. Township Board Request to the Planning Commission to allow Bed & Breakfast use in Residential and Commercial Zones as a Special Use

Trustee Brixie moved to request the Planning Commission initiate a zoning amendment to Section 86-403 C-1 (Commercial) district, Section 86-404 C-2 (Commercial) district, Section 86-405 C-3 (Commercial) district, and Section 86-654 Nonresidential structures and uses in residential districts of the Code of Ordinances to permit by special use permit a bed and breakfast. The Planning Commission is further instructed to determine if any additional standards or requirements specific to a bed and breakfast need to be added to the Code of Ordinances to ensure a bed and breakfast is a compatible use in the designated zoning district. Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: Trustee Veenstra
Motion carried 6-1.

7. TOWNSHIP HALL MEETING

- A. Linking with our Community – An Open Dialogue
Supervisor McGillicuddy opened the Town Hall Meeting.

Dianne Holman, Ingham County Commissioner for the northern portion of Meridian Township, 4681 Van Atta Road, Okemos, discussed the following items:

- Her interest in public comment from other Town Hall meeting attendees
- Her interest in hearing how the county can work with the Township on mutual projects and promote community character and improvement through “sustaining communication”
- Three year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) comes from the 25 year overall Tri-County Regional Planning Commission Transportation Plan
- Public interaction with her to promote ideas
- A community approach to the entire Okemos Road Corridor
- North Okemos Road as a large and complicated project

John Anderson, 215 W. Newman Road, Okemos, discussed the following items:

- Alleged continued decline in the Township’s fund balance
- Township affordability of the Okemos Road Median Project
- Potential plans for the property owned by the Township west of Meridian Mall which is zoned multiple family
- Alleged conflict in the Mixed Use Planned Unit Development Ordinance
- Possible expansion of the Haslett Library
- Alleged over commercialization in the Township has led to a decline in property values

Leonard Provenchur, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett, discussed the following items:

- Alleged poor announcement process regarding the Town Hall Meeting

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- Board concentration on infrastructure prior to development
- Board action does not lend itself to a smart growth pattern
- Disappointment with alleged poor representation of the community's interests by Township representatives concerning the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission's Transportation Plan
- Change in language from aesthetic to enhancement for the Okemos Road Median Project
- Range of reports on the Township's website

Richard Harrington, 820 Piper Road, Haslett, discussed the following items:

- Objection to the look of the eagle icon at the north entrance of the Meridian Municipal Building
- Desire for two percent (2%) of the Township's budget be earmarked for the arts

Supervisor McGillicuddy requested Township Manager Richards clarify inaccuracies stated during public comment.

8. FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Township Manager Richards announced advanced copies of the Meridian Monitor and additional copies of the 2006 edition of the *Meridian Community Volunteer Guide* were available to the public at the meeting.

Trustee Veenstra announced some members of the Board will be meeting with the Ingham County Road Commission at a meeting to be held on August 3, 2006 at the Road Commission offices in Mason. Trustee Veenstra felt this might be the proper forum to bring up issues such as the timing of the North Okemos Road project. He indicated he would place the highest priority on spending road funds to repave some of our existing roads where the pavement is in such poor condition that they are problematic for bicyclists.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy adjourned the meeting at 6:47 P.M.

SUSAN McGILLICUDDY
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Sandra K. Otto, Secretary