

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Special Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2025
10:00 a.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Monroe Charter Township Board was called to order by Supervisor John Manor at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, from the Monroe Charter Township Hall, 4925 East Dunbar Road, Monroe County, Michigan.

The meeting was posted on the Township Hall doors, Township website, and Facebook on September 23, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Trustees Raymo and Merkle.

Others Present: Attorney McCormick and Chief Hernandez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NEW BUSINESS

Consider purchasing 2025 Tahoe from Berger Chevrolet in the amount of \$54,312.00 to replace the 2005 Chevy Suburban due to total loss accident on 8/28/2024.

Motion #1. Motion by Smith, supported by Heck to consider purchasing 2025 Tahoe from Berger Chevrolet in the amount of \$54,312.00 to replace the 2005 Chevy Suburban due to total loss accident on 8/28/2024, as presented.

BOARD COMMENTS

Clerk Smith apprised the Board that the 2005 Chevrolet Suburban was involved in an accident on August 28, 2024, and was initially held at Allen Chevrolet due to ongoing litigation. Once released for repairs, it was determined to have a bent frame, classifying it as a total loss.

Following this, Chief Hernandez and Clerk Smith visited Groulx Automotive to discuss a replacement and was informed that a new vehicle would have a two-year waiting period. Chief Hernandez then contacted Allen Chevrolet and received a quote of \$33,000 for a 2012 Chevrolet Suburban (3/4 ton).

After reviewing these options, we discussed purchasing a brand-new, police-rated Tahoe instead. These vehicles are designed for demanding use and come pre-wired for most of the Fire Department's equipment, making them a more suitable and efficient long-term solution.

Chief Hernandez also highlighted the recurring issues experienced with the previous Suburban, specifically the constant need to replace batteries and alternators due to the high energy demands of the installed equipment.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Heck yes, Sulfaro yes, Shipman yes, Manor yes. **Motion carried.**

Approve Paul's Quality Collision to paint the 2025 Chevy Tahoe in the amount of \$5,596.00 to match Fire Department fleet.

Motion #2. Motion by Smith, supported by Shipman to Approve Paul's Quality Collision to paint the 2025 Chevy Tahoe in the amount of \$5,596.00 to match Fire Department fleet, as presented.

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Roll call vote: Smith yes, Shipman yes, Sulfaro yes, Heck yes, Manor yes. **Motion carried.**

Consider re-engaging Attorney Fred Lucas for settlement and potential litigation.

Motion #3. Motion by Shipman, supported by Sulfaro to consider re-engaging Attorney Fred Lucas for settlement and potential litigation, as presented.

Roll call vote: Shipman yes, Sulfaro yes, Heck yes, Smith yes, Manor yes. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments began at 10:12 a.m. and ended at 10:12 a.m.

There was one public comment from Chief Hernandez regarding a request for equipment at the next board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #4. Motion by Smith, supported by Heck to adjourn the Special Meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Heck yes, Shipman yes, Sulfaro yes, Manor yes. **Motion carried,**

Attested:



John Manor, Supervisor
Monroe Charter Township



Christina Smith, Clerk
Monroe Charter Township