

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Board Workshop Minutes
August 13, 2024
6:00 p.m**

CALL TO ORDER

A Board Workshop of the Monroe Charter Township Board was called to order by Trustee John Manor at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 in the Monroe Charter Township Hall, 4925 East Dunbar Road, Monroe County, Michigan.

Present: Clerk Smith, Treasurer Barton, Trustees Manor, Raymo, Janssens and Howe.

Excused: Supervisor Barron

Others

Present: Fiscal Officer Lisa Sulfaro, Chief Cherney, Sheriff Troy Goodnough and five (5) audience members.

Trustee 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 proposed plans for an addition to the Township Hall and Flock System. The notice was posted to the front and back doors of the Township Hall on 08/05/2024 and posted on the Township website and Facebook on 08/05/2024 at 4:15 p.m.

Sheriff discussion on Flock System

Sheriff Troy Goodnough and Flock Safety Sales Manager Mike Dushane were present to discuss the purpose of the Flock system. It is not a surveillance system, it is designed to capture the license plate on the back of a vehicle and vehicle description. There are over 119 agencies in Michigan that utilize the system and over 2,000 nationwide. The Sheriff would like to place the Flock System on LaPlaisance Road/I-75 corridor. It can aide in finding stolen vehicles, missing people and other offenders.

Treasurer Barton would like to see the County contribute money towards the Flock System since they benefit from the excise tax generated from marijuana businesses within the Township. She would also like the next Board to make the decision as to whether or not they want this system as well.

Trustee Howe inquired about surrounding municipalities having the Flock System and the benefit of the Township adding them.

Clerk Smith asked about approaching the marihuana businesses to cover the cost of the system.

James Jacobs Architects present plan for Township Hall addition

Kris Benson of James Jacobs Architects was present to review the proposed plans for an addition to the Township Hall. The building was built in 1974 and currently has 8,694 square feet. The proposed addition would add 2,289 square feet at ground level which would bring the current public restrooms up to ADA compliance as well as adding a Blight Office, records storage and multi-use conference room. The basement would be an additional 1,687 square feet and would also be utilized for storage. The Building Department would also be reconfigured within the existing space for better utilization. The purpose for the addition is lack of secure storage space for the Clerk's Office including election equipment, Treasurer's Office, Assessing and Building Department. When asked what the cost of the addition would be Ms.

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Benson responded that it could be anywhere from \$1.5 million to \$2 million however the last bid they received on a municipal addition came in less than they estimated.

Treasurer Barton, Trustee Raymo and Fiscal Officer Lisa Sulfaro all expressed that they would like the next Board to make the decision on the addition.

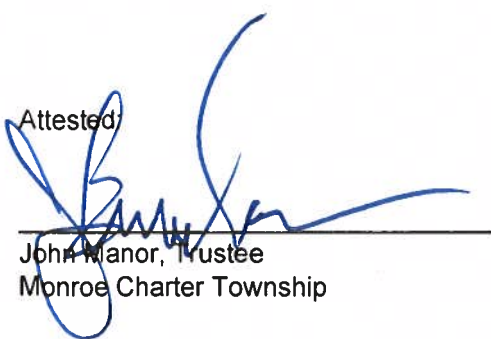
PUBLIC COMMENTS

Clerk Smith gave the Board a quote to replace the Fire Inspectors utility truck. She advised that the current utility truck has a blown head gasket and that water is being added to the vehicle on a weekly basis. Treasurer Barton stated that the decision to purchase should be made by the next Board. Chief Cherney asked if it would be paid for through the millage funds and stated that they've been looking for a replacement vehicle for the last 8 months.

Public comments were made about the Flock System and the benefits, the size of the addition compared to the cost and that you may get more square footage with a better design. Also, agreed that the next Board should make the decision on the addition.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Attested



John Manor, Trustee
Monroe Charter Township



Christina Smith, Clerk
Monroe Charter Township