

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
Board Workshop Minutes  
October 8, 2024  
6:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A Board Workshop of the Monroe Charter Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Barron at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 in the Monroe Charter Township Hall, 4925 East Dunbar Road, Monroe County, Michigan.

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

**Excused:** Trustee Janssens

**Others**

**Present:** Fiscal Officer Lisa Sulfaro, Chief Cherney and (5) audience members.

Supervisor Barron reminded everyone that this is only a Workshop, not a Board Meeting; therefore, no Board actions can be taken today. The purpose is to discuss the 2025 Proposed Budget and ARPA Funds. The notice was posted to the front and back doors of the Township Hall on 09/23/2024 and posted on the Township website and Facebook on 09/23/2024.

**2025 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Fiscal Officer Lisa Sulfaro provided a breakdown of where ARPA Funds have been spent to date and reminded the Board that the money is required to be allocated before December 31, 2024. It was discussed to possibly reallocate funds from the 405 Township Hall account into the 402 Health and Safety account to pay for the 3<sup>rd</sup> contract deputy and the necessary repairs to Fire Station #2 on LaPlaisance Rd. There was discussion about potentially adding bays on to Fire Station #2 and #3.

Clerk Smith advised the Board that she is still waiting for bids to pave Barron's Way, Custer Ball and Nature Center parking lots as well as adding a basketball court and tennis court to the Township Park. A letter from Mannik & Smith was also included in the packet detailing the recommended repairs to Fire Station #2. Clerk Smith stated that the approval to seek bids on the project should go on to the October 15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting agenda for consideration if we are trying to use ARPA Funds.

Treasurer Barton stated that she doesn't think that there should be any additional money spent on the park.

Trustee Manor disagreed with Treasurer Barton and stated that we need to invest in things that will attract younger families into the Township.

Fiscal Officer Lisa Sulfaro reminded the Board that the Fire Millage will stop being assessed in 2025 and that it should start to be looked at for the 2026 election cycle if the need is there for a renewal request. She also mentioned that there are no major changes within the individual departments with respect to the budget other than elections decreasing.

Assessor Catherine Cousineau is requesting that the Board consider increasing the per diem for Board of Review from \$50 to \$75. Board members discussed whether per diems would need to be increased for all committees or just Board of Review. The amount of time members spend on Board of Review is quite a bit more than other committees.

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Cherney presented his list of needs for the 2025 fiscal year. He would like to replace Engine #2 which is a 2000; possibly repair Utility #9; epoxy the floors in station #1; purchase tablets and software for all fire apparatus; purchase Field Ops for all officer's phones; purchase 3 new thermal cameras; new uniforms and forcible entry door prop.

Trustee Howe advised that the Fire Committee is recommending Township emails for all Fire Fighters at a cost of \$72 per user.

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Attested:



Alan Barron, Supervisor  
Monroe Charter Township



Christina Smith, Clerk  
Monroe Charter Township