

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD BUDGET DELIBERATION - **APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
349-1200, Town Hall Room
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2002, **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting, Trustees Brixie, Stier,
Such (6:14 P.M.), Woiwode
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Finance Diana Hasse

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Supervisor McGillicuddy called the meeting to order at 6:08 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. BUDGET DISCUSSION
Director Hasse summarized the special revenue funds for discussion.

[Trustee Such entered at 6:14 P.M.]

Board Members discussed the following:

- 2002 carryovers and fund balance
- Park Commission consideration of Park Millage budget
- Impact of grant matching funds on the Park Restricted Fund
- Use of Nancy Moore Park Fund
- Cable refranchising process
- Deductibility of contributions to the Community Needs Fund

Director Hasse summarized the debt service funds for discussion.

Board Members discussed the following:

- Debt retirement schedule
- Current Township debt level

Director Hasse summarized the Public Works & Engineering funds for discussion.

Board Members discussed the following:

- Base assumptions for water & sewer volumes
- Waste water optimization expenditures
- Funds availability for capital improvements
- Relation of water and sewer fees to system improvements and maintenance schedule
- Closure of construction funds
- Red Cedar Interceptor rehabilitation
- Area for installation of radio-read meters
- Remaining expense for full installation of radio-read meters
- Soundness and testing of radio-read meter technology
- Vehicle acquisition and energy conservation

Director Hasse summarized the Township Board General Fund expenditures for discussion.

[Treasurer Hunting left at 7:00 P.M.]

Board Members discussed the following:

- Use of educational programs funds
- Budgetary restraint in Township Board budget

Manager Richards summarized options for funding of local street resurfacing.

Board Members discussed the following:

- Placement of work signs identifying use of Township funds
- Relation of infrastructure neglect to community decline
- Potential road millage to guarantee maintenance program
- Investment of time in education vs. special assessments
- Concern related to equity of special assessments
- Insufficiency of Township tax authority to continue General Fund based maintenance program
- Concern related to equity of General Fund use
- Necessity of maintenance funding policy
- Potential benefit formulas for fair use of special assessments

[Treasurer Hunting re-entered at 7:15 P.M.]

- Unlinking road maintenance funding policy from budget adoption
- Public education
- Mutual exclusivity of two (2) proposed funding options
- Budgetary allocations based on adopted policy
- Potential budget amendments to reallocate funds
- Impact of timeline on construction costs
- Cost-benefit comparison of available options

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened the floor for general budget discussion:

Board Members discussed the following:

- Budget for contracted Level IV Assessor
- Clarification of millage funding of Parks & Recreation Department
- Snell-Tower Recreation Center improvements

5. OTHER POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ITEMS

- Friends of Historic Meridian Charitable Gaming License:

Manager Richards introduced a memorandum with a motion to amend the September 17, 2002 Board approval of a charitable gaming license to name the Friends of Historic Meridian as the applicant.

Trustee Brixie moved approval to amend the September 17, 2002 request from the Barnes House Rug Hookers to the Friends of Historic Meridian of Meridian Township, Ingham County, asking that they be recognized as a non-profit organization operating in the community for purposes of obtaining a gaming license or registration and be considered for approval and further that the Township Clerk be authorized to execute the Resolution from the state of Michigan. Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

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

- Proposed Lighting Ordinance Public Hearing

Manager Richards introduced a motion to set a public hearing for the proposed Lighting Ordinance.

Supervisor Pro Tem Stier moved to schedule a public hearing on October 1, 2002 regarding the proposed Lighting Ordinance. Seconded by Trustee Brixie.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

- Consumers Energy Tihart Road power substation expansion

Board Members discussed the following:

- Tree-limbing and brush clearing work
- Identification of significant trees and monitoring of work
- Consumers Energy notification of affected property owners
- Addition of redundant power line to increase reliability

6. PUBLIC REMARKS*

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened and closed Public Remarks.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy adjourned the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

SUSAN MCGILLICUDDY
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Paul J. Cassidy, Secretary