

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Monroe Charter Township was called to order by Supervisor Alan Barron at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 from the Monroe Charter Township Hall, 4925 East Dunbar Road, Monroe County, Michigan.

ROLL CALL

Present: Supervisor Barron, Clerk Smith, Trustee's Janssens, Howe, Raymo and Manor.

Excused: Treasurer Barton

Others Present: Chief Cherney, Attorney McCormick and seven (7) audience members.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Public Hearing Minutes of March 15, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2022 and Special Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2022).

Motion #1. Motion by Howe, supported by Janssens to approve the minutes of Public Hearing Minutes of March 15, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2022 and Special Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2022, as presented.

Roll call vote: Howe yes, Janssens yes, Manor yes, Raymo yes, Smith yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS/INVOICES

Motion #2. Motion by Manor, supported by Raymo to approve the payment of bill/invoices as listed by the Clerk, as presented.

Roll call vote: Manor yes, Raymo yes, Janssens yes, Smith yes, Howe yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

Motion #3. Motion by Smith, supported by Raymo to accept the Zoning Board of Appeals report, as presented.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Raymo yes, Howe yes, Manor yes, Janssens yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Motion #4. Motion by Howe, supported by Janssens to accept the Planning Commission Report, as presented.

Roll call vote: Howe yes, Janssens yes, Raymo yes, Manor yes, Smith yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

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FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Motion #5. Motion by Raymo, supported by Manor to accept and place on file the Fire Department Report for the month of March 2022, as presented.

Roll call vote: Raymo yes, Manor yes, Howe yes, Janssens yes, Smith yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT REPORT

Motion #6. Motion by Manor, supported by Smith to accept and place on file the Sheriff Department Report for the month of March 2022, as presented.

Roll call vote: Manor yes, Smith yes, Janssens yes, Raymo yes, Howe yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Financial Reports: 1. Clerk's 2022 Budget Summary Report, period ending March 31, 2022.
2. Treasurer's Monthly Statement of Bank Accounts & Investments, period ending March 31, 2022.

General Reports: 1. Supervisor.
2. Building Official.
3. Blight Report.
4. Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Communications:

1. Charter Communications Letter dated March 15, 2022 Re: Upcoming Changes.
2. Charter Communications Letter dated March 25, 2022 Re: Upcoming Changes.
3. Charter Communications Letter dated April 5, 2022 Re: Upcoming Changes.
4. Comcast Letter dated April 7, 2022 Re: Programming Advisory.

Motion #7. Motion by Janssens, supported by Manor to accept the Consent Agenda and place on file, as presented.

Roll call vote: Janssens yes, Manor yes, Smith yes, Howe yes, Raymo yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

PRESENTATION

Presentation by Florence Buchanan of the Monroe County Bicycle and Advisory Panel regarding the Monroe County Trail and Bicycle Plan.

RESOLUTION

Adopt Resolution #22-07, Support for the Adoption of the Monroe County Trail and Bicycle Plan and to consider a contribution of \$2,000.00.

Motion #8. Motion by Raymo, supported by Smith to adopt Resolution #22-07, Support for the Adoption of the Monroe County Trail and Bicycle Plan and to consider a contribution of \$2,000.00, as presented.

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RESOLUTION (Con't)

Roll call vote: Raymo yes, Smith yes, Manor yes, Howe yes, Janssens yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

ORDINANCES

Waive second reading to amend Zoning Ordinance #52-2010 and adopt Section 8.1545 to Zoning Ordinance #52-2010 to allow and regulate Solar Energy Systems; To include text amendments to Ordinance #52-2010: Table of Contents, page iv; Section 2.02, Definitions; Section 4.302, Table of Permitted Uses by District; Section 7.201.B, Permitted Uses and Permitted Uses after Special Approval in the L-I (Light Industrial) Zoned District, all to reference Solar Energy Systems, to have published in the Monroe News and become effective 8 days after publication.

Motion #9. Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to waive second reading to amend Zoning Ordinance #52-2010 and adopt Section 8.1545 to Zoning Ordinance #52-2010 to allow and regulate Solar Energy Systems; To include text amendments to Ordinance #52-2010: Table of Contents, page iv; Section 2.02, Definitions; Section 4.302, Table of Permitted Uses by District; Section 7.201.B, Permitted Uses and Permitted Uses after Special Approval in the L-I (Light Industrial) Zoned District, all to reference Solar Energy Systems, to have published in the Monroe News and become effective 8 days after publication, as presented.

Roll call vote: Manor yes, Howe yes, Raymo yes, Janssens yes, Smith yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Waive second reading to amend Zoning Ordinance #52-2010 and adopt text amendments to Section 4.302, Table of Permitted Uses by District; Section 7.101. A Permitted Uses in the C-1 (Local Commercial) Zoned District; Section 8.124, Funeral Homes or Mortuaries with or without crematories, all to reference Funeral Homes or Mortuaries with or without crematories to have published in the Monroe News and become effective 8 days after publication.

Motion #10. Motion by Raymo, supported by Manor to waive second reading to amend Zoning Ordinance #52-2010 and adopt text amendments to Section 4.302, Table of Permitted Uses by District; Section 7.101. A Permitted Uses in the C-1 (Local Commercial) Zoned District; Section 8.124, Funeral Homes or Mortuaries with or without crematories, all to reference Funeral Homes or Mortuaries with or without crematories to have published in the Monroe News and become effective 8 days after publication, as presented.

Roll call vote: Raymo yes, Manor yes, Smith yes, Howe yes, Janssens yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Waive second reading to add to the General Ordinance and adopt Code of Ordinances number 144, Mobile Food Vendors Ordinance, to have published in the Monroe News and become effective 8 days after publication.

Motion #11. Motion by Smith, supported by Howe to waive second reading to add to the General Ordinance and adopt Code of Ordinances number 144, Mobile Food Vendors Ordinance, to have published in the Monroe News and become effective 8 days after publication, as presented.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Howe yes, Manor yes, Janssens yes, Raymo yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

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NEW BUSINESS

Consider Fireworks Display Permit Application and Special Events Application from Michael Falk of Pyrotecnico Fireworks Inc. and the Monroe County Fair for July 29, 2022 with rain dates of September 23, 2022.

Motion #12. Motion by Manor, supported by Smith to consider Fireworks Display Permit Application and Special Events Application from Michael Falk of Pyrotecnico Fireworks Inc. and the Monroe County Fair for July 29, 2022 with rain dates of September 23, 2022, as presented.

Roll call vote: Manor yes, Smith yes, Janssens yes, Howe yes, Raymo yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Approve the use of the Nature Center for the Southpointe Condo Home Owners Association meeting to be held Tuesday, May 17, 2022, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00p.m., at no cost.

Motion #13. Motion by Howe, supported by Janssens to approve the use of the Nature Center for the Southpointe Condo Home Owners Association meeting to be held Tuesday, May 17, 2022, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00p.m., at no cost, as presented.

Roll call vote: Howe yes, Janssens yes, Smith yes, Raymo no, Manor yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Approve Franklin Haywood as a Hearing Officer for the purpose of adjudicating a condemnation order against Scott Nevel, 14470 S. Dixie Hwy., Monroe, MI 48161.

Motion #14. Motion by Smith, supported by Howe to approve Franklin Haywood as a Hearing Officer for the purpose of adjudicating a condemnation order against Scott Nevel, 14470 S. Dixie Hwy., Monroe, MI 48161, as presented.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Howe yes, Manor yes, Janssens yes, Raymo yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Consider adjusting Precision Irrigation & Lawn Care Inc. contract.

Motion #15. Motion by Smith, supported by Manor to consider adjusting Precision Irrigation & Lawn Care Inc. contract, as presented.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Manor yes, Raymo yes, Janssens yes, Howe yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Authorize payment of 2nd quarter 2022 service agreement to Monroe County Business Development Corporation in the amount of \$750.00.

Motion #16. Motion by Smith, supported by Raymo to authorize payment of 2nd quarter 2022 service agreement to Monroe County Business Development Corporation in the amount of \$750.00, as presented.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Raymo yes, Manor yes, Howe yes, Janssens yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Consider approving one (1) year annual membership to MiDeal at a cost of \$230.00.

Motion #17. Motion by Howe, supported by Manor to consider approving one (1) year annual membership to MiDeal at a cost of \$230.00, as presented.

Roll call vote: Howe yes, Manor yes, Janssens yes, Smith yes, Raymo yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

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NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

Consider new line of credit through Wex Fleet card MiDeal program.

Motion #18. Motion by Howe, supported by Raymo to consider new line of credit through Wex Fleet card MiDeal program, as presented.

Roll call vote: Howe yes, Raymo yes, Smith yes, Janssens yes, Manor yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Authorize Clerk to sign renewal contract with Park Place Technologies for the Fire Department.

Motion #19. Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to authorize Clerk to sign renewal contract with Park Place Technologies for the Fire Department, as presented.

Roll call vote: Manor yes, Howe yes, Janssens yes, Smith yes, Manor yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Authorize payment of \$2,780.25 to Herkimer for new light bar on 2006 Chevy Suburban/Fire Department.

Motion #20. Motion by Howe, supported by Manor to authorize payment up to \$2,780.25 to Herkimer for new light bar on 2006 Chevy Suburban/Fire Department, as presented.

Public Comments: Chief Cherney stated that the price seemed high for the light bar and wanted to try to negotiate a lower price. Chief Cherney also noted that if one more light goes out on this vehicle it cannot be used on emergency calls. He mentioned that LaSalle Fire Chief knows how to put light bars on. Clerk Smith asked if he would want to be paid or volunteer his services? If he doesn't have a business we can't pay him.

Roll call vote: Howe yes, Manor yes, Janssens yes, Raymo yes, Smith yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Authorize Supervisor and Clerk to sign agreement to provide for additional Deputy Sheriff at an approximate annual cost of \$107,600.00, to begin on or near April 24, 2022.

Motion #21. Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to authorize Supervisor and Clerk to sign agreement to provide for additional Deputy Sheriff at an approximate annual cost of \$107,600.00, to begin on or near April 24, 2022, as presented.

Roll call vote: Manor yes, Howe yes, Raymo yes, Janssens yes, Smith yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Consider application for a Special Outdoor Event to be held by URB Cannabis Co., located at 14515 LaPlaisance Road on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Motion #22. Motion by Manor, supported by Smith to consider application for a Special Outdoor Event to be held by URB Cannabis Co., located at 14515 LaPlaisance Road on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., as presented.

Public Comments: Trustee Howe asked what type of security will be outside. Marvin Yono stated there will be 3 security guards outside.

Roll call vote: Manor yes, Smith yes, Howe yes, Raymo yes, Janssens yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

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NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

Consider application for a Special Outdoor Event to be held by Quality Roots, located at 1121 S. Monroe Street on Wednesday April 20, 2022.

Motion #23. Motion by Manor, supported by Smith to consider application for a Special Outdoor Event to be held by Quality Roots, located at 1121 S. Monroe Street on Wednesday April 20, 2022 between the hours of 12:00p.m. and 7:00 p.m., as presented.

Public Comments: Trustee Howe stated that the same would apply to this business regarding security. Clerk Smith advised that in the Board packet there is a letter from the owner describing the security that will be present to curtail any type of consumption.

Roll call vote: Manor yes, Smith yes, Howe yes, Janssens yes, Raymo yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Accept proposal from Johnson Sign Company for new sign for the Township Hall in the amount of \$33,910.00 and authorize Supervisor and Clerk to sign contract.

Motion #24. Motion by Howe, supported by Raymo to accept proposal from Johnson Sign Company for new sign for the Township Hall in the amount of \$33,910.00 and authorize Supervisor and Clerk to sign contract, as presented.

Roll call vote: Howe yes, Raymo yes, Smith yes, Janssens yes, Manor yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Authorize Supervisor to seek bids to repair/seal Barron's Way and Township Hall Parking lot.

Motion #25. Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to authorize Supervisor to seek bids to repair/seal Barron's Way and Township Hall Parking lot, as presented.

Roll call vote: Manor yes, Howe yes, Janssens yes, Smith yes, Raymo yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Accept and award bid for battery operated fans for the Fire Department as recommended by Chief Cherney.

Motion #26. Motion by Manor, supported by Janssens to accept and award bid for three battery operated fans at a cost between \$15,000 and \$16,000 for the Fire Department as recommended by Chief Cherney, as presented.

Roll call vote: Manor yes, Janssens yes, Howe yes, Raymo yes, Smith yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Authorize Clerk to search for Building Department truck and authorize purchase up to \$35,000.

Motion #27. Motion by Howe, supported by Janssens to authorize Clerk to search for Building Department truck and authorize purchase up to \$35,000, as presented.

Roll call vote: Howe yes, Janssens yes, Raymo yes, Manor yes, Smith yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Approve Chief Cherney to advertise for part-time firefighters for shift work plan.

Motion #28. Motion by Manor, supported by Raymo to approve Chief Cherney to advertise for part-time firefighters for shift work plan, as presented.

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NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

Public Comments: Clerk Smith clarified that this was just to accept applications and that there would be no job offers. Chief Cherney confirmed that is correct. Clerk Smith also asked for reports on call times and fire fighter response so that the Board can make an informed decision on the shifts when it is presented.

Roll call vote: Manor yes, Raymo yes, Smith yes, Howe yes, Janssens yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Authorize purchase of 2,000' of 4" supply hose as requested by Chief Cherney.

Motion #29. Motion by Manor, supported by Raymo to authorize purchase of 2,000' of 4" Key Pro-Flow supply hose in the amount of \$12,499 as requested by Chief Cherney, as presented.

Roll call vote: Manor yes, Raymo yes, Howe yes, Janssens yes, Smith yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Consider application for a Special Outdoor Event to be held by Hi-Lite Fresh Market located at 15539 S. Telegraph Rd., Monroe, MI 48161 on the following dates 04/21/2022, 05/19/2022, 06/16/2022, 07/21/2022, 08/18/2022, 09/15/2022 and 10/20/2022 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Motion #30. Motion by Raymo, supported by Manor to consider application for a Special Outdoor Event to be held by Hi-Lite Fresh Market located at 15539 S. Telegraph Rd., Monroe, MI 48161 on the following dates 04/21/2022, 05/19/2022, 06/16/2022, 07/21/2022, 08/18/2022, 09/15/2022 and 10/20/2022 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., as presented.

Roll call vote: Raymo yes, Manor yes, Howe yes, Janssens yes, Smith yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments began at 7:59 p.m. and ended at 8:03 p.m.

Raisinville Township Resident commended the Board on its efficiency and inquired about the Board's vote on the Solar Power Ordinance and did it limit it to Light Industrial only with no agricultural land?

Trustee Manor responded yes. He also asked who the Township Planner is.

Township Resident asked about road project in Ravenwood? Supervisor Barron stated he is meeting with Mannik and Smith but no date has been set.

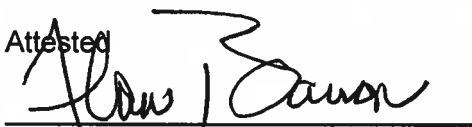
Representative from Orion Renewable Energy reminded the Board of the potential for dual use on Agricultural land and invited the Board to training through the Michigan State University Extension.

ADJOURNMENT

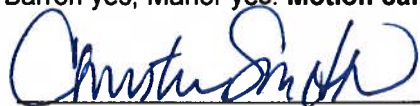
Motion #31. Motion by Raymo, supported by Janssens to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Roll call vote: Raymo yes, Janssens yes, Smith yes, Howe yes, Barron yes, Manor yes. **Motion carried.**

Attested



Alan Barron, Supervisor
Monroe Charter Township



Christina Smith, Clerk
Monroe Charter Township