

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN -**APPROVED**-  
STUDY SESSION TOWNSHIP BOARD 2023  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198  
517.853.4000, Township Hall Room  
THURSDAY, November 2, 2023, **6:00 pm**

PRESENT: Supervisor Jackson, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Hendrickson, Wilson, Wisinski, Trustee Sundland

ABSENT: Clerk Guthrie

STAFF: Township Manager Walsh, Director Maisner, Director Schmitt, Director Massie, Deputy Clerk Gordon

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Jackson called the November 2, 2023, Township Board Study Session meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Deputy Clerk Gordon called the roll of the Board. Six board members present at 6:00 pm.

Clerk Guthrie Absent.

4. PRESENTATION NONE

5. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Jackson opened comments from the public at 5:32 pm  
Supervisor Jackson closed comments from the public at 5:32 pm

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Wilson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Deschaine.**

**VOICE VOTE: YEAS:** Supervisor Jackson, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Hendrickson, Wilson, Wisinski

**NAYS: 0**

**Motion carried: 6-0**

7. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Senior/Community Center

Trustee Wilson presented the RFP responses for the Senior/Community Center. Board Members discussed the RFP proposals, potential options, and the next steps in the process.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Manager Walsh provided the Board with updates on the Paid Parental Leave program, Police and Fire recruitment, and fire station dormitories.

Board members weighed in on changes to the Paid Parental Leave program. Trustee Hendrickson suggested a pilot program of 4 weeks. Manager Walsh will be bringing back changes at a later date.

Supervisor Jackson opened comments from the public 6:52 pm

Milton Scales spoke about the Police staffing problems and praised the work done with the community center.

Supervisor Jackson closed comments from the public at 6:58 pm

9. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Treasurer Deschaine exited at 6:51 pm.

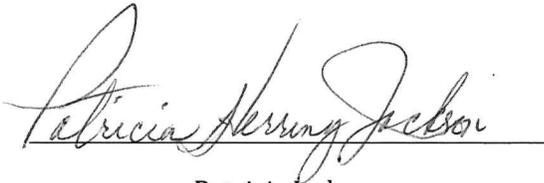
10. ADJOURNMENT

**Wisinski moved to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Jackson.**

**YEAS:** Trustee Wilson, Trustee Wisinski, Trustee Sundland, Supervisor Jackson, Trustee Hendrickson

**NAYS: 0**

**Motion carried: 5-0**



Patricia Jackson

Township Supervisor



Deborah Guthrie

Township Clerk