

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 18, 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, October 18, 2022 from the Monroe Charter Township Hall, 4925 East Dunbar Road, Monroe County, Michigan.

ROLL CALL

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

Others Present: Attorney McCormick and sixteen (16) audience members.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Regular Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2022 and Workshop Minutes of October 11, 2022)

Motion #1. Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2022 and Workshop Minutes of October 11, 2022, as presented.

Roll call vote: Manor yes, Howe yes, Smith yes, Janssens yes, Raymo yes, Barton yes, Barron yes.

Motion carried.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS/INVOICES

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

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

Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Motion #3. Motion by Raymo, supported by Janssens to accept the Planning Commission Report, as presented.

Roll call vote: Raymo yes, Janssens yes, Manor yes, Smith yes, Howe yes, Barton yes, Barron yes.

Motion carried.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT REPORT

Motion #4. Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to accept and place on file the Sheriff Department Report for the month of September 2022, as presented.

Roll call vote: Manor yes, Howe yes, Barton yes, Raymo yes, Janssens yes, Smith yes, Barron yes.

Motion carried.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Financial Reports:

- 1. Clerk's 2022 Budget Summary Report, period ending September 30, 2022.**
- 2. Treasurer's Monthly Statement of Bank Accounts & Investments, period ending September 30, 2022.**

General Reports:

- 1. Supervisor.**
- 2. Building Official.**
- 3. Blight Report**

Communications:

- 1. Correspondence from Charter Communications dated 9-22-2022; Re: upcoming changes.**
- 2. Correspondence from Charter Communications dated 9-30-22; Re: upcoming changes.**

Motion #5. Motion by Howe, supported by Raymo to accept the Consent Agenda and place on file, as presented.

Roll call vote: Howe yes, Raymo yes, Manor yes, Janssens yes, Barton yes, Smith yes, Barron yes.

Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

Approve Proclamation #22-03, recognizing November as Family Court Awareness Month.

Motion #6. Motion by Barton, supported by Manor to approve Proclamation #22-03, recognizing November as Family Court Awareness Month, as presented.

Roll call vote: Barton yes, Manor yes, Smith yes, Howe yes, Janssens yes, Raymo yes, Barron yes.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Approve Resolution #22-14, Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act for calendar plan year December 1, 2022 - December 1, 2023.

Motion #7. Motion by Smith, supported by Barton to approve Resolution #22-14, Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act for calendar plan year December 1, 2022 - December 1, 2023, as presented.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Barton yes, Janssens yes, Howe yes, Manor yes, Raymo yes, Barron yes.

Motion carried.

Approve Resolution #22-15, Monroe Consolidated Drain Drainage District Drain Bonds, Series 2022.

Motion #8. Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to approve Resolution #22-15, Monroe Consolidated Drain Drainage District Drain Bonds, Series 2022, and to correct the Clerk's name, as presented.

Roll call vote: Manor yes, Howe yes, Barton yes, Raymo yes, Janssens yes, Smith yes, Barron yes.

Motion carried

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RESOLUTIONS (Con't)

Adopt Resolution #22-16, 2022 General Fund Budget Amendment #3. Adopt Resolution #22-17, 2022 Special Revenue Fund Budget Amendment #3. Adopt Resolution #22-18, 2022 Capital Projects Fund Budget Amendment #3. Adopt Resolution #22-19, 2022 2020 Debt Service Fund Amendment #3.

Motion #9. Motion by Howe, supported by Barton to adopt Resolution #22-16, 2022 General Fund Budget Amendment #3. Adopt Resolution #22-17, 2022 Special Revenue Fund Budget Amendment #3. Adopt Resolution #22-18, 2022 Capital Projects Fund Budget Amendment #3. Adopt Resolution #22-19, 2022 2020 Debt Service Fund Amendment #3, as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Approve 4th quarter payment to Monroe County Business Development Corporation in the amount of \$750.00.

Motion #10. Motion by Janssens, supported by Raymo to approve 4th quarter payment to Monroe County Business Development Corporation in the amount of \$750.00, as presented.

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

Approve 2023 Regular Board Meeting schedule.

Motion #11. Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to approve 2023 Regular Board Meeting schedule, as presented.

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

Approve 2023 Holiday Schedule.

Motion #12. Motion by Barton, supported by Howe to Approve 2023 Holiday Schedule, as presented.

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

Approve 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Monday, October 31 as Trick-or-Treat Night.

Motion #13. Motion by Howe, supported by Janssens to approve 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Monday, October 31 as Trick-or-Treat Night, as presented.

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

Consider approving 2023 Employee Salary & Wage Scale Amendment #30.

Motion #14. Motion by Smith, supported by Barton to consider approving 2023 Employee Salary & Wage Scale Amendment #30, as presented.

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NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

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

Consider seeking out bids for an addition to the Township Hall.

Motion #15. Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to consider seeking out bids for an addition to the Township Hall, as presented.

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

Accept and place on file updated fee schedule from Township Engineers, Mannik & Smith Group.

Motion #16. Motion by Manor, supported by Smith to accept and place on file updated fee schedule from Township Engineers, Mannik & Smith Group, effective November 1, 2022, as presented.

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

Approve Firefighters Nicholas Adrian and Nicholas Ottinger as probationary firefighters for the Monroe Charter Township Volunteer Fire Department, effective November 1, 2022, as recommended by Chief Cherney.

Motion #17. Motion by Raymo, supported by Howe to approve Firefighters Nicholas Adrian and Nicholas Ottinger as probationary firefighters for the Monroe Charter Township Volunteer Fire Department, effective November 1, 2022, as recommended by Chief Cherney, presented.

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

Approve purchase of four (4) sets of fire gear, pants and coats, approximate cost \$4,000.00, as recommended by Chief Cherney.

Motion #18. Motion by Manor, supported by Janssens to approve purchase of four (4) sets of fire gear, pants and coats, approximate cost \$4,000.00 per set, as recommended by Chief Cherney, as presented.

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

Consider approving \$1,500.00 for a grant writer for a possible purchase of a new rescue boat.

Motion #19. Motion by Howe, supported by Raymo to consider approving \$1,500.00 for a grant writer for a possible purchase of a new rescue boat, as presented.

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

Approve renewal of VSP Vision Care for 2023.

Motion #20. Motion by Manor, supported by Smith to approve renewal of VSP Vision Care for 2023, as presented.

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Roll call vote: Manor yes, Smith yes, Janssens yes, Raymo yes, Howe yes, Barton yes, Barron yes.

Motion carried.

Approve renewal of Delta Dental Plan of Michigan for 2023.

Motion #21. Motion by Raymo, supported by Smith to approve renewal of Delta Dental Plan of Michigan for 2023, as presented.

Roll call vote: Raymo yes, Smith yes, Manor yes, Howe yes, Janssens yes, Barton yes, Barron yes.

Motion carried.

Approve renewal of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan Health Insurance Plan for 2023.

Motion #22. Motion by Smith, supported by Howe to approve renewal of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan Health Insurance Plan for 2023, as presented.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Howe yes, Janssens yes, Raymo yes, Barton yes, Manor yes, Barron yes.

Motion carried.

Consider request of Anna Sloan, LLC to extend the November 3, 2022 deadline to obtain a State of Michigan license for a marihuana grower at 15600 S. Telegraph Road for an additional 8-10 months.

Motion #23. Motion by Barton, supported by Manor to consider request of Anna Sloan, LLC to extend the November 3, 2022 deadline to obtain a State of Michigan license for a marihuana grower at 15600 S. Telegraph Road for an additional 8-10 months, extension no later than September 3, 2023, as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Supervisor Barron advised the Board that there is a letter written by the Zoning Enforcement Officer detailing the progress and recommendation for review.

Paul Roumaya owner addressed the Board as to why the project has taken longer than expected and that they have been continually moving forward. There were issues with what the Electrical Inspector was requiring and finding an Engineer who could complete those drawing to his specifications. Plumbing is in, HVAC is there waiting to be installed, Consumers has a 20-week lead time and we are 8 weeks into that.

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

Consider request of Quality Roots, Inc. to extend the November 8, 2022 deadline to obtain a State of Michigan license for a marihuana provisioning center and adult use retailer at 1235 S. Monroe Street.

Motion #24. Motion by Barton, supported by Raymo to consider request of Quality Roots, Inc. to extend the November 8, 2022 deadline to obtain a State of Michigan license for a marihuana provisioning center and adult use retailer at 1235 S. Monroe Street, no later than November 7, 2023 as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Attorney representing Quality Roots, CEO Aric Klar and Architect Jim Jacobs. Part of the delay in getting the project started are due to EGLE requirements, the properties lots have now been combined into one.

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Supervisor Barron again reminded the Board that the Zoning Enforcement Officer has also written a detailed letter with recommendation for this location as well.

Trustee Howe noted that there are differences in the last businesses progress on their property as opposed to this property. There has been no real progress on this property and you made a conscious effort not focus on the second property.

Clerk Smith asked when was EGLE notified and when were the site plans turned into the Building Department. EGLE took 8 months on their permit.

Trustee Manor stated that Kim Fortner has suggested that we consider this for approval that we have a performance guarantee at a minimum of \$25,000 or 10% of the estimated cost of site improvements.

Aric Klar stated that he will provide a 90-day report to include but not limited to bidding proposals, site plans and project updates.

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

Consider request of Quality Roots, Inc. to extend the November 8, 2022 deadline for 1 year or November 7, 2023 to obtain a State of Michigan license for a marihuana provisioning center and adult use retailer at 1235 S. Monroe Street. Contingent upon \$25,000 performance bond, a 90-day progress report and demolition contract within 180 days.

Motion #25. Motion by Howe, supported by Manor to Consider request of Quality Roots, Inc. to extend the November 8, 2022 deadline for 1 year or November 7, 2023 to obtain a State of Michigan license for a marihuana provisioning center and adult use retailer at 1235 S. Monroe Street. Contingent upon \$25,000 performance bond, a 90-day progress report and demolition contract within 180 days, as presented.

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

Consider approving license renewal for NU Group LLC, DBA Nirvana Center (14498 LaPlaisance Road), effective 10/20/22 – 10/20/23. Contingent on all agency approvals.

Motion #26. Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to consider approving license renewal for NU Group LLC, DBA Nirvana Center (14498 LaPlaisance Road), effective 10/20/22 - 10/20/23. Contingent on all agency approvals, as presented.

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

Consider approving license renewal for TC MI Ann Arbor 2 LLC, DBA Weedy's or W. Cannabis (1118 S. Telegraph) effective 11/03/22 - 11/03/23. Contingent on all agency approvals.

Motion #27. Motion by Raymo, supported by Manor to consider approving license renewal for TC MI Ann Arbor 2 LLC, DBA Weedy's or W. Cannabis (1118 S. Telegraph) effective 11/03/22 - 11/03/23. Contingent on all agency approvals, as presented.

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

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NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

Consider approving license renewal for UM1, LLC, DBA Heads (14750 LaPlaisance Road, H260) effective 11/03/22 - 11/03/23. Contingent on all agency approvals.

Motion #28. Motion by Manor, supported by Raymo to consider approving license renewal for UM1, LLC, DBA Heads (14750 LaPlaisance Road, H260) effective 11/03/22 - 11/03/23. Contingent on all agency approvals, as presented.

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

Consider approving license renewal for Hemptonize LLC, DBA Glass Jar (14733 S. Telegraph Road) effective 10/20/22 - 10/20/23. Contingent on all agency approvals.

Motion #29. Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to consider approving license renewal for Hemptonize LLC, DBA Glass Jar (14733 S. Telegraph Road) effective 10/20/22 - 10/20/23. Contingent on all agency approvals, as presented.

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

Accept 1-year Leave of Absence for Sergeant Scott Livermore, effective October 1, 2022.

Motion #30. Motion by Smith, supported by Howe to accept 1-year Leave of Absence for Sergeant Scott Livermore, effective October 1, 2022, as presented.

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

Accept 1-year Leave of Absence for Firefighter Brent Thomas, effective October 13, 2022.

Motion #31. Motion by Raymo, supported by Howe to accept 1-year Leave of Absence for Firefighter Brent Thomas, effective October 13, 2022, as presented.

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

Consider application for a Special Outdoor Event to be held by Lamar Jarbo/Crave Cannabis located at 1100 S. Monroe Street beginning on October 26 - January 2, 2023.

Motion #32. Motion by Manor, supported by Raymo to consider application for a Special Outdoor Event to be held by Lamar Jarbo/Crave Cannabis located at 1100 S. Monroe Street beginning on October 26 - January 2, 2023, as presented.

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

Consider application for a Special Outdoor Event to be held by Randy Jarbo/DBA Wild Bill Tobacco located at 920 S. Monroe Street.

Motion #33. Motion by Raymo, supported by Manor to consider application for a Special Outdoor Event to be held by Randy Jarbo/DBA Wild Bill Tobacco located at 920 S. Monroe Street, as presented.

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

Consider application for a Special Outdoor Event to be held by Nu Group LLC/Nazar Holdings 18 LLC located at 14498 LaPlaisance Road on the following dates: 10/21/22, 10/22/22,10/23/22, 10/28/22,10/29/22, 10/30/22, 11/4/22, 11/5/22, 11/6/22, 11/11/22, 11/12/22, 11/13/22, 11/18/22, 11/19/22, 11/20/22, 11/25/22, 11/26/22 and 11/27/22.

Motion #34. Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to consider application for a Special Outdoor Event to be held by Nu Group LLC/Nazar Holdings 18 LLC located at 14498 LaPlaisance Road on the following dates: 10/21/22, 10/22/22,10/23/22, 10/28/22,10/29/22, 10/30/22, 11/4/22, 11/5/22, 11/6/22, 11/11/22, 11/12/22, 11/13/22, 11/18/22, 11/19/22, 11/20/22, 11/25/22, 11/26/22 and 11/27/22, between the hours of 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. as presented.

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

Consider 10% incentive bonus for firefighters based on fire runs and still employed on December 31, 2022. To be paid in January 2023.

Motion #35. Motion by Barton, supported by Smith to consider 10% incentive bonus for firefighters based on fire runs and still employed on December 31, 2022. To be paid in January 2023, as presented.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments began at 8:00 p.m. and ended at 8:04 p.m.

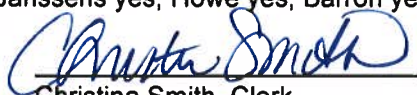
Christian Horkey introduced himself and announced that he is running for 1st District Court Judge on the November ballot and that he would be available to talk after the meeting.

Resident complimented the Board on the Township website design and how user friendly it is. He also asked if it was possible to put the Blight report and Building Permit report on the website. Attorney McCormick advised that there is too much personal information included on the Blight report but that a FOIA request could be done.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #36. Motion by Raymo, supported by Manor to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

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



Christina Smith, Clerk
Monroe Charter Township

Attested:



Alan Barron, Supervisor
Monroe Charter Township