

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 15, 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, March 15, 2022 from the Monroe Charter Township Hall, 4925 East Dunbar Road, Monroe County, Michigan.

ROLL CALL

Present: Supervisor Barron, Clerk Smith, Treasurer Barton, Trustees Raymo, Howe and Janssens.

Excused: Trustee Manor

Others Present: Chief Cherney, Attorney McCormick, Sheriff Goodnough and fifteen (15) audience members.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Workshop Minutes of February 15, 2022 and Regular Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2022).

Motion #1. Motion by Janssens, supported by Howe to approve the Workshop Minutes of February 15, 2022 and Regular Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2022, as presented.

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

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS/INVOICES

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

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

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

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Motion #4. Motion by Raymo, supported by Janssens to accept and place on file the Fire Department Report for the month of February 2022 and the 2021 Annual Fire Department Report, as presented.

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

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT REPORT

Motion #5. Motion by Janssens, supported by Howe to accept and place on file the Sheriff Department Report for the month of February 2022 and the Sheriff's Statistical Report for 2020 and 2021, as presented.

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SHERIFF DEPARTMENT REPORT (Con't)

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Financial Reports:

- 1. Clerk's 2021 Budget Summary Report, period ending February 28, 2022.**
- 2. Treasurer's Monthly Statement of Bank Accounts & Investments, period ending February 28, 2022.**

General Reports:

- 1. Supervisor.**
- 2. Building Official.**
- 3. Blight Report**
- 4. Zoning Enforcement Officer.**

Communications:

- 1. Charter Communications Letter dated March 1, 2022 Re: Spectrum Mid-America Upcoming Changes.**
- 2. Charter Communications Letter dated March 1, 2022 Re: Upcoming Changes.**
- 3. Charter Communications Letter dated March 7, 2022 Re: Cessation of Programming.**
- 4. Comcast e-mail dated February 14, 2022 Re: Xfinity TV Services.**

Motion #6. Motion by Raymo, supported by Janssens to accept the Consent Agenda and place on file, as presented.

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

RESOLUTIONS

- Adopt Resolution #22-02, 2022 General Fund Budget Amendment #1.**
Adopt Resolution #22-03, 2022 Special Revenue Fund Budget Amendment #1.
Adopt Resolution #22-04, 2022 Capital Projects Fund Budget Amendment #1.
Adopt Resolution #22-05, 2022 Debt Service Fund Amendment #1.

Motion #7. Motion by Howe, supported by Janssens to adopt Resolution #22-02, 2022 General Fund Budget Amendment #1. Adopt Resolution #22-03, 2022 Special Revenue Fund Budget Amendment #1. Adopt Resolution #22-04, 2022 Capital Projects Fund Budget Amendment #1. Adopt Resolution #22-05, 2022 Debt Service Fund Amendment #1, as presented.

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

ORDINANCES

Waive first reading to add 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, Tale of Permitted Uses by District; Section

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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 Monroe News and brought back for 2nd reading at the April 19, 2022, Regular Board meeting for adoption.

Motion #8. Motion by Howe, supported by Raymo to waive first reading to add 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, Tale 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 Monroe News and brought back for 2nd reading at the April 19, 2022, Regular Board meeting for adoption, as presented.

Public Comments: Resident and Local Farmer asked that Agriculture zoning be considered for this ordinance to assist in revenue.

A representative from Oryan Renewable Energy provided the Board with handouts and discussed the possibilities to still farm properties with solar panels.

Resident advised the Board that he has worked in solar energy and that the ordinance is written well. He advised the Board that we may want to consider adding residential restrictions to the ordinance.

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

Waive first reading to amend Zoning Ordinance #52-2010 to include 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 brought back to the April 19, 2022, Regular Board meeting for adoption.

Motion #9. Motion by Howe, supported by Raymo to waive first reading to amend Zoning Ordinance #52-2010 to include 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 brought back to the April 19, 2022, Regular Board meeting for adoption, as presented.

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

Waive first reading to adopt Code of Ordinances number 144, Mobile Food Vendors Ordinance, to have published in the Monroe News and brought back to the April 19, 2022, Regular Board meeting for adoption.

Motion #10. Motion by Smith, supported by Howe to waive first reading to adopt Code of Ordinances number 144, Mobile Food Vendors Ordinance, to have published in the Monroe News and brought back to the April 19, 2022, Regular Board meeting for adoption, as presented.

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

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NEW BUSINESS

Accept resignation of William Heck from the Zoning Board of Appeals and appoint Zoning Board of Appeals alternate Richard Jones to fill position, with term expiring 01-01-2024.

Motion #11. Motion by Smith, supported by Raymo to accept resignation of William Heck from the Zoning Board of Appeals and appoint Zoning Board of Appeals alternate Richard Jones to fill position, with term expiring 01-01-2024, as presented.

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

Approve Resolution to authorize Consumer Energy Company to make changes in the lighting system covered by the existing lighting contract between Consumer Energy Company and Monroe Charter Township and to authorize payment of \$100.00 (lighting update at LaPlaisance and Albain).

Motion #12. Motion by Howe, supported by Janssens to approve Resolution to authorize Consumer Energy Company to make changes in the lighting system covered by the existing lighting contract between Consumer Energy Company and Monroe Charter Township and to authorize payment of \$100.00 (lighting update at LaPlaisance and Albain), as presented.

Public Comments: Resident wanted to confirm that the light would be at the intersection of Albain Road and LaPlaisance Road because the street signs have been run over multiple times.

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

Consider approving the week of May 16, 2022, as "Free Building Permit" week (with restrictions) in honor of Michigan Week.

Motion #13. Motion by Raymo, supported by Smith to consider approving the week of May 16, 2022, as "Free Building Permit" week (with restrictions) in honor of Michigan Week, as presented.

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

Approve annual dues payment of \$400.00 to Monroe County Chamber of Commerce.

Motion #14. Motion by Smith, supported by Janssens to approve annual dues payment of \$400.00 to Monroe County Chamber of Commerce, as presented.

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

Approve Resolution #22-06 to establish an Industrial Development District at 14727 LaPlaisance Road as requested by Monroe, MI LLC and Nazar Holdings 19 LLC.

Motion #15. Motion by Barton, supported by Smith to approve Resolution #22-06 to establish an Industrial Development District at 14727 LaPlaisance Road as requested by Monroe, MI LLC and Nazar Holdings 19 LLC, as presented.

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

Approve request of the Fire Department to attend the Midwest Fire Rescue Expo and Annual Conference on April 13 in Novi, MI.

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Motion #16. Motion by Barton, supported by Raymo to approve request of the Fire Department to attend the Midwest Fire Rescue Expo and Annual Conference on April 13 in Novi, MI, as presented.

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

Approve request of the Fire Department to attend Fire Department International Conference (one day seminar) in Indianapolis, IN.

Motion #17. Motion by Smith, supported by Howe to approve request of the Fire Department to attend Fire Department International Conference (one day seminar) in Indianapolis, IN, as presented.

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

Authorize Clerk to sign new Verizon Wireless Service Agreement.

Motion #18. Motion by Barton, supported by Janssens to authorize Clerk to sign new Verizon Wireless Service Agreement, as presented.

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

Approve the 2nd payment of \$432,221.00 on the new fire truck.

Motion #19. Motion by Raymo, supported by Janssens to approve the 2nd payment of \$432,221.00 on the new fire truck, as presented.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments began at 8:08 p.m. and ended at 8:18 p.m.

William Bruck announced his candidacy for the 30th District for the House of Representatives. He also brought to the Board's attention that he started a War on Terror Memorial within the Township.

Resident brought up concerns that there is no left turn signal from Dunbar Road on to Telegraph Road and asked for assistance in getting MDOT to consider adding one.

Al Prieur Deputy Supervisor for Bedford Township attended on behalf of Paul Pirrone Bedford Supervisor who is running for the 30th District house of Representatives.


Katybeth Davis announced her candidacy for State Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #20. Motion by Raymo, supported by Janssens to adjourn the meeting of at 8:18 p.m.

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

Attested:


Alan Barron, Supervisor
Monroe Charter Township


Christina Smith, Clerk
Monroe Charter Township