

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
REGULAR MEETING TOWNSHIP BOARD -**APPROVED**-
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198
517.853.4000, Township Hall Room
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026, 6:00PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Treasurer Burghardt, Trustee Sundland,
Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

ABSENT: Trustee Lentz

STAFF: Township Manager Dempsey, Police Chief Grillo, Deputy Manager and Public
Works Director Opsommer, Community Planning and Development Director
Schmitt, Neighborhoods and Economic Development Director Clark, Parks and
Recreation Director Wisinski.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Hendrickson called May 19, 2026, Regular Township Board meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor Hendrickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Clerk Demas called the roll. Six Board member present at 6:00 pm.

Trustee Lentz was absent.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Meridian Garden Club

Sally Gray, President, presented information about the Meridian Garden Club.

B. Introduction of New Police Officer-Christopher Elliott

Chief Grillo introduced Officer Christopher "Chase" Elliott.

5. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Hendrickson opened public comment at 6:19 pm.

Beth Bechtel spoke about the use of pesticides and herbicides, and environmental landscape concerns.

Supervisor Hendrickson closed public comment at 6:22 pm.

6. TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT

Manager Dempsey gave updates on:

- Roads currently under construction and available detours.

- Listening Session Summary =should be compiled by next week and available online.
- LeRoy Harvey, former staff member, is in hospice care. Updates can be found at weloveleroy.com.

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clerk Demas announced the Memorial Day Service will take place at 11:00 am on Monday May 25th at Glendale Cemetery.

Trustee Trezise attended a meeting of the Union County Material Management Commission about setting standards for recycling, reusing and composting for the county.

Supervisor Hendrickson thanked residents that attended the May 12 Listening Session. He attended the first Annual Red Cedar River Regatta last Saturday and commended the efforts of the Township and regional partners to improve the navigability of the Red Cedar River.

8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Wilson moved to approve the agenda. Supported by Trustee Trezise.

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Treasurer Burghardt, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 6-0

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor Hendrickson listed the consent agenda items.

May 7, 2026 Closed Session minutes were provided to Board members for review.

Trustee Trezise moved to approve the consent agenda. Supported by Trustee Wilson.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Treasurer Burghardt, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 6-0

10. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

A. 2026-03-Data Center Moratorium - Adoption

Director ~~Schmidt~~ **Schmitt** explained that nothing has changed since last month when this was before the Township Board. There will be a six-month moratorium in place while the Township Attorney's Office works on developing regulations for Data Centers.

Board members indicated support of this item.

Treasurer Burghardt moved to adopt 2026-03 Data Center Moratorium. Supported by Clerk Demas with a friendly amendment to adopt the resolution adopting text amendment number 2026-03 to implement a six-month moratorium on data center developments while regulations are developed.

Treasurer Burghardt accepted the friendly amendment.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas Treasurer Burghardt, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.**

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 6-0

B. 2026-04-Battery Energy Storage Systems Moratorium

Director ~~Schmidt~~ **Schmitt** explained that nothing has changed since last month when this was before the Township Board. There will be a six-month moratorium in place while the Township Attorney's Office is working on developing regulations for battery energy storage systems.

Board members indicated support of this item.

Treasurer Burghardt moved to adopt the resolution adopting text amendment number 2026-04 to implement a six-month moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems developments while regulations are developed. Supported by Trustee Wilson.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Treasurer Burghardt, Clerk Demas, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.**

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 6-0

C. Tailgaters SDD Resort Liquor License Application

Director Clark explained that all of the local planning approvals have been granted and did not receive any other questions or communications regarding the request.

Board members indicated support of this item.

Trustee Trezise moved to adopt MLCC form 106 authorizing resolutions for Tailgater Meridian LLC and sign the letter of support for the resort SDD Liquor License application for 1622 West Grand River Avenue. Supported by Treasurer Burghardt.

VOICE VOTE: **YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Treasurer Burghardt, Clerk Demas, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.**

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 6-0

D. Inter-Urban Trailhead Donation

Director Wisinski explained how the Township Board Approved the mixed-use plan on the corner of Haslett and Marsh Roads in 2022, in which the developer was committed to donating a portion of that property which is connected to the actual Inter-Urban pathway. She also explained what was proposed to be added to the property. The Parks and Recreation staff is requesting the Township Board approve of the land donation from SP Holding LLC.

Director Wisinski and Director Schmitt were present to answer Board questions.

Discussion was held on the construction timeline and timing of when this property would be donated to the Township.

Trustee Wilson moved for the Township Board to authorize the land donation of the Subdivided parcel #5, as legally described and presented in the certified boundary survey, created by Erick Friestrom for Bosgraff homes, dated May 19, 2025, to Meridian Township Parks and Recreation for the updated "Inter-Urban Trail Head" as an approved amenity of the Haslett Village Square Redevelopment project as previously approved by the Township Board. Supported by Treasurer Burghardt.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Treasurer Burghardt, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 6-0

E. 2026 Order to Maintain Sidewalk Special Assessment District #22 – Resolution #1 & #2

Deputy Manager Opsommer explained that there are Resolutions 1 and 2 for the 2026 order to maintain Sidewalk Special Assessment District. Focus will be on the Everett Woods, Heritage Hills, Sierra Ridge, White Hills Lakes, Wood Creek, Carriage Hills and Crestwood neighborhoods. Construction is expected to start in 6 to 8 weeks.

Board members indicated support of this item.

Trustee Willson moved to approve the 2026 order to maintain Sidewalk Special Assessment District #22. Resolutions #2 and #2 which tentatively approve the improvements and the cost estimates of proposed improvements and sets the date for a Public Hearing on June 16, 2026. Supported by Trustee Trezise.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Treasurer Burghardt, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 6-0

11. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 1745 Mack Rezoning

Director Schmitt explained that the owners of 1745 Mack Avenue have applied for rezoning the property from RDD, Multiple Family Residential up to 5 dwelling units per acre, to RB, One-Family High Density Residential. In the future they would like to be able to split the property to build another home. This property is the only one zone Multiple Family in the area.

Discussion was held on the proposed RB rezoning.

This item will be brought back to the Board for introduction and approval.

12. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Supervisor Hendrickson opened public comment at 6:59 pm.

The opportunity to speak during public comment was provided.

Supervisor Hendrickson closed public comment at 6:59 pm.

13. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Wilson moved to adjourn. Supported by Treasurer Burghardt.

VOICE VOTE

YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Treasurer Burghardt, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 6-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.



Scott Hendrickson
Township Supervisor



Angela Demas
Township Clerk