

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Minutes of a Board Workshop
Held February 15, 2021
5:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

A Board Workshop of the Monroe Charter Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Alan Barron at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2021 in the Monroe Charter Township Hall, 4925 East Dunbar Road, Monroe County, Michigan.

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

Others

Present: Fiscal Officer Lisa Sulfaro, Chief Cherney, Assistant Chief Broman, Attorney McCormick and eight (8) 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 proposed shift work plan for the fire department, discuss SMCC Lease proposal and ARPA Funds. The notice was posted on February 8, 2022 on the Doors and Website.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SHIFT PLAN

Chief Cherney presented a list of 22 items relating to the proposed shift plan work regarding qualification requirements, shift times, scheduling and rate of pay.

Chief Cherney was asked if our volunteer fire fighters get first opportunity to apply for the shifts. He confirmed that yes, they do. At this time only four (4) have applied.

Chief Cherney also mentioned that he would like to hire a scheduler. Clerk Smith asked if that is something that he would be able to take care of when he is on his administrative pay since he has an idea of how he would like the shifts to be manned. Trustee Howe mentioned that the original idea was to man the fire station for one shift, for seven days and it should not take more than an hour a month to come up with the shift schedules. Concerns over preferential treatment were brought up and how does the Chief plan on handling the scheduling in order to avoid that?

Concerns over response time that is also known as scramble time were brought up. The response time by a fire fighter on shift would be approximately 7 minutes by the time they get their gear on where a volunteer could be upwards 15 minutes. Supervisor Barron stated we need to do better for our residents.

Chief Cherney provided a list of Capital Improvements for fire apparatus and equipment as well as fire station improvements. Treasurer Barton provided photos of items that need to be addressed throughout the Township properties. The fence at fire station #1 is falling apart, fire station #2 the corner of the building is sinking and plumbing is rotten and the parking lot of fire station #3 that is also shared by the Township Hall is starting to sink and crumble.

SMCC CONTRACT

Trustee Manor mentioned that the Board is open to negotiation but not at a large loss to the residents of Monroe Charter Township.

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SMCC CONTRACT (con't)

Clerk Smith suggested that a review of the field maintenance could be done in order to maintain the investment by SMCC and to continue with 54 games this season to be reviewed annually.

Attorney McCormick suggested that post review of the fields that SMCC notify the Township of any deficiencies to be repaired at the cost of the Township in SMCC's off season in order to maintain 54 tournament games to be played on diamond #1.

Supervisor Barron he would be willing to forego tournaments during the SMCC season which runs from March 20 to approximately June 5th. SMCC will maintain diamond #1 during their season.

ARPA

Due to time constraints there was no discussion regarding ARPA Funds.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Attested:



Alan Barron, Supervisor
Monroe Charter Township



Christina Smith, Clerk
Monroe Charter Township