

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
Minutes of a Budget Workshop  
Held October 19, 2021  
5:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A Budget Workshop of the Monroe Charter Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Alan Barron at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 in the Monroe Charter Township Hall, 4925 East Dunbar Road, Monroe County, Michigan.

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

**Others**

**Present:** Fiscal Officer Lisa Sulfaro

Supervisor Barron reminded everyone that this is only a Workshop, not a Board Meeting; therefore, no board action can be taken today. The purpose is to discuss the proposed 2022 budget. The notice was posted on October 15, 2021 on the Doors and Website.

**2022 Proposed Budget**

**American Rescue Plan Act**

At the last Budget Workshop on September 19, 2021 Fiscal Officer Lisa Sulfaro asked that the Board come up with ideas on where they would like to see the ARPA money spent as we are restricted on what we can do.

**Parks and Recreation**

It was suggested by Treasurer Penny Barton that a permanent restroom be built closer to the playground to eliminate the need for a porta john. Clerk Smith would like to see the playground be expanded to be inclusive for those with special needs. Supervisor Barron suggested tennis and basketball courts as those were already in the master plan. \$100,000 was allotted from the ARPA money for 2021.

**Township Hall and Grounds**

Supervisor Barron suggested a new digital sign to replace the old marquee as it is falling apart. Trustee Manor suggested renovating the Building Department due to the limited amount of space available for storage and the availability of space in the conference room that could be better utilized. Paving and resurfacing of the parking lots at the township hall and Fire Departments 1 & 2 was also suggested. Treasurer Barton mentioned that we may need to look at replacing the roof on the township hall as it has been at least 12 years since anything has been done with it. It was also brought up that the Building Department truck is falling apart and should be considered for replacement. \$400,000 of the ARPA funds have been allotted for the township hall and grounds for 2021.

**Health and Safety**

Treasurer Barton suggested that we use some of the ARPA money to pay the difference on the new police car. The approximate difference in what was paid by the insurance company would be \$17,000. \$25,000 will be allotted for 2021.

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**Roads**

The township roads are in good condition overall. Ravenwood Forest is scheduled for new roads in 2022.

**Employee Wages**

A 3% wage increase for employees was suggested. Trustees Raymo and Howe mentioned that amount seemed light. Clerk Smith reminded them that the Township currently pays 100% of health benefits and that 3% is more than fair for a wage increase.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The workshop was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Attested:

  
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Alan Barron, Supervisor  
Monroe Charter Township

  
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Christina Smith, Clerk  
Monroe Charter Township