

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
REGULAR MEETING TOWNSHIP BOARD -**APPROVED**-
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198
517.853.4000, Township Hall Room
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026, 6:00PM

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Township Manager Dempsey, Deputy Manager Opsommer, Director Blonde, Director Wisinski, Director Gebes.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Hendrickson called June 2, 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. Seven Board member present at 6:01 pm.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Lansing Board of Water and Light

General Manager Dick Peffley presented information about the Lansing Board of Water and Light (BWL) including how BWL is engaging with the community, how to report an outage, ways to pay bills, how to read your bill and other community events.

Board discussion occurred including a question about their clean energy goals for the future.

General Manager Peffley explained how they are moving forward with the goal of being 50% clean energy by 2030.

B. Yeo & Yeo-2025 Audit Presentation

Lead principal auditor Ali Barnes gave a presentation about the 2025 audit conducted.

5. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Hendrickson opened public comment at 6:26 pm.

Everett Root expressed his support for item J. the Letter of Support for Senator Sam Singh's Aerial Imagery Legislation.

Supervisor Hendrickson closed public comment at 6:27 pm.

6. TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT

Manager Dempsey gave updates on:

- Expressed appreciation to the Finance Department for an excellent Audit.
- Provided an update on the Sparrow ER Facility arrangement to extend water main to Kansas Road and that 9 out of 14 homes have been connected.
- Kick off of the Summer Concerts at the Market Place on the Green is tomorrow night.

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Lentz announced that on June 25th we will be hosting the MTA Ingham County Chapter meeting in the Town Hall room at 5:30 pm. The new Ingham County Road Department Director will be the guest speaker.

Trustee Wilson attended the Memorial Day service at the Glendale Cemetery and attended the Police Neighborhood Leaders meeting..

Clerk Demas announced that absentee ballots will be available 40 days prior to the August 4, 2026 Primary Election and mailed out on June 25th.

Supervisor Hendrickson also attended the Memorial Day service and thanked organizers and participants. He stated that he had been informed by Chief Grillo that officers will be helping out on the roads during the summer.

8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Treasurer Burghardt moved to approve the agenda. Supported by Trustee Wilson.

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

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 7-0

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor Hendrickson listed the consent agenda items.

Clerk Demas highlighted a spelling error on the May 19, 2026 Board meeting minutes.

Clerk Demas moved to approve the consent agenda with the spelling error corrected to the May 19, 2026 Regular Township Board meeting minutes. Supported by Trustee Trezise.

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

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 7-0

10. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

A. August Early Voting Plans

Clerk Demas and Director Wisinski explained to the Board that the first day of Early Voting for the August 2026 Primary falls on the same day as Celebrate Meridian, Saturday, July 25. Early Voting is scheduled from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm for the required 9 days, starting Saturday, July 25 through Sunday, August 2. Celebrate Meridian begins at 4:00 pm on Saturday, July 25. Attendance for Celebrate Meridian is expected to be around 15,000, bringing forth safety and parking concerns. Two options were explained with option 1 adjusting Early Voting hours and option 2 moving the Early Voting location.

The Board discussed both options and indicated support for option 1, adjusting early voting hours for the first day only from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. The remaining 8 days will be 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

B. Polling Location Changes

Clerk Demas presented two options for polling locations changes. The first option includes relocating Precinct 2 permanently and temporarily relocating Precinct 3 for the August election. The second option will permanently move Precinct 2 and 3 for future elections.

The Board discussed both options and indicated support for option 2 noting it would be less confusing to voters and more cost effective.

Discussion occurred regarding polling locations, with suggested changes for future elections.

Trustee Trezise moved to approve Option 2 as presented in the Township Clerk's memorandum dated June 2, 2026 and the option 2 map establish polling locations for all precincts in the Charter Township of Meridian for August 4, 2026 Primary Election, the November 3, 2026 General Election, and future elections as required under MCL 168.662, subject to adjustment as necessary by the Township Clerk. Supported by Trustee Wilson.

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

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 7-0

11. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

12. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Supervisor Hendrickson opened public comment at 7:06 pm.

The opportunity to speak was provided to the public.

Supervisor Hendrickson closed public comment at 7:07 pm.

13. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Trezise moved to enter closed session under MCL 15.268(h) to consult with the Township Attorney regarding a confidential written legal opinion. Supported by Trustee Wilson.

VOICE VOTE

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

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 7-0

At 7:08 pm, the Board entered closed session.

At 8:41 pm, the Board returned to open session.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Wilson moved to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Lentz.

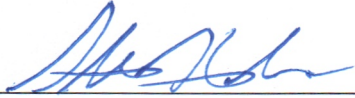
VOICE VOTE

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

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 7-0

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.



Scott Hendrickson
Township Supervisor



Angela Demas
Township Clerk