

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Minutes of a Board Workshop
Held July 12, 2022
6:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

A Board Workshop of the Monroe Charter Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Alan Barron at 6:38 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 in the Monroe Charter Township Hall, 4925 East Dunbar Road, Monroe County, Michigan. The meeting began late due to a watermain break at the ball diamonds.

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

Others

Present: Fiscal Officer Lisa Sulfaro, Chief Cherney, Assistant Chief Broman, Captain Dave Nadeau and sixteen (16) audience members.

Supervisor Barron reminded everyone that this is only a Workshop, not a Board Meeting; therefore, no board action can be taken today. The purpose is to discuss the Fire Department Committee Report and Township Building/ Grounds Improvements. The notice was posted on July 7, 2022 on the Doors and July 11, 2022 on the Website and Facebook.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department Committee that began a few months ago gave their statistical report on the percentage of call responses. The fire department is exceeding NFPA guidelines for response time and the Committee reminded the Board that we also need to consider mutual aid assistance as well.

Trustee Howe mentioned increasing the rate of pay for the fire fighters and asked Chief Cherney to look into the impact to his budget.

Treasurer Barton brought up an email to the Township Auditor with her being if the opinion that we could not cover payroll out of the millage. She also read the proposal that was on the ballot explaining where there may be an issue with it. Clerk Smith advised that she will look into further clarification and notify the Board and Chief Cherney of her findings.

Clerk Smith asked how the department was doing with applications for paid on call volunteers. Chief Cherney advised that they had five applications out and that two were returned. When asked why they hadn't been in training yet the Chief explained that it was too hot out for training.

Chief Cherney also mention that Inspector Schmitt could use some help in his department. It was brought up that he will probably be retiring in the next few years and it would be wise to bring someone on now that can learn from him as well as complete all the Fire Inspector schooling required to be licensed. Fiscal Officer Lisa Sulfaro advised Chief Cherney that these are things that you look at when you are forming your budget for the next fiscal year. She stated that we will be having our budget workshop in September or October so he should be looking at his budget now for the things he would like for the following year.

Captain Dave Nadeau spoke about a grant writer through safe boats that would be able to assist in attempting to win grants for the replacement of the Fire Departments Rescue Boat. He stated it is a \$1,500 charge.

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BOARD WORKSHOP

MINUTES

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FIRE DEPARTMENT (Con't)

Chief Cherney pointed out that he would need to order turnout gear for the three new fire fighters and also mentioned that our current turnout gear is set to expire in 2024. He stated that it is approximately \$3,000 per set.

Chief Cherney also mentioned that he would like to see Station #3 become more useable. He would like to see 3 additional bays be added to the side of the current building, as well as bathroom facilities and showers be added.

TOWNSHIP GROUNDS/BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

The Engineering quotes for Fire Station #1, the Township Park and Barron's Way and Custer Ball Parking lot were included. Clerk Smith advised that there should've been a price for the Township Hall parking lot that was missed. She also stated that she would work on getting a price for that as well.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident inquired about a fire hydrant that he has been maintaining on a vacant property. The property has been sold and he is concerned that the hydrant will not be able to be used. He also wanted to know what could be done regarding the property owners lack of maintenance of his property. He was advised that it could be turned into the blight officer for possible remediation of the issue.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.



Christina Smith, Clerk
Monroe Charter Township

Attested:



Alan Barron, Supervisor
Monroe Charter Township