

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Special Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2023
7:00 p.m**

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Monroe Charter Township was called to order by Supervisor Alan Barron at 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 from the Monroe Charter Township Hall, 4925 East Dunbar Road, Monroe County, Michigan.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Treasurer Barton

Others Present: Attorney McCormick and forty-three (43) audience members.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Emergency Ordinance to Place Moratorium on Issuance on New Marihuana Business Licenses.

Motion #1. Motion by Howe, supported by Raymo to consider an Emergency Ordinance to Place a Moratorium on Issuance on New Marihuana Business Licenses, as presented.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

Public and Board comments began at 7:03 p.m. and ended at 7:32 p.m.

There were 12 public and board comments.

Trustee Janssens clarified his vote from the previous meeting that he voted no and is opposed to Marihuana Businesses.

Supervisor Barron reviewed the rules of the chamber and asked that comments be limited to 3 minutes or less.

A request was made to read a synopsis of the ordinance.

Attorney McCormick read that the ordinance is to protect public health, safety, and welfare relating to a moratorium on considering applications for a license for a Marihuana Business, as such is provided for in the Monroe Charter Township Ordinance 140, as such is amended. This ordinance would also provide for the repeal of all or parts in conflict with this to provide that this Ordinance would be effective immediately based on the Boards concerns and comments from the public regarding raising public health, safety and welfare concerns about the number of Marihuana Businesses within the Township and the traffic associated with such businesses. The Ordinance provides a temporary moratorium until July 1, 2023 whereby no Marihuana Business Licensure will be considered, unless a Marihuana Business application is already before the Planning Commission. This time period will allow the Board to consider and study the effect on public health and safety of the residents and to contemplate changes to the zoning or police power ordinance.

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PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS (Con't)

Items of discussion included traffic studies and increased traffic in the area; Open Meetings Act posting, maintaining the community; support of the proposed ordinance; information on amended ordinance when available; lost businesses as a result of marihuana businesses; revenue from the marihuana businesses; new business to the township other than marihuana businesses; length of the moratorium; additional Sheriff Deputy and taxes.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #2. Motion by Howe, Supported by Raymo to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:32 p.m.

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



Christina Smith, Clerk
Monroe Charter Township

Attested:



Alan Barron, Supervisor
Monroe Charter Township