

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2021
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, June 15, 2021 from the Monroe Charter Township Hall, 4925 East Dunbar Road, Monroe County, Michigan.

ROLL CALL

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

Others Present: Chief Cherney, Attorney Patricia McCormick and thirty six (36) attendees.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Regular Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2021)

Motion #1. Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to approve and place on file the regular meeting minutes of May 18, 2021, as presented.

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

Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Department report on the fire runs for the month of May 2021.

Motion #3. Motion by Janssens, supported by Raymo to accept and place on file the May 2021 Fire Department report, as presented.

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

Motion carried.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT REPORT

Sheriff Department report for the month of May 2021.

Motion #4. Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to accept and place on file the Sheriff Report for the month of May 2021, as presented.

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

Motion carried.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Financial Reports:

1. Clerk's 2021 Budget Summary Report, period ending May 31, 2021.
2. Treasurer's Monthly Statement of Bank Accounts & Investments, period ending May 31, 2021.

General Reports:

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

Communications:

1. Correspondence from Charter Communications dated 05-28-2021; Re: Upcoming changes.
2. Correspondence from Comcast dated 6-04-2021; Re: changes to Xfinity TV Services.

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

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Adopt Resolution #21-05, 2021 General Fund Budget Amendment #1, Resolution #21-06, 2021 Special Revenue Fund Budget Amendment #1, Resolution #21-07, 2021 Capital Projects Fund Budget Amendment #1, Resolution #21-08, 2021 Debt Service Fund Budget Amendment #1.

Motion #6. Motion by Barton, supported by Janssens to adopt Resolution #21-05, 2021 General Fund Budget Amendment #1, Resolution #21-06, 2021 Special Revenue Fund Budget Amendment #1, Resolution #21-07, 2021 Capital Projects Fund Budget Amendment #1, Resolution #21-08, 2021 Debt Service Fund Budget Amendment #1, as presented.

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

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Accept recommendation of Chief Cherney to approve firefighters Jarrett Cicero, Jeremy Drouillard, Brayden Johnson, Daniel Liddy and Robert Origel as probationary firefighters for the Monroe Charter Township Volunteer Fire Department beginning July 1, 2021.

Motion #7. Motion by Raymo, supported by Manor to accept recommendation of Chief Cherney to approve firefighters Jarrett Cicero, Jeremy Drouillard, Brayden Johnson, Daniel Liddy and Robert Origel as probationary firefighters for the Monroe Charter Township Volunteer Fire Department beginning July 1, 2021, as presented.

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

Motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

Approve Firefighters Brian Merkle, Taylor Lemanski, Scott Pancone, and Chadd Johnson as firefighters for the Monroe Charter Township Volunteer Fire Department, effective June 15, 2021.

Motion #8. Motion by Manor, supported by Raymo to approve Firefighters Brian Merkle, Taylor Lemanski, Scott Pancone, and Chadd Johnson as firefighters for the Monroe Charter Township Volunteer Fire Department, effective June 15, 2021, as presented.

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

Authorize Supervisor and Clerk to sign contract with the Monroe County Road Commission for the milling and paving of Road in Carrington Farms subdivision at a cost of \$821,200.

Motion #9. Motion by Barton, supported by Howe to authorize Supervisor and Clerk to sign contract with the Monroe County Road Commission for the milling and paving of Road in Carrington Farms subdivision at a cost of \$821,200, as presented.

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

Approve purchase of PowerEdge server from Park Place Technologies for the Fire Department, at a cost of \$269.88.

Motion #10. Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to approve purchase of PowerEdge server from Park Place Technologies for the Fire Department, at a cost of \$269.88, as presented.

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

Approve the use of the Nature Center for the Southpointe Home Owners Association meeting to be held July 1, at no cost.

Motion #11. Motion by Barton, supported by Janssens to approve the use of the Nature Center for the Southpointe Home Owners Association meeting to be held July 1, at no cost, as presented.

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

Approve CampKids leaders, as recommended by Director Jill Wilson.

Motion #12. Motion by Manor, supported by Barton to approve CampKids leaders, as recommended by Director Jill Wilson, as presented.

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

Approve payment of dues to Michigan Township Association in the amount of \$6,229.65.

Motion #13. Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to approve payment of dues to Michigan Township Association in the amount of \$6,229.65, as presented.

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

Consider Fireworks Display Permit Application and Special Events Application from Michael Falk of Melrose Pyrotechnics, Inc. and the Monroe County Fair for July 30, 2021 with rain dates of September 10 or 12, 2021.

Motion #14. Motion by Janssens, supported by Smith to approve Fireworks Display Permit Application and Special Events Application from Michael Falk of Melrose Pyrotechnics, Inc. and the Monroe County Fair for July 30, 2021 with rain dates of September 10 or 12, 2021, as presented.

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

Authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign a contract with Kinzit Technologies for IT support for 1 year.

Motion #15. Motion by Barton, supported by Raymo to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign a contract with Kinzit Technologies for IT support for 1 year, as presented.

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

Waive second reading to add to the General Ordinance and approve adding Section 8.1365 to Zoning Ordinance 52-2010 to allow and regulate Recreational and Medical Marihuana Businesses; To include text amendments to Ordinance 52-2010: Table of Contents page iii; Section 2.02 Definitions; Section 4.302 Table of Permitted Uses by District; Section 5.01 Schedule of Regulations; Section 5.02 (o) Footnotes to the Schedule of Regulations; Permitted Uses and/or Permitted Uses after Special Approval in the C-2 (General Commercial Section 7.102.B); and LI (Light Industrial, Section 7.201.A.B) Zoned Districts, all to reference Recreational and Medical Marihuana Businesses, and to have published in the Monroe News and become effective 30 days after publication. (This was recommended by the Planning Commission).

Motion #16. Motion by Barton, supported by Howe to table the second reading to add to the General Ordinance and approve adding Section 8.1365 to Zoning Ordinance 52-2010 to allow and regulate Recreational and Medical Marihuana Businesses; To include text amendments to Ordinance 52-2010: Table of Contents page iii; Section 2.02 Definitions; Section 4.302 Table of Permitted Uses by District; Section 5.01 Schedule of Regulations; Section 5.02 (o) Footnotes to the Schedule of Regulations; Permitted Uses and/or Permitted Uses after Special Approval in the C-2 (General Commercial Section 7.102.B); and LI (Light Industrial, Section 7.201.A.B) Zoned Districts, all to reference Recreational and Medical Marihuana Businesses, and to have published in the Monroe News and become effective 30 days after publication, as presented.

Comments: Attorney McCormick advised the Board that she is seeking out counsel specializing in Marihuana Law, Ordinances and Ordinance Enforcement. Advised that the Board table or reject the second reading and adoption of the ordinance.

Treasurer Barton inquired should the Board make a motion to retain the Law Firm.

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Attorney McCormick advised the Board that the application fees can be used as administrative fees associated with the Marihuana Ordinance.

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

Authorize the engagement of Bauckham, Sparks, Thall, Seeber & Kaufman PC to assist the Township in adopting one or more ordinances to regulate Marihuana Establishments in the Township for a cost of up to \$10,000.

Motion #17. Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to authorize the engagement of Bauckham, Sparks, Thall, Seeber & Kaufman PC to assist the Township in adopting one or more ordinances to regulate Marihuana Establishments in the Township for a cost of up to \$10,000, as presented.

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

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

Comments began at 7:40 p.m. and ended at 8:06 p.m.

There were thirteen comments by the Board and Public regarding the legality and potential for lawsuits regarding the Marihuana Ordinance and what other municipalities in current litigation have suggested.

The Quarry blight, trespassers and police presence were also concerns now that the weather is warming up.

The lack of roadside mowing around fire hydrants and the schedule of the LaPlaisance Road bridge closure were also concerns of the Fire Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #18. Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

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

Attested:


Alan Barron, Supervisor
Monroe Charter Township


Christina Smith, Clerk
Monroe Charter Township