

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2023
7:00 p.m**

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Monroe Charter Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Alan Barron at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 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, Raymo and Janssens.

Excused: Trustee Howe

Others Present: Chief Cherney, Attorney McCormick and fifty-six (56) audience members.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Workshop Minutes of April 18, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2023 and Special Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2023).

Motion #1. Motion by Manor, supported by Raymo to approve the Workshop Minutes of April 18, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2023 and Special Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2023, as presented.

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

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS/INVOICES

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

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

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Motion #3. Motion by Barton, supported by Smith to accept the Planning Commission Report, as presented.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Accept and place on file the April 2023 Report and the 2022 Annual Fire Department Report.

Motion #4. Motion by Smith, supported by Raymo to accept and place on file the April 2023 Report and the 2022 Annual Fire Department Report, as presented.

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

Captain Nadeau provided the Board with information on new cardiac testing that would be beneficial to add to the Firefighters physicals.

Supervisor Barron stated he would like the information so that it can be placed on the June agenda.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT (con't)

Swear-in Jeremy Drouillard, Robert Origel and Brayden Johnson as State Certified Firefighters 1 and 2.

Motion #5. Motion by Manor, supported by Raymo to swear-in Jeremy Drouillard, Robert Origel and Brayden Johnson as State Certified Firefighters 1 and 2, as presented.

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

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT REPORT

Motion #6. Motion by Raymo, supported by Smith to accept and place on file the Sheriff Department Report for the month of April 2023, as presented.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Financial Reports:

1. Clerk's 2023 Budget Summary Report, period ending April 30, 2023.
2. Treasurer's Monthly Statement of Bank Accounts & Investments, period ending April 30, 2023.

General Reports:

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

Communications:

1. Correspondence Charter Communications dated April 14, 2023; Re: upcoming changes.

Motion #7. Motion by Manor, supported by Smith to accept the Consent Agenda and place on file, as presented.

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

PROCLAMATION

Proclamation #23-02, proclaiming Mike Black Day on May 28, 2023.

Motion #8. Motion by Smith, supported by Raymo to approve Proclamation #23-02, proclaiming Mike Black Day on May 28, 2023, as presented.

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

ORDINANCES

Waive first reading to amend Zoning Ordinance 52-2010 to include text amendments to Article 3, Section 3.602, Transient and Amusement Enterprises, regarding temporary outdoor special events for non-residential uses; the types of temporary outdoor uses that require Township Board

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approval and a special event permit; event scheduling restrictions, all to reference temporary outdoor special event non-residential uses and to have published in the Monroe News and brought back to the June 20, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Monroe Charter Township Board.

Motion #9. Motion by Smith, supported by Raymo to waive first reading to amend Zoning Ordinance 52-2010 to include text amendments to Article 3, Section 3.602, Transient and Amusement Enterprises, regarding temporary outdoor special events for non-residential uses; the types of temporary outdoor uses that require Township Board approval and a special event permit; event scheduling restrictions, all to reference temporary outdoor special event non-residential uses; to have an additional sentence added for clarification that "each calendar day is equal to one event" and to have published in the Monroe News and brought back to the June 20, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Monroe Charter Township Board, as presented.

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

Waive first reading to amend Zoning Ordinance 52-2010 to include text amendments to Article 8, Section 8.1365, Marihuana Businesses, regarding no new Recreational (Adult Use) Establishments and Medical Marihuana Facilities are allowed and no expansions of existing Recreational (Adult Use) Establishments and Medical Marihuana facilities are allowed except Marihuana Businesses already on the Planning Commission's agenda may continue; Marihuana Businesses may request an extension to become a state licensee to the Township Board, all to reference Marihuana Businesses and to have published in the Monroe News and brought back to the June 20, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Monroe Charter Township Board.

Motion #10. Motion by Smith, supported by Barton to waive first reading to amend Zoning Ordinance 52-2010 to include text amendments to Article 8, Section 8.1365, Marihuana Businesses, regarding no new Recreational (Adult Use) Establishments and Medical Marihuana Facilities are allowed and no expansions of existing Recreational (Adult Use) Establishments and Medical Marihuana facilities are allowed except Marihuana Businesses already on the Planning Commission's agenda may continue; Marihuana Businesses may request an extension to become a state licensee to the Township Board, all to reference Marihuana Businesses and to have published in the Monroe News and brought back to the June 20, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Monroe Charter Township Board, as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were three (3) comments asking the Board to reconsider portions of the proposed amended ordinance in reference to expansions and microbusinesses.

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

Waive the first reading of Proposed General Ordinance No. 155, Marihuana Businesses Ordinance Amendment (an amendment to Chapter 5, Article II, Section 5-27, Subsection (c) of the Monroe Charter Township Code), regarding allowed types of Marihuana Establishments and Facilities all limited to the number that have special land use and site plan zoning approvals from the Township Planning Commission and further limited upon the effective date of Township Ordinance No. 154 to no new marihuana establishments or facilities with limited exception, all to reference Marihuana Businesses and to have published in the Monroe News and brought back to the June 20, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Monroe Charter Township Board.

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Motion #11. Motion by Manor, supported by Smith to waive the first reading of Proposed General Ordinance No. 155, Marihuana Businesses Ordinance Amendment (an amendment to Chapter 5, Article II, Section 5-27, Subsection (c) of the Monroe Charter Township Code), regarding allowed types of Marihuana Establishments and Facilities all limited to the number that have special land use and site plan zoning approvals from the Township Planning Commission and further limited upon the effective date of Township Ordinance No. 154 to no new marihuana establishments or facilities with limited exception, all to reference Marihuana Businesses and to have published in the Monroe News and brought back to the June 20, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Monroe Charter Township Board, as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Appoint Linda Brehmer to Salary Compensation Committee with term expiring 01- 01-2027.

Motion #12. Motion by Smith, supported by Raymo to appoint Linda Brehmer to Salary Compensation Committee with term expiring 01- 01-2027, as presented.

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

Consider approving license renewal for Pure Cannabis Outlet - Hilana LLC (15311 S. Dixie Hwy.) effective 6/6/23-6/6/24.

Motion #13. Motion by Manor, supported by Smith to consider approving license renewal for Pure Cannabis Outlet - Hilana LLC (15311 S. Dixie Hwy.) effective 6/6/23-6/6/24, as presented.

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

Consider request of Middle Development, LLC (Backpack Boyz) to extend the July 11, 2023 deadline to obtain a State of Michigan license for a Marihuana medical provisioning center and adult use retailer at 14501 LaPlaisance Road for an additional year.

Motion #14. Motion by Barton, supported by Smith to consider request of Middle Development, LLC (Backpack Boyz) to extend the July 11, 2023 deadline to obtain a State of Michigan license for a Marihuana medical provisioning center and adult use retailer at 14501 LaPlaisance Road for an additional year, as presented.

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

Consider application for a Special Outdoor Event to be held by Mint Cannabis located at 760 S. Telegraph Road on Friday, June 2, 2023 and Saturday, June 3, 2023.

Motion #15. Motion by Barton, supported by Smith to consider application for a Special Outdoor Event to be held by Mint Cannabis located at 760 S. Telegraph Road on Friday, June 2, 2023 and Saturday, June 3, 2023, between the hours of 11:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m., as presented.

BOARD COMMENTS

Treasurer Barton voiced her concerns over the amount of traffic and the fact that there is only one ingress/egress to the business. It's a safety issue.

Trustee Manor stated that the carnival theme would be enticing to children.

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Trustee Raymo agreed that it is dangerous at that corner.

Vanessa of Mint Cannabis stated that they have been trying to get Road Commission approval for over a year for an additional ingress/egress on to Seventh St. She also asked what else they could do in order to be able to have their events?

Supervisor Barron confirmed that Mint Cannabis has been attempting to get approval through the Road Commission.

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

Consider application for a Special Outdoor Event to be held by Terrance Guido Gerin, dba Big Daddy's Boat Yard, located at 13931 Bridge Drive on Friday, September 8, 2023.

Motion #16. Motion by Manor, supported by Raymo to consider application for a Special Outdoor Event to be held by Terrance Guido Gerin, dba Big Daddy's Boat Yard, located at 13931 Bridge Drive on Friday, September 8, 2023, as presented.

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

Approve and place on file 2022 Annual Financial Report as presented by Calkins, Hehl and Rafko.

Motion #17. Motion by Barton, supported by Smith to approve and place on file 2022 Annual Financial Report as presented by Calkins, Hehl and Rafko, as presented.

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

Consider approving installation of additional cameras to the Nature Center at a cost of \$2,960.00, as quoted by Advanced Komputer Service.

Motion #18. Motion by Smith, supported by Janssens to consider approving installation of additional cameras to the Nature Center at a cost of \$2,960.00, as quoted by Advanced Komputer Service.

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

Consider application for a Special Outdoor Event to be held by Mint Cannabis located at 760 S. Telegraph Road on Saturday, June 17, 2023.

Motion #19. Motion by Barton, supported by Smith to consider application for a Special Outdoor Event to be held by Mint Cannabis located at 760 S. Telegraph Road on Saturday, June 17, 2023, as presented.

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

Consider application for a Special Outdoor Event to be held by Mint Cannabis located at 760 S. Telegraph Road on Saturday, July 22, 2023.

Motion #20. Motion by Barton, supported by Manor to consider application for a Special Outdoor Event to be held by Mint Cannabis located at 760 S. Telegraph Road on Saturday, July 22, 2023, as presented.

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

Consider application for a Special Outdoor Event to be held by Urb Cannabis located at 14515 LaPlaisance Road on Tuesday, June 20, 2023.

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Motion #21. Motion by Smith, supported by Barton to consider application for a Special Outdoor Event to be held by Urb Cannabis located at 14515 LaPlaisance Road on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, between 12:00p.m. – 6:00 p.m., contingent on approval of fire lane control by Fire Inspector Calvin Schmitt and parking lot must be complete, as presented.

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

Approve payment of professional services for James S. Jacobs Architects, PLLC, in the amount of \$5,721.25.

Motion #22. Motion by Barton, supported by Smith to approve payment of professional services for James S. Jacobs Architects, PLLC, in the amount of \$5,721.25, as presented.

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

Approve one year leave of absence beginning May 16, 2023, for Firefighter Jarrett Cicero.

Motion #23. Motion by Smith, supported by Barton to approve one year leave of absence beginning May 16, 2023, for Firefighter Jarrett Cicero, as presented.

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

BOARD AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Board and public comments began at 7:57 p.m. and ended at 7:59 p.m.

There were two Board comments regarding blight and condemnation of a property.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #24. Motion by Smith, supported by Raymo to adjourn the meeting at 8:00p.m.

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



Christina Smith, Clerk
Monroe Charter Township

Attested:



Alan Barron, Supervisor
Monroe Charter Township