

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
349-1200, Town Hall Room
THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2003, **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting, Trustees Brixie, Such, Woiwode
ABSENT: Trustee Stier
STAFF: Township Director of Community Planning & Development Mark Kieselbach, Director of Engineering & Public Works Ray Severy, EMS/Fire Chief Fred Cowper, Director of Parks & Recreation LuAnn Maisner

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor McGillicuddy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the roll of the Board.

4. REPORTS/BOARD COMMENT/NEW WORRIES

A. Election Report

The August 5, 2003 renewal and expansion of the CADL millage for libraries experienced a 21.5% voter turnout and passed 55%-45%; the Meridian Township library bond proposal failed 45%-55%.

The State of Michigan is in the process of ordering all new voting equipment statewide. Deputy Clerk Horvath and Clerk Helmbrecht are scheduled to meet with Ingham County Clerk Mike Bryanton mid-September to discuss the needs of Meridian Township regarding new voting machines. Once the new voting machines have been acquired, demonstrations will be held in various locations throughout the township to allow citizens the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the new system prior to the first election in which the new equipment is used.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - OR CHANGES

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

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-0.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor McGillicuddy reviewed the consent agenda.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting

NAYS: None

Motion carried 6-0.

The adopted Consent Agenda items are as follow:

A. Communications

(1). Board Information (BI)

BI-1 Stacy Hickox, 4291 Indian Glen Drive, Okemos; RE: E-mail in support of a Board resolution against the USA Patriot Act

BI-2 Irvin Kebler, 3590 Fairhills Drive, Okemos; RE: E-mail expressing condolences for

the loss of employee Capital Paul Cassidy

BI-3 *Michigan Municipal Review* June, 2003 Article: Wind turbine generators

(2) Regional Linkage (RL)

RL-1 Jim Ruff, Director, City of Lansing, Department of Planning and Neighborhood Development, 316 N. Capitol Avenue, Suite D-1, Lansing; RE: Update on the Governor's Collection development project

RL-2 Michael Gregg, Chair, Remy Chandler Intercounty Drain Drainage Board, Department of Agriculture, Constitution Hall, PO Box 30017, Lansing; RE: Notice of Meeting to Hear Objections to Apportionment of Cost

RL-3 Ingham County Road Commission, 301 Bush Street, PO Box 38, Mason; RE: Condolences for the loss of employee Capital Paul Cassidy

RL-4 Patrick E. Lindemann, Ingham County Drain Commissioner, 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason; RE: Briarwood Drain apportionment to Meridian Township

RL-5 John B. Czarnecki, Vice President of Community Services, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, 300 N. Washington Square, Lansing; RE: Michigan Main Street (MMS) Program

(3). Staff Communication/Referral (SC)

SC-1 Michigan Townships Association Legislative Fax July 11, 2003 Edition

SC-2 Michigan Townships Association Legislative Fax July 18, 2003 Edition

SC-3 Michigan Townships Association Legislative Fax July 25, 2003 Edition

SC-4 Correspondence from Cindy Cummings, Police Records Supervisor; RE: Current list of licensed vendors and non-licensed persons or nonprofit organizations engaged in soliciting or canvassing

SC-5 Press Release from Captain David Hall; RE: Meridian Township Police Department CALEA Accreditation

SC-6 Meridian Township Greenspace Plan-Preliminary Plan Public Workshop

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 Woiwode.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting

NAYS: None

Motion carried 6-0.

B. Minutes – July 15, 2003 Regular Meeting

Trustee Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the July 15, 2003 Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting

NAYS: None

Motion carried 6-0.

C. Bills

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

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Common Cash	\$ 1,262,970.05
Public Works	\$ 224,994.37
Total Checks	\$ 1,487,964.42
Credit Card Transactions	\$ 19,365.61
Total Purchases	<u>\$ 1,507,330.03</u>

ACH Payments \$ 354,840.52

Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk
Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting

NAYS: None

Motion carried 6-0.

[Bill list in Official Minute Book]

D. Budget Amendment, Park Millage Fund

Trustee Brixie moved to support the Park Commission's request to transfer \$300,000 from the Park Millage Fund Balance, and to transfer \$115,000 from 2003 Park Millage-Park Development Budget to account #211-000-000-566-080 (Hartrick Park Grant Match) to fund the development of Hartrick Park. Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk
Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting

NAYS: None

Motion carried 6-0.

E. Assessing Stipulations

Trustee Brixie moved that the Township Assessor or Township Attorney be authorized to sign a stipulation with A & G Associates, LLC, on the proposed stipulated values for Parcel Number 33-02-02-17-377-026:

2003 Assessed Value: \$1,326,600 to \$1,139,500

2003 Taxable Value: \$1,326,600 to \$1,139,500

Trustee Brixie moved that the Township Assessor or Township Attorney be authorized to sign a stipulation with Target Corporation on the proposed stipulated values for Parcel Number 33-02-02-15-300-22:

2002 Assessed Value: \$3,302,700 to \$2,184,800

2002 Taxable Value: \$2,719,646 to \$2,184,800

Trustee Brixie moved that the Township Assessor or Township Attorney be authorized to sign a stipulation with Target Corporation on the proposed stipulated values for Parcel Number 33-02-02-15-300-022:

2003 Assessed Value: \$3,464,400 to \$2,184,800

2003 Taxable Value: \$2,760,440 to \$2,184,800

Trustee Brixie moved that the Township Assessor or Township Attorney be authorized to sign a stipulation with Target Corporation on the proposed stipulated values for Parcel Number 33-02-02-22-101-006:

2002 Assessed Value: \$5,091,700 to \$4,375,000

2002 Taxable Value: \$4,250,303 to \$4,250,303

Trustee Brixie moved that the Township Assessor or Township Attorney be authorized to sign a stipulation with Target Corporation on the proposed stipulated values for Parcel

Number 33-02-02-22-101-006:

2003 Assessed Value: \$5,422,000 to \$4,375,000

2003 Taxable Value: \$4,314,057 to \$4,314,057

Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting

NAYS: None

Motion carried 6-0.

F. Mutual Aid Agreement – Charter Township of Lansing

Trustee Brixie moved that the Township Board approve the resolution to approve Mutual Aid Agreement between Meridian Charter Township and the Charter Township of Lansing. Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting

NAYS: None

Motion carried 6-0.

7. TOWN HALL MEETING

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened the Town Hall Meeting.

Arthur Andrews, 2455 Graystone Drive, Okemos, discussed the following item:

- Alleged failure of ordinance enforcement in Okemos Square Subdivision concerning temporary storage of an unoccupied travel trailer

Charles Willems, 1387 Hickory Island Drive, Haslett, discussed the following items:

- Enforcement of laws for bicyclists
- Assessment of his homestead property as lakefront
- Property description inclusion of portion of abandoned alley

Joan Guy, 1083 Woodside Drive, Haslett, discussed the following items:

- Appreciation to Trustee Such for his job on the Library Task Force
- New concepts to deal with traffic in Meridian Township
- Creation of an Access Management ordinance
- Traditional traffic report dependence on level of service (LOS) at intersections
- Analysis of available undeveloped property in major commercial sections relative to traffic predictions

Katherine Guins, 4496 Dobie Road, Okemos, discussed the following items:

- Concerns with the USA Patriot Act
- 100th Vigil for Peace on August 8, 2003 at the State Capitol Building

Jerry Gilles, 6173 Oak Park, Haslett, discussed the following items:

- Inquiry on results of the completed Township survey
- His belief on the excess number of noisy trash haulers within the township
- Amount of income generated from the cell tower
- Limited number of hours of transfer station and possible alternate location to accept recycling items
- Citizen Awards

Will White, 4695 Okemos Road, Okemos, discussed the following items:

- Okemos Village Downtown Development Authority (DDA) long range planning and financing
- Ecovillage concept in Meridian Township
- 24-hour recycling station at Meijer

Shrikumar Poddar, 2601 Cochise Lane, Okemos, discussed the following item:

- Opposition to provisions of the USA Patriot Act.

John Veenstra 320 Piper Road, Haslett, discussed the following items:

- Low recycling rate in Meridian Township
- Conveniently located 24-hour drop off bins for recycling
- Possible Township contract with trash hauler which provides a recycling option
- Need for larger library
- Opposition to the USA Patriot Act
- His belief that narrowing of PIP necessitates public knowledge of capital improvement projects in some fashion

Stacy Hickox, 4291 Indian Glen Drive, Okemos, discussed the following item:

- Her belief the USA Patriot Act resolution has a local affect through the allocation of Township resources

8. FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Trustee Brixie thanked the public for attending and sharing their ideas.

Treasurer Hunting also thanked the public for issues brought to the Board's attention; i.e., ordinance enforcement, traffic and level of service (LOS). The Board will consider some of the topics mentioned at a future Board meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy adjourned the meeting at 6:52 P.M.

SUSAN McGILLICUDDY
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Sandra K. Otto
Acting Secretary