

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
TOWNSHIP BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES - **APPROVED** -  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198  
349-1200, Town Hall Room  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2001, **5:30 P.M. — 7:00 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, Chief Engineer Younes Ishraidi, Police Captain Dave Hall, Assistant Fire Chief Dale Monnier, Personnel Director/Assistant Manager Paul Brake, Attorney Brian Goodenough

1. CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the Work Session to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. QUESTIONS FOR ATTORNEY

3. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A. Street Light Policy

Board Members discussed the Street Light Policy.

B. Special Use Permits Greater than 25,000 sq. ft. Coming Before the Board

Board Members discussed the proposed Zoning Amendment.

C. Road Paving Policy

D. 2001 Road Resurfacing Plan

Board Members discussed the Road Paving Policy and 2001 Road Resurfacing Plan.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public remarks.

Bill Jakovac, Okemos J/2, L.L.C., spoke in support of postponing a decision on the Community Septic Field.

Joseph Doe IV, 4464 Janice Lee Drive, Okemos, spoke in support of street lighting on Hagadorn Road.

Charles Louis Willems, 1387 Hickory Island, Haslett, spoke in support of the removal of a fence from the alley to his home.

Ron Clark, Vice President, Whitehills Development Corporation, spoke in support of a street light policy differentiating urban from rural areas and requirements.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed public remarks.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy adjourned the Work Session at 6:58 p.m.

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SUSAN MCGILLICUDDY  
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

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MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT  
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Paul J. Cassidy, Secretary

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the meeting to order at 7:10 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. PUBLIC REMARKS\*

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

Jack Stonehouse, 5645 Creekwood Lane, Haslett, spoke in support of the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan.

Helen Stonehouse, 5645 Creekwood Lane, Haslett, spoke in support of access to Haslett Road from Creekwood Lane.

Glen Gould, 922 Haslett Road, Haslett, spoke in opposition to a pathway through his or his neighbors' yards.

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Beuna, Haslett, spoke in opposition to the Board's affirmation of the Planning Commission's approval of SUP #00011 (Gould Investors).

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA — OR CHANGES

**Trustee Woiwode moved to amend the Agenda by adding Item #7.K. (Initiate Zoning Amendment for Special Use Permit Approval for Buildings Greater than 25,000 square feet). Seconded by Trustee Such.**

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

[See Agenda Item #7]

6. REPORTS/BOARD COMMENT

Clerk Helmbrecht reported on the first meeting of the Land Preservation Advisory Board.

Treasurer Hunting commented on the possibility of a twenty-four hour recycling center, mandating recycling services for operating trash haulers. He concurred with Work Session Public Remarks made in support of additional lighting on Hagadorn Road.

Supervisor McGillicuddy commented that both trash haulers in the Township currently offer recycling services.

7 CONSENT AGENDA

**Trustee Brixie moved approval of the agenda. Seconded by Treasurer Hunting.**

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

**Trustee Brixie moved adoption of the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Trustee Such.**

Clerk Helmbrecht read a list of communications received since noon, Friday, February 16.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Therefore, the above actions were taken with the votes as follow:

A. Communications

(1). Application for Public Service (\*\*\*) [On file in Clerk's Office]

EC-3, LPB-4 John Sarver, 2218 Burcham Drive, East Lansing; RE: Environmental  
Commission and Land Preservation Advisory Board

(2). Board Deliberation (\*\*\*)

8B-1 Deputy Clerks, 55<sup>th</sup> District Court, 700 Buhl Ave, Mason; RE: Recommendation for  
Prosecutorial Services of Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith

8E-1 Joel J. Buczkowski, 564 Piper Road, Haslett; RE: Piper Objection to Road Paving  
Special Assessment

8E-2 David Kenaga, 343 Piper Road, Haslett; RE: Piper Objection to Road Paving Special  
Assessment

8E-3 Bruce A. Fox, 332 Piper Road, Haslett; RE: Piper Objection to Road Paving Special  
Assessment

8E-4 Timothy A. Woolfe, 535 Piper Road, Haslett; RE: Piper Objection to Road Paving  
Special Assessment

8F-1 Bill Jakovac, Okemos J/2, L.L.C.; RE: Support for Community Septic Field

8G-1 Stephen & Karen Harsh, 2011 Cimarron Drive, Okemos; RE: Opposition to the Off-  
Road Pathway Between Okemos and Dobie Roads

8G-2 Susan D. Elder, 2005 Cimarron Drive, Okemos; RE: Opposition to Use of  
Consumers Energy Easement for Pathway

8G-3 Randall Schaetzl, 2294 Hamilton Road, Okemos; RE: Support for the deletion of  
Hamilton Road from the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan

8G-4 Mark K. Clouse, Financial & Legal Counsel, Eyde Company, 4660 S. Hagadorn Rd,  
Ste 660, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Addition of West Side Times Square Drive  
Pathway to Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan

8G-5 Camala A. Riessinger, Ph.D. & Nancy E. Ridley, 4355 Hulett Road, Okemos; RE:  
Proposed Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway on Hulett Road

8G-6 Joseph Hanley, 4180 Van Atta Road, Okemos; RE: Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway  
Master Plan Amendments

8G-7 Charles C. & Jacqueline S. Hagen, 4195 Van Atta Road, Okemos; RE: Support  
Deletion of Off-Road Van Atta Road Pathway from the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway  
Master Plan

8G-8 Anita G. Fox, Government Liaison, Briarwood Home Owners Association; RE:  
Opposition to Okemos to Dobie Road Off-Road Pathway

9B-1 Gary P. Boszak, 3796 Viceroy Drive, Okemos; RE: Support for 2001 Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Construction Program

(3). Board Information (BI)

- BI-1 Raji Uppal, Area Manager, DTN Management Company, 2502 Lake Lansing Road, Ste C, Lansing; RE: Support for SUP #00011 (Gould Investors)
- BI-2 Margaret & Thad Twarozynski, 5141 Jo Don Drive, East Lansing; RE: Safety Issues on Jo Don Drive
- BI-3 Scott W. Howard, Olson & Bzdok, P.C., 420 E. Front Street, Traverse City; RE: SUP #99151 (Eyde) & SUP #99091 (Wal-Mart)
- BI-4 June & Art Land, 4410 Wausau Road, Okemos; RE: Sanitary Sewer Backup in Basement
- BI-5 Noel S. Walker, 4411 Wausau Road, Okemos; RE: Letter to Ingham County Road Commission Regarding Obstruction to Flood Waters
- BI-6 Raymond E. Benjamin, 1782 Hillcurve Drive, Haslett; RE: Snow & Ice Clearing of Sidewalks
- BI-7 Bruce & Cindy Edwards, 5533 Earliglow Lane, Haslett; RE: Support for Piper Road Access to Strawberry Farms Estates
- BI-8 Ruth Pecic, 5099 Wardcliff Drive, East Lansing; RE: SUP #00011 (Gould Investors) - Farmer Jack
- BI-9 C.W. Edwards, President, Superior Brass & Aluminum Casting Co., 4893 Dawn Ave, East Lansing; RE: Dispute of "Revised" Personal Property Tax Statement"
- BI-10 Michael St. Bernard, Operator/Manager, East Lansing - Meridian Water & Sewer Authority; RE: Long-range water planning.
- BI-11 Robert E. D'Alcorn, Managing Director, Ingham County Road Commission; RE: 2001 Local Road Improvement Program
- BI-12 Michigan Townships Association Legislative Fax, February 9, 2001 edition
- BI-13 Joel E. Dowley, Chair, Elected Officials Compensation Commission; RE: Determination of Salaries for Elected Officials - 2001 & 2002
- BI-14 Steve Metzger, 5440 Jo Pass, East Lansing; RE: SUP #00011 (Gould Investors)
- BI-15 Warren & Tamara Heilman, 5529 Strawberry Lane, Haslett; RE: Piper Road Access
- BI-16 Joyce Van Coevering, 5530 Strawberry Lane, Haslett; RE: Strawberry Farms Estates - Phase III
- BI-17 Kenneth L. Deneau, 3886 Crooked Creek, Okemos; RE: Street Light Request
- BI-18 Jeff & Tana Spitzley, 630 Earliglow Lane, Haslett; RE: Piper Road Access

(4). Freedom of Information (FOI) [On file in Clerk's Office]

- FOI-2001-01 Millard R. McPherson, 2028 S. Harrison, Houghton Lake; RE: Legal Fees Related to MTT Docket No. 215727 (Baker) & MTT Docket No. 216-924 (Ramco-Gershenson, Inc.)
- FOI-2001-02 Scott W. Howard, Olson, Noonan & Bzdok, P.C., 420 E. Front Street, Traverse City; RE: SUP #99151 (Eyde) File & SUP #99091 (Wal-Mart) File

(5). On File in Clerk's Office (OF)

- OF-1 Okemos Public Schools Board of Education February 5, 2001 Meeting Agenda and January 8, 2001 Minutes
- OF-2 Richard L. Baldermann, Administrator, Local Audit and Finance Division, Department of the Treasury, State of Michigan; RE: Audit and Annual Financial Report Filing Extension, Budget Requirements, Audit Requirements
- OF-3 Ingham County Board of Commissioners February 13, 2001 Regular Meeting Packet
- OF-4 Byron Lane, P.E., Chief, Subdivision Floodplain Program, Land & Water Management Division, M.D.E.Q.; RE: File No. 0101-707; Bird Strawberry Farm

Estates No. 3; No Watercourse; Sections 12 & 13, T4N, R1W, Meridian Township,  
Ingham County - No Authority Notice

- (6). Staff Communication (SC)  
SC-1 HOM-TV Post Script Schedule

**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, Stier, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor  
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

B. Minutes

**Trustee Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the January 29, 2001 Workshop and the February 6, 2001 Work Session and Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Such.**

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

C. Policy Governance Workshops - Set Dates (February 26 and March 12, 2001)

**Trustee Brixie moved to add the following meeting dates to the Board Meeting Schedule for the purpose of holding policy Governance Workshops: February 26, 2001 at 5:30 p.m. and March 12, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Such.**

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

D. Bills

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

General Fund/Special Revenue	\$ 261,380.62
Public Works	\$ 862,599.79
<u>Total Checks</u>	<u>\$1,123,980.41</u>
<u>Credit Card Transactions</u>	<u>\$ 12,760.53</u>
Total Purchases	<u>\$1,136,740.94</u>

**Seconded by Trustee Such.**

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

[Bill list for 2/20/01 in Official Minute Book]

E. BS&A Financial Software Contract

**Trustee Brixie moved that the Township Manager be authorized to execute the proposed license agreement with BS&A, Inc. for fund accounting software. Seconded by Trustee Such.**

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

F. Police Officer Appointment

**Trustee Brixie moved ratification of the appointment of Philip C. Smith to the position of Police Officer contingent upon successful completion of those items stipulated in the conditional offer of employment. Seconded by Trustee Such.**

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

G. 5-Year Park & Recreation Master Plan Amendments

**Trustee Brixie moved to approve the resolution supporting the Meridian Township Five-(5) Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan Amendment. Seconded by Trustee Such.**

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

[Signed and Sealed Resolution in Official Minute Book]

H. Appeal of Special Use Permit #00-92031 (Nine Iron, Inc.), Request to construct a driving range at the Meridian Sun Golf Club, 1018 Haslett Road

**Trustee Brixie moved that the Township Board hereby reverses the Planning Commission decision and approves the appeal of Special Use Permit #00-92031 with conditions. Seconded by Trustee Such.**

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

[Signed and Sealed Resolution in Official Minute Book]

I. 2001 Pathway Contract #1 (Cornell & Grand River) - Bid Award

**Trustee Brixie moved to authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to sign a contract, in a form approved by the Township attorney, with BBR Progressive Concrete, Inc., of Grand Ledge, MI for the award of the 2001 Pathway Contract #1 (Cornell Road/Grand River Avenue), in the amount of \$113,290.50 to be paid from the pathway millage. Seconded by Trustee Such.**

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

J. Appointment(s)

**Trustee Brixie moved to appoint Township Manager Gerald Richards to the East Lansing - Meridian Water & Sewer Authority to a term ending June 30, 2002. Seconded by Trustee Such.**

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

K. Initiate Zoning Amendment for Special Use Permit Approval for Buildings Greater Than 25,000 Square Feet

**(1) Trustee Brixie moved to initiate an amendment to the Township Zoning Ordinance requiring that:**

- A) a special use permit be obtained prior to the construction of any building or group of buildings on a lot with a combined gross floor area equal to or greater than 25,000 square feet.**
- B) That the Planning Commission shall serve as a recommending body to the Township Board on all issues relating to Special Use Permits necessary for the construction of said buildings including building size and appropriateness of said land use.**
- C) The Township Board shall be the only public body in Meridian Township with the authority to grant or deny a Special Use Permit after considering the appropriateness of the land use and buildings referenced in subparagraph s "A" and "B" above.**

**Seconded by Trustee Such.**

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

**(2) Trustee Brixie moved to initiate an amendment to the Township Zoning Ordinance requiring a special use permit for a building or group of buildings over 25,000 square feet in gross floor area in the C-2 and C-3 commercial districts. Seconded by Trustee Such.**

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

8. ACTION ITEMS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public comment.

George Owen, 4403 Van Atta Road, Okemos, spoke in support of the deletion of the off-road pathway to Van Atta Road.

Jane Carl, 960 Haslett, Haslett, spoke in opposition to the Haslett Road pathway.

Carol Sue Englert, 4341 Van Atta Road, Okemos, spoke in support of the deletion of the off-road pathway to Van Atta Road. [She submitted her comments in writing. See Communications BI-3 & 5, March 6, 2001]

John Hoehn, 4341 Van Atta Road, Okemos, spoke in support of the deletion of the Van Atta Road off-road pathway and widened shoulders. [He submitted an editorial written to the Lansing State Journal. See Communication BI-4, March 6, 2001]

Peggy Ostrom, 3663 Van Atta Road, Okemos, asked that the Board listen to the Van Atta Road residents.

Judy Linn, 5435 Van Atta Road, Okemos, spoke in opposition to off-road pathways.

Ron Clark, Vice President, Whitehills Development Corporation, requested the Park Lake Road pathway from Lake Lansing to Whitehills Lakes be constructed in 2002.

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Beuna, Haslett, spoke in support of the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan.

Sam Bird, 630 Piper Road, Haslett, spoke in opposition to the Piper Road Special Assessment Roll.

Rick Coy, 1843 Cimarron Drive, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the off-road pathway from Okemos to Dobie Road.

Christina Riddle, 2049 Hamilton Road, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the deletion of off-road pathways. [She submitted written recommendations for the pathway system. See Communication BI-6, March 6, 2001]

John Veenstra, 320 Piper Road, Haslett, spoke in opposition to the Piper Road Special Assessment Roll. [He presented a petition from residents objecting to their assessments. Petition in Official Minute Book]

A. Access Management Ordinance Development

**Trustee Brixie moved to initiate an amendment to the Charter Township of Meridian Zoning Ordinance for access management. Staff is instructed to prepare the necessary language for the amendment to the Planning Commission for a public hearing. 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. Attorney Firm Selection

**Treasurer Hunting moved that the Township enter into a four-(4) year, fixed fee agreement with the firm of Hubbard, Fox, Thomas, White & Bengston for legal services consistent with the firm's proposal submitted in January 2001 and authorize Township Officials to sign the agreement. Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.**

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Lack of experience of proposed firm
- Lack of depth of attorneys of proposed firm
- Lack of Board experience with current firm
- Single, small Township represented by proposed firm is not comparable to Meridian
- Current firm represents many township clients
- Distinct needs of Township require municipal experience
- Potentially significant legal challenges requires experience
- The Township does not always award contracts to the lowest bidder
- This decision would be better made after one (1) year
- Abandonment of option to split off ordinance legal services

- Proposed firm is highly recommended
- Current firm has served adequately
- Change in legal representation is not a new thing
- New approach and philosophy of Board suggests the need to review legal services
- Municipal experience of proposed firm
- Excellence of proposed firm's reputation
- Scope of proposed firms municipal representation and experience does not insure a lower standard of service
- Proposed firm may save the Township approximately \$250,000 over four (4) years
- Historical knowledge of current firm is invaluable
- The proposed firm is an excellent firm in representing and litigating drain issues
- The proposed firm has a conflict of interest for drain issues
- Lack of election law expertise at proposed firm
- Overall protection of Township is too important to chose a firm based on the lowest bid
- Must consider the best legal representation
- Proposed firm offers a fresh approach to Township issues
- Most Township litigation is done through the insurance carrier
- Expected continued relationship with Foster, Swift
- Proposed contract permits the Township to revisit the issue
- Lack of labor law experience at proposed firm
- Retainer pays for "on-the-job training" of proposed firm
- Unavailability of recommendations of proposed firm

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Treasurer  
Hunting  
NAYS: Trustees Stier, Such, Clerk Helmbrecht  
Motion carried 4-3.

Board Members discussed the sixty-(60) day notice of termination for the Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith firm.

- C. Township Manager's Contract Extension  
Supervisor McGillicuddy introduced the Manager's contract extension.

**Treasurer Hunting moved to approve the updated and revised employment agreement contract with Township Manager Gerald Richards. Seconded by Trustee Brixie.**

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

- D. Ferguson/Wonch Park's Renovation Projects  
Director Maisner introduced the renovation projects.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Location of oil separator
- Value of an oil separator in a regularly flooded parking lot
- Alternative fund sources for this project

**Trustee Such moved to recommend awarding construction contracts to the following firms for the renovation of Ferguson Park and Wonch Park restrooms as part of a Clean Michigan Initiative Recreation Bond Grant; contract #1 building, remodeling to HBC Contracting in the amount of \$41,895; contract #2 playgrounds to Play Environments in the amount of \$52,459; contract #3 site work to Thatcher Construction for \$181,000; and amend the General Park Fund Development Budget by \$33,350 to reflect the increase**

**project cost and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the contracts on behalf of the Township and move the Marshal Park renovation project to 2002. Seconded by Trustee Brixie.**

**Treasurer Hunting offered an amendment to the motion to include the Central Park Renovation project funds into the budget amendment to reduce the General Fund contribution, and further to place the Marshal and Central Parks Renovation Projects on the priority list for 2002.**

**Amendment not accepted by maker**

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Van Atta Woods Park parking lot
- Importance of the Central Park renovations

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

- E. Piper Road Special Assessment District - Resolution #5  
Manager Richards introduced the Piper Road Special Assessment District.

**Trustee Such moved to table the matter to review the true costs attributable to the shoulder work. Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Stier, Such, Clerk Helmbrecht  
NAYS: Trustees Brixie, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Treasurer  
Hunting  
Motion failed 3-4.

**Treasurer Hunting moved to split the difference between the original estimate of \$1,592 and the revised final cost assessment \$2,316.**

**Motion died for lack of support.**

**Trustee Brixie moved to table the matter to provide staff review of resident objections. Seconded by Trustee Such.**

**Treasurer Hunting called a point of order on the motion to table motion as no progress had been made.**

Board Members discussed the significance of the progress made.

**Trustee Brixie withdrew her motion. Trustee Such withdrew his second.**

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Uncertainty of final assessment breakdown
- Significant increases in cost from original estimate
- Requirements of PA 188 to justify the amount of the assessment

**Trustee Such moved to table the matter to address the legal question regarding legal justification for any changes to the assessment, and to gather additional information related to the total cost associated with shoulder construction. Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.**

**Trustee Such withdrew the motion. Clerk Helmbrecht withdrew the second.**

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Concern about assigning an arbitrary amount to be assessed
- Lack of urgency in adopting final assessment roll
- Complexity of cost breakdown
- Need for a Staff review of project evolution
- Concern for level of road repair funds
- Inevitability of cost overruns
- Need for a correct Final Assessment Roll before adoption of Resolution #5

**Clerk Helmbrecht moved to table the matter. Second by Trustee Such.**

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

- F. Community Septic Field - Grand River Ave, East of Van Atta Road  
**Trustee Such moved to approve the proposed alternate waste collection, treatment and disposal for this location subject to the Township's Attorney review and approval of the appropriate agreement and authorization by the Township Board. Seconded by Trustee Brixie.**

Board Members discussed the following items:

- This approval is granted for the concept rather than project itself
- Provides appropriate sewage treatment for a residential development at RR (Rural Residential) standards on site.
- Can establish design and maintenance standards for this type of system
- Costs and liability of system are not compensated for by benefit
- The design of the system can not guarantee against misuse, lack of maintenance or decay over time
- Historic failure rate
- Ingham County Health Department moratorium on such systems
- Lack of timeliness in handling of request

VOICE VOTE: Motion failed 1-6 (Such).

- G. Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan Amendments  
**Trustee Such moved to amend the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan by adding the following pathways:**

1. **Hulett Road, east side, Jolly Road to Bennett Road**
2. **Jolly Oak Road, both sides, Jolly Road to Okemos Road**
3. **Grand River Avenue, south side, Glen Eyrie Drive to Meridian Road**
4. **Hidden Lake Drive, north side, Bear Lake Drive to Golden Circle**
5. **Times Square Drive, both sides, Central Park Drive to Marsh Road**
6. **School Street, east side, Franklin Road to Haslett Road**
7. **Towar Avenue, east side, Lake Lansing Road to 500' north**
8. **Birch Row Drive, north side, Lake Lansing Road to Hagadorn Road**

**and moved further to amend the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan by deleting the following pathways:**

10. **Off-road pathway near Consumers Energy Corridor from Ponderosa Subdivision west property line to Van Atta Road.**
11. **Off-road pathway near Consumers Energy corridor from Legg Park to Haslett Road.**
12. **Hamilton Road, north side, Okemos Road west to Grand River Avenue.**

**Seconded by Trustee Brixie.**

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Divided public opinion over pathway #9
- Development of a near-road pathway along Van Atta Road

**Trustee Woiwode offered an amendment to the motion to retain pathway #10 on the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan.**

**Amendment accepted by maker and seconder.**

**Trustee Brixie as seconder of the motion offered an amendment to the motion to delete pathway #1 from the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan Additions. Accepted by maker.**

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Need to study the pathway to minimize tree loss
- Care taken by the Township to preserve trees
- Existing sidewalk on opposite side
- Lack of consensus building in development of pathway system
- Retaining pathway #11 until after a recommendation from the pathway Task Force
- Need for an east to west corridor from the Briarwood Subdivision to Van Atta Road
- Crossing of private property by Pathway #10
- Jolly Road Sidewalk
- Retaining pathway #10 guarantees a debate on the appropriate location of an east to west pathway
- Pathway #10 should come off and remain off unless there is some consensus among the residents that this is an appropriate pathway
- Task Force recommendations should be considered before deleting pathways
- Pathway #10 follows the Consumers Energy easement and does not cross private property
- Pathway #11 should be considered by the Task Force before being deleted from the Master Plan

**Treasurer Hunting moved to amend the motion to retain pathway #11 on the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan.**

**Motion died for lack of support.**

Supervisor McGillicuddy divided the question to address the amendments separately.

Amendment to the Motion Retaining Pathway #10 on the Master Plan:

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 5-2 (Helmbrecht, McGillicuddy)

Amendment to the Motion Removing Pathway #1 from the Master Plan Additions:

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

Main Motion (Adding Pathways #2-8 and Deleting Pathways #11 & 12):

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-1 (Hunting)

H. Create Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Task Forces - Briarwood Subdivision & Van Atta Road

**Trustee Woiwode moved that the Township Board establish a task force chaired by Trustee Woiwode to consider a pedestrian/bicycle pathway from the Briarwood subdivision east to Van Atta Road and a task force chaired by Trustee Brixie to consider a pedestrian/bicycle pathway for Van Atta Road. The Township Supervisor shall appoint the remaining members to each task force. Seconded by Trustee Brixie.**

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

I. Road Paving Policy

Manager Richards summarized the discussion from the Committee of the Whole.

Supervisor McGillicuddy called a recess at 9:35 p.m.

Supervisor McGillicuddy reconvened the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

9. HEARINGS

A. Whitehills Lakes #6 Street Light District

Director Kieselbach introduced the street light district.

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened the public hearing.

Ron Clark, Vice President, Whitehills Development Corporation, spoke in support of the proposed street light district as the district is adjacent to the other five (5) segments of the development having street lighting. He objected to the proposed assessment roll as follows:

- Lack of notice of increase in engineering fee
- Engineering fee is miscalculated and too high
- Minimal staff time and costs associated with street lighting districts

Manager Richards reported the problem with the proposed engineering fees was discovered too late to avoid a change to the hearing schedule. He reported a new assessment would be proposed including engineering fees consistent with past practice.

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION:

Trustee Stier asked if the flat \$150 fee is consistent with true costs.

Manager Richards stated the legal advertisement and mailing costs are the primary costs and would need to be reviewed to determine the adequacy of the fee.

Treasurer Hunting asked how long the \$150 fee has been charged.

Chief Engineer Ishraidi stated it has been the standard fee for at least the past ten (10) years.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed the public hearing.

B. 2001 Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Construction Program

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened the public hearing

Teri Banus, 5606 Creekwood Lane, Haslett, read from a November 2000 letter from Creekwood Lane residents to the Meridian Township Department of Public Works in support of a pedestrian/bicycle pathway on the North side of Haslett Road from Green Road to Meridian Road.

John Foren, 5606 Creekwood Lane, Haslett, spoke in support a pedestrian/bicycle pathway on the North side of Haslett Road from Green Road to Meridian Road as follows:

- The pathway would promote recreation for Township Residents
- Sidewalks are an accepted part of community living
- Sidewalks are constructed in the public right-of-way
- The sidewalk would serve an urban area along a heavily trafficked road.
- The pathway will connect the neighborhood to the larger community

Amy L. Arnold-Garcia, 5603 Creekwood Lane, Haslett, spoke in support of a pedestrian/bicycle pathway on the North side of Haslett Road from Green Road to Meridian Road as follows:

- A teenage boy was a victim of a hit and run at the Haslett Road intersection
- The area is unsafe for pedestrian or bicycle traffic

John Garcia, 5603 Creekwood Lane, Haslett, spoke in support of a pedestrian/bicycle pathway on the North side of Haslett Road from Green Road to Meridian Road as follows:

- Children can not safely cross Haslett Road walking to school

Chris Coady, 5639 Creekwood Lane, Haslett, spoke in support of a pedestrian/bicycle pathway on the North side of Haslett Road from Green Road to Meridian Road as follows:

- Pathway would connect the neighborhood to the larger community
- The pathway is on the Master Plan
- Previous requests for construction of the pathway were denied for lack of funds.
- The pathway is necessary to enhance public safety

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Beuna, Haslett, spoke in support of the development of the Pedestrian/Bicycle Master Plan.

John Veenstra, 320 Piper Road, spoke in support of the proposed 2001 Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Construction Program as follows:

- The proposed pathways are all reasonable projects
- The Haslett Road pathway is necessary as the Creekwood Lane intersection is dangerous
- Other opportunities for pathways in the Creekwood neighborhood have been lost

[A letter from Alan & Mary Coscarelli, 956 Haslett Road, Haslett, opposing the proposed Haslett Road pathway. Letter in Official Minute Book].

[See Communications for other correspondence regarding this topic]

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed the public hearing.

#### 10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

##### A. Storm Water Management Report Recommendations

Manager Richards introduced the Storm Water Management Report recommendations.

Board Members discussed the need to extend an invitation to the Ingham County Drain Commissioner to provide a presentation to the Board on Watershed Management.

The Board determined a presentation by the Drain Commissioner would not be necessary.

##### B. 2001 Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Construction Program

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened discussion of the 2001 Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Construction Program.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Extent of existing Haslett Road pathway
- Construction of the Towar Avenue pathway along the east side rather than the west side as proposed
- Procedure for amendments to the 2001 Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Construction Program
- Impact of wetland on the pathway on the north side of Jolly Road near Dobie Road
- Pathways to Service the Marquette
- MDOT construction of crosswalks on M-78
- Park Lake Road pathway
- Resolution of resident opposition to the Hatch Road segment

##### C. Governor's Collection

Supervisor McGillicuddy introduced the Governor's Collection for Discussion.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Discussions with Mayor Hollister
- Assurance of Township resident input

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public comment on the Governor's Collection.

Wayne McLellen, 1459 Cheboygan, Okemos, stated he had concerns related to the Governor's Collection site plan and public input.

Vance Kincaid, 4530 Nakoma Drive, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the Governors Collection Site Plan.

John Veenstra, 320 Piper Road, Haslett, spoke in opposition to the Act 425 Agreement with the City of Lansing.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed public comment.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Extent of submitted plan
- Planning Staff verification of site plan
- Ingham County Drain Commissioner involvement in site plan review
- Availability of information
- Scope of Township's review authority
- Withholding input in the interests of finding a "material variation" as a basis for breaking the agreement
- Lack of notice provisions in changes to the site plan
- Enforcement of Township rights post-construction
- Option of annual joint meetings between the Lansing City Council and Township Board
- Enhancement and necessity of regional cooperation

D. Library Task Force Criteria

Supervisor McGillicuddy postponed discussion of the item, to provide Board Members additional time to consider possible criteria.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public comment.

Vance Kincaid, 4530 Nakoma Drive, Okemos, stated his concern about staff involvement in the Governors' Collection site plan. He asked that aerial photos be taken of the Township to determine existing floodplain areas at current high water levels.

John Hoehn, 4341 Van Atta, Okemos, stated his concern about maintaining a pathway crossing private property on the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan.

John Veenstra, 320 Piper Road, Haslett, spoke in opposition to the Ingham County Road Commission action February 15 denying Strawberry Farms III plat.

Wayne McLellen, 1459 Cheboygan, Okemos, objected to the current site plan presented for the Governor's Collection

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed public comment.

12. FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Trustee Woiwode concurred with a previous comment regarding aerial photos and asked the Manager to investigate this possibility as well as the availability of satellite photos.

13. DETAILS OF NEXT MEETING

- A. PUD #00014 (Fairmont), request for preliminary planned unit development approval for a single-family detached condominium at 5559 Okemos Road - Public Hearing
- B. Rezoning #00170 (TS&P), request to rezone the northwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Powell Road from PO (Professional Office) to CS (Community Service) - Discussion Item
- C. 2001 Pathway Construction Program - Action Item
- D. Execute Lease for Vactor Truck - Action Item

Supervisor McGillicuddy reviewed the details of the next meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy adjourned the meeting at 11:08 p.m.

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SUSAN McGILLICUDDY  
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

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MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT  
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Paul J. Cassidy, Secretary