

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Board Workshop Minutes
August 20, 2025
6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

A Board Workshop of the Monroe Charter Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Manor at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, in the Monroe Charter Township Hall, 4925 East Dunbar Road, Monroe County, Michigan.

Present: Supervisor Manor, Clerk Smith, Treasurer Sulfaro, Trustees Shipman, Heck, Raymo and Merkle.

Others present: There were two (2) audience members.

Supervisor Manor 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 2026 Fire Department Budget. The notice was posted to the front and back doors of the Township Hall on 08/11/2025 and on the Township Website and Township Facebook Page on 08/11/2025.

2026 FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Clerk Smith advised the Board of the status of an auto accident claim from August 2024 in the 2005 Chevy Suburban Command vehicle. Originally the vehicle was to be repaired, but upon further inspection it was found that the frame was bent. The settlement amount for the vehicle is \$64,101.00. Further discussion indicated that the current Chief's vehicle is in the shop for repairs quite often and that a new Command vehicle could be utilized as the Chiefs vehicle as well.

Chief Hernandez presented his proposed budget to the Board. He was advised that he may need to increase the budget in a few areas based on the requests for additional reoccurring expenses due to new tablets and programs.

The fire millage renewal was discussed, as well as future expansion of Fire Station #2 and the current repairs needed. The training tower also has repairs that are needed. The need for a 5-year and 10-year plan was also discussed to have a plan in place for the replacement of the fire department's larger trucks.

Added security to Fire Station #1 to include cameras and key fobs to enter the building. GPS/cameras for all the fleet are a priority.

Equipment needed to be purchased are as follows: body armor, infrared cameras, thermal imaging cameras, stokes basket, LifeVac and G3 Sensit.

There was discussion for clarification of pay for fire fighters and officers.

The meeting ended at 8:10 p.m.



Christina Smith, Clerk
Monroe Charter Township

Attested:



John Manor, Supervisor
Monroe Charter Township