

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES - **APPROVED**
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
349-1200, Town Hall Room
TUESDAY, January 4, 2000, **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger, Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers
ABSENT: Trustee Such
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development Mark Kieselbach, Director of Engineering & Public Works Roger Buell, Police Chief Gary Gibbons, EMS/Fire Chief Fred Cowper, Finance Director Diana Hasse, Attorney Brian Goodenough

1. CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER

Supervisor Little called the Work Session to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. QUESTIONS FOR ATTORNEY (None)

3. DISCUSSION ON 7:00 AGENDA ITEM TOPICS

The following 7:00 p.m. agenda items were discussed:

- Consent Agenda
- Appointments to Township Boards and Commissions
- Minutes

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Library issues

Trustee McGillicuddy noted she corresponded with Dave Milling requesting dates for a forum in order for the firm to finish the library concept drawings. Manager Richards recommended any future work with an architect wait until property acquisition is complete. The land that is being negotiated would also be desirable for other Township purposes, regardless of whether efforts move forward on a Township library or not.

Township Board/Commission appointments

The following residents were interviewed for appointments to various Township Boards and/or Commissions:

- Jim Hershiser, 4465 Kenneth, Okemos; Zoning Board of Appeals
- Barbara Smith, 6201 West Lake Drive, Haslett; Cable Commission, others where needed
- Harry Berman, 6440 Lake Drive, Haslett, where needed
- Alan Wolfe, 2298 Bennett Road, Okemos; Planning Commission

[Trustee Such arrived at the meeting at 6:25 p.m.]

- Thomas E. Maier, 1270 Leeward, Okemos; Planning Commission, others where needed
- Bob Smith, 1847 Hamilton Road, Okemos; Planning Commission
- Robert Fish, 4383 Elmwood, Okemos; Planning Commission
- Mike Thomas, 2555 Capeside Drive, Okemos; Environmental Commission
- Steve Stier, 5317 Okemos Road, Okemos; Planning Commission
- Patricia McKane, 2195 Hamilton, Okemos; Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, others where needed
- Sabrina Milliken, 6013 Rutherford, East Lansing; Junior Commissioner, Environmental Commission
- Jim Brazier, 4185 Cornell Road, Okemos; Zoning Board of Appeals, Environmental Commission, others where needed
- Andrew Abood, 4771 Nakoma, Okemos; Cable Commission
- Eldon Clark, 6048 Horizon Drive, East Lansing; Planning Commission
- Bob Homan, 2176 Hamilton Road, Okemos; Cable Commission

5. PUBLIC REMARKS (None)

6. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Little adjourned the Work Session at 6:55 p.m.

BRUCE A. LITTLE
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Janis L. Haskell, Acting Secretary

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED**
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
349-1200, Town Hall Room
TUESDAY, January 4, 2000 **7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger, Trustees McCullough,
McGillicuddy, Squiers, Such
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development
Mark Kieselbach, Director of Engineering & Public Works Roger Buell, Police Chief
Gary Gibbons, EMS/Fire Chief Fred Cowper, Attorney Brian Goodenough

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Little called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA — OR CHANGES

Trustee Such MOVED to approve the agenda as submitted and Consent Agenda to include items # 3 A. & B. (Correction, Approval & Ratification of Minutes: December 21, 1999 Work Session, December 21, 1999 Regular Meeting); #4 (Communications); #15. A. (Special Use Permit #98-96041 (Eyde), request for a one-year extension for the emergency access drive to remain open for vehicular traffic in the Central Park Apartments complex); #16. A. (Bills); #16. B. (Beginning of Year Budget Amendments); #17. A. (5) a. (Infrastructure Committee/Water Meter Charges).

Motion SECONDED by Trustee McCullough.

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

3. CORRECTION, APPROVAL & RATIFICATION OF MINUTES (See Consent Agenda)

- A. December 21, 1999, Work Session
- B. December 21, 1999, Regular Meeting

4. COMMUNICATIONS (See Consent Agenda)

- A. Application for Public Service (APP)
 - APP-1 Sabrina Millikin; RE: Environmental Commission
 - APP-2 Robert Fish; RE: Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals
- B. Board Deliberation (BD)
 - BD-1 Dennis J. Forsberg, T.A. Forsberg, Inc.; RE: Rezoning of the 33-foot strip on Coyote Creek Drive
 - BD-2 Jack Harney, President, Foundation for Haslett Schools; RE: Support for the Foundation
- C. Board Information (BI)
 - BI-1 Paul N. DeWeese, House of Representatives, RE: Legislation for the past year which affects local units of government
 - BI-2(a) Stephen Fuller 1045 W. Woodside Dr., HA; RE: Opposition to Wal-Mart
 - BI-2(b) James & DeLorez Fairley, 4363 Greenwood, OK; RE: Opposition to Wal-Mart
- D. On File in Clerk's Office (OF)
 - OF-1 Capitol Currents, December 1999 edition
 - OF-2 Lansing to Detroit Passenger Rail Study, Executive Summary
 - OF-3 Ingham County Board of Commissioners; RE: Agenda for January 3, 2000

5. QUESTIONS OF ATTORNEY (None)

6. PUBLIC REMARKS

Okemos Road and the centerline of Sonoma Vista Drive. [Complete resolution in Official Minute Book.]

Motion SECONDED by Trustee McGillicuddy.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Treasurer Klunzinger, Clerk Helmbrecht, Trustee McCullough, Such, McGillicuddy, Supervisor Little
 Nays: Trustee Squiers
 Motion carried 6-1.

3. Rezoning #99020 (Forsberg), request to rezone approximately 4.24. acres southwest of Coyote Creek Condominiums and south of the pond on the Smith Drain from RR (Rural Residential) to PO (Professional Office.)

Treasurer Klunzinger MOVED that the Township Board introduce for publication and subsequent adoption Ordinance No. _____, entitled “Ordinance Amending the Zoning District Map of Meridian Township Pursuant to Rezoning Petition #99020 from RR (Rural Residential) to PO (Professional Office) conditioned that vehicle access to Kansas Road is prohibited.” [Complete resolution in the Official Minute Book]

Motion SECONDED by Trustee Squiers.

Discussion included:

- Request includes new drawing, two buildings
- FEMA report notes area not in 100 year flood plain
- No wetlands involved
- FEMA map revision not done yet, original map has property in 100 year flood plain
- Township Engineering and Public Works Department has no significant objections to adopting the new map
- DEQ has reviewed proposed new map, don't see any problems, however would not issue a permit until a new flood plain map is produced by FEMA

Roll call vote: Yeas: Treasurer Klunzinger, Trustee Squiers, Supervisor Little
 Nays: Trustees McCullough, Such, McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht
 Motion defeated 4-3.

Trustee McCullough MOVED to deny Rezoning #99020 from RR (Rural Residential) to PO (Professional Office). [Complete resolution in the Official Minute Book]

Motion SECONDED by Trustee McGillicuddy.

Discussion included:

- Too many unanswered questions
- Need new FEMA map before proceeding
- Need additional DEQ information
- If denied, applicant would have to start process all over again

Treasurer Klunzinger MOVED to table the motion to deny Rezoning #99020.

Motion SECONDED by Clerk Helmbrecht.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Treasurer Klunzinger, Clerk Helmbrecht, Trustee Squiers, Supervisor Little
 Nays: Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Such
 Motion carried 4-3.

B. New Business (None)

16. MANAGER'S REPORT, INVOICES & BILLS

- A. Bills (See Consent Agenda)
- B. Beginning of Year Budget Amendments (See Consent Agenda)
- C. Accounting Software Replacement
Manager Richards provided an update on the purchase of new software, seven vendors replied to RFP, two are now being considered as finalists.

Manager Richards reported the Township had no Y2K problems and credited Stephen Gebes, Computer Specialist, for his work in advance preparation.

Richards also noted an officer hired on a three-year grant has resigned and the grant will need to be reviewed before replacing the officer.

The DNR has had a hearing on the WalMart/flood plain issue, but has not yet made a decision. Township staff is currently reviewing the site plan, but its approval would be contingent upon DEQ approval.

17. BOARD MEMBER, BOARD COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

- A. Standing Committee Reports
 - (1) Physical Operations & Activities (None)
 - (2) Financial Planning and Budgeting
Date for the next committee meeting has been changed to Thursday, January 13, 2000 at 8:00am.
 - (3) Personnel (None)
 - (4) Planning and Development (None)
 - (5) Infrastructure
 - a. Water Meter Charges (See Consent Agenda)

Next committee meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2000 at 5:15 p.m.

- (6) Public Safety
Next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 10, 2000 at 5:15 p.m.
- (7) Recreation (None)

- B. Special Committees (None)
- C. Liaison Representative Reports (None)

18. OTHER REPORTS (None)

19. NEW BUSINESS (None)

20. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor Little opened Public Remarks.

Dennis Forsberg, T.A. Forsberg, Inc., 2360 Jolly Road, Okemos; RE: disappointed in vote to deny Rezoning #99-97200 modification re: Coyote Creek Drive.

Wayne McLellen, 1459 Cheboygan, Okemos; RE: concerns about appointing professionals to boards and commissions, Representative Paul DeWeese communication on drain code amendment.

Supervisor Little closed Public Remarks.

21. FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee McCullough asked Attorney Goodenough for clarification of motion to table motion to deny Rezoning #99020. Goodenough confirmed that the motion still stays on the "floor" until such time as it is brought back before the Board. There would have to be a motion to take the motion to deny off the table for it to be discussed again.

22. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Little adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

BRUCE A. LITTLE
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

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