MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Board Workshop Minutes
October 1, 2026
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 Thursday, October 1, 2026, in the Monroe Charter Township Hall, 4925 East Dunbar Road, Monroe County, Michigan.

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

Excused: Trustee Raymo

Others present: Chief Hernandez, Asst. Chief Broman and (1) one audience member.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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 2027 Fire Department Budget. The notice was posted to the front and back doors of the Township Hall on 09/15/2026 and on the Township Website and Facebook on 09/15/2026.

2027 FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

-Overall Budget & Personnel – Treasurer Sulfaro reviewed the FY 2027 Fire Department budget noting there were not many departmental changes or requests other than the medical insurance taking an increase of approximately a 16%, personnel changes have offset this, keeping the overall net increase to around 4%.

-ESTA (Earned Sick Time Act) was also discussed as changes to the personnel policy must be written to include paid on call firefighters this will impact the FY 2026 budget and future FY budgets.

-Chief Hernandez advised that he has applied for an emergency equipment grant.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MILLAGE

-Treasurer Sulfaro discussed the estimated revenues expected from the fire department millage. She noted that these funds would not be received until next year.

-Chief Hernandez discussed the possibility of a new fire station #2 on LaPlaisance Rd and will convene a committee to begin discussing this.

Engine #6 is the next piece of equipment that will need to be replaced. It is a few years from the time it's ordered to delivery.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

The meeting ended at 7:00 p.m.

Attested:

John Manor, Supervisor
Monroe Charter Township

Christina Smith, Clerk
Monroe Charter Township