

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
349-1200, Town Hall Room
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2002, **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting, Trustees Brixie, Stier, Such, Woiwode
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development Mark Kieselbach, Director of Engineering & Public Works Ray Severy, Police Chief Gary Gibbons, EMS/Fire Chief Fred Cowper

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Supervisor McGillicuddy called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Supervisor McGillicuddy led the pledge of allegiance.
3. ROLL CALL
Supervisor McGillicuddy called the roll of the Board.
5. REPORTS/BOARD COMMENT/NEW WORRIES
Supervisor McGillicuddy congratulated Trustee Such on his County Commission primary victory.
6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA — OR CHANGES
Trustee Brixie moved to approve the revised agenda as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

7. CONSENT AGENDA
Supervisor McGillicuddy reviewed the consent agenda:

Trustee Brixie moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Stier, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

The adopted Consent Agenda items are as follow:

- A. Communications
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 Clerk Helmbrecht.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Stier, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Minutes
 - (1) July 2, 2002 Regular Meeting
 - (2) July 16, 2002 Regular Meeting
 - (3) July 26, 2002 Special Meeting

Trustee Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the July 2 and 16, 2002 Regular Meetings and July 26, 2002 Special Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Stier, Such, Woiwode,
Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

C. Bills

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

General Fund/Special Revenue	\$ 595,278.99
<u>Public Works</u>	<u>\$ 255,235.65</u>
<u>Total Checks</u>	<u>\$ 850,514.64</u>
<u>Credit Card Transactions</u>	<u>\$ 21,121.96</u>
<u>Total Purchases</u>	<u>\$ 871,636.60</u>

Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Stier, Such, Woiwode,
Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

[Bill list in Official Minute Book]

D. Assessing Stipulation

Trustee Brixie moved that the Township Assessor be authorized to sign a stipulation with Marvin and Joyce Breedlove on the following property:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>
2002	0289241	5899 Shaw Street
<u>Assessment</u>	2002	<u>AV \$ 112,500 TV \$112,500</u>
<u>Proposed Assessment</u>	2002	<u>AV \$ 100,000 TV \$100,000</u>

Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Stier, Such, Woiwode,
Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

E. Ratification of Township Manager's Signature on Act 425 Agreement with City of East Lansing
Trustee Brixie moved to ratify the Township Manager's execution of the August 5, 2002 Act 425 Agreement between the Township and the City of East Lansing on behalf of the Township's Supervisor. Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Stier, Such, Woiwode,
Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

8. TOWN HALL MEETING

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened the Town Hall Meeting. She noted the steps taken to address resident concerns with train noise as expressed at the August 9, 2001 Town Hall Meeting.

Manager Richards discussed ongoing research of state and federal laws and available methods to resolve the train noise issue.

Ken Stoffer, 75 Nature Way, Okemos, discussed the following items:

- Unsuccessful experiment with chip sealing of roads in his subdivision
- Need to address the deterioration of roads in his subdivision

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

- The Board's role as a policy making body
- Basic rights of citizens under the constitution
- Errors in Township Assessing records as to the existence of municipal water on Hickory Island, division of abandoned alley on Hickory Island, and ownership of a strip of land between his homestead and Lake Lansing

Supervisor McGillicuddy asked Manager Richards to look at the status of the Assessing records to correct any errors relevant to Mr. Willems property interests. She commented on her unsuccessful attempts to end chip sealing in subdivisions.

Manager Richards discussed the need to address the growing issue of road deterioration significantly in the 2003 budget. He encouraged Board Members and residents to attend a rally at the Capitol steps Tuesday, August 13, 2002 at 9:00 A.M., to show support for continued funding of municipal services. He discussed the financial significance to the Township of the loss of approximately one million dollars in state revenue sharing.

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

- Township incorporation into a city as a means to control road construction standards and funds
- Extension of library hours to maximize use of the facilities
- Support for increased recycling programs and convenience
- Need for bicycle parking standards in the ordinance
- Need for the creation of a Bicycle Advisory Committee
- Opposition to amendments to the Rental Housing Program

Supervisor McGillicuddy thanked the participants of the meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy adjourned the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

SUSAN MCGILLICUDDY
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Paul J. Cassidy, Secretary