

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2024
7:00 p.m**

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Monroe Charter Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Alan Barron at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 from the Monroe Charter Township Hall, 4925 East Dunbar Road, Monroe County, Michigan.

ROLL CALL

Present: Supervisor Barron, Clerk Smith, Treasurer Barton, Trustee's Manor, Janssens and Howe.

Excused: Trustee Raymo

Others Present: Chief Cherney, Attorney McCormick, Sheriff Goodnough and (23) twenty-three audience members.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Regular Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2024 and Special Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2024).

Motion #1. Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2024 and Special Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2024, as presented.

Roll call vote: Manor yes, Howe yes, Barton yes, Janssens yes, Smith yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS/INVOICES

Motion #2. Motion by Janssens, supported by Manor to approve the payment of bills/invoices as listed by the Clerk, as presented.

Roll call vote: Janssens yes, Manor yes, Smith yes, Barton yes, Howe yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Motion #3. Motion by Howe, supported by Smith to accept the Planning Commission Report, as presented.

Roll call vote: Howe yes, Smith yes, Manor yes, Janssens yes, Barton yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

Motion #4. Motion by Manor, supported by Smith to accept the Zoning Board of Appeals Report, as presented.

Roll call vote: Manor yes, Smith yes, Howe yes, Barton yes, Janssens yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Motion #5. Motion by Janssens, supported by Howe to accept and place on file the Fire Department Report for the month of April 2024, as presented.

Roll call vote: Janssens yes, Howe yes, Smith yes, Manor yes, Barton yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

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FIRE COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion #6. Motion by Smith, supported by Manor to accept the Fire Committee Report, as presented.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Manor yes, Janssens yes, Howe yes, Barton yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT REPORT

Motion #7. Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to accept and place on file the Sheriff Department Report for the month of April 2024, as presented.

Roll call vote: Manor yes, Howe yes, Barton yes, Janssens yes, Smith yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Financial Reports:

1. Clerk's 2024 Budget Summary Report, period ending April 30, 2024.
2. Treasurer's Monthly Statement of Bank Accounts & Investments, period ending April 30, 2024.

General Reports:

1. Supervisor.
2. Building Official.
3. Blight Report.
4. Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Communications:

1. Correspondence from Comcast dated May 1, 2024, Re: Bally Sports.
2. Correspondence from Comcast dated May 1, 2024, Re: Programming Advisory.
3. Correspondence from Charter Communications dated April 19, 2024, Re: Upcoming Changes.
4. Correspondence from Charter Communications dated May 1, 2024, Re: Upcoming Changes.
5. Speed Trailer Data Report.

Motion #8. Motion by Smith, supported by Janssens to accept the Consent Agenda and place on file, as presented

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Janssens yes, Barton yes, Howe yes, Manor yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Approve use of Nature Center for Carrington Villa's Homeowner's Association meeting on June 5th from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with fee being waived.

Motion #9. Motion by Barton, supported by Smith to approve use of Nature Center for Carrington Villa's Homeowner's Association meeting on June 5th from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with fee being waived, as presented

Roll call vote: Barton yes, Smith yes, Janssens yes, Howe yes, Manor yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

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NEW BUSINESS (con't)

Approve use of Nature Center for Meadowlands Condominium's Homeowner's Association meeting on June 11th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with fee being waived.

Motion #10. Motion by Smith, supported by Howe to approve use of Nature Center for Meadowlands Condominium's Homeowner's Association meeting on June 11th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with fee being waived, as presented.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Howe yes, Manor yes, Janssens yes, Barton yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Approve 1-year leave of absence for Firefighter, Nicholas Ottinger, effective April 1, 2024.

Motion #11. Motion by Barton, supported by Smith to approve 1-year leave of absence for Firefighter, Nicholas Ottinger, effective April 1, 2024, as presented.

Roll call vote: Barton yes, Smith yes, Manor yes, Janssens yes, Howe yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Approve proposal from Advanced Komputer Service for camera system at the ball park pavilion at a cost of \$3,800.00.

Motion #12. Motion by Smith, supported by Manor to approve proposal from Advanced Komputer Service for camera system at the ball park pavilion at a cost of \$3,800.00, as presented.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Manor yes, Barton yes, Howe yes, Janssens yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Approve Intergovernmental Agreement between City of Monroe and Monroe Charter Township for culvert work, watermain replacement and installation of 20 fire hydrants with Storz fittings at an estimated cost of \$280,540.00. To be paid using ARPA Funds.

Motion #13. Motion by Howe, supported by Smith to approve Intergovernmental Agreement between City of Monroe and Monroe Charter Township for culvert work, watermain replacement and installation of 20 fire hydrants with Storz fittings at an estimated cost of \$280,540.00. To be paid using ARPA Funds, as presented.

Roll call vote: Howe yes, Smith yes, Barton yes, Janssens yes, Manor yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Approve and place on file 2023 Annual Financial Report as presented by Calkins, Hehl and Rafko.

Motion #14. Motion by Barton, supported by Smith to Approve and place on file 2023 Annual Financial Report as presented by Calkins, Hehl and Rafko, as presented.

Roll call vote: Barton yes, Smith yes, Janssens yes, Howe yes, Manor yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Consider approving renewal of marihuana adult use retailer license for Hempnotize LLC (NAR Monroe) of 14733 S. Telegraph Rd., (Property I.D. #5812-010-442-33) from 10/20/24 - 10/20/25, contingent upon meeting the Township Fire Inspector's requirements.

Motion #15. Motion by Barton, supported by Smith to consider approving renewal of marihuana adult use retailer license for Hempnotize LLC (NAR Monroe) of 14733 S. Telegraph Rd., (Property I.D. #5812-010-442-33) from 10/20/24 - 10/20/25, contingent upon meeting the Township Fire Inspector's requirements, as presented.

Roll call vote: Barton yes, Smith yes, Howe yes, Manor yes, Janssens yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

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Consider approving renewal of marihuana processor license for Hempnotize Kitchen LLC (NAR Kitchen) of 14731 S. Telegraph Rd. (Property I.D. #5812-010- 442-33) from 7/11/24-7/11/25, contingent upon meeting the Township Fire Inspector's requirements.

Motion #16. Motion by Manor, supported by Barton to consider approving renewal of marihuana processor license for Hempnotize Kitchen LLC (NAR Kitchen) of 14731 S. Telegraph Rd. (Property I.D. #5812-010- 442-33) from 7/11/24-7/11/25, contingent upon meeting the Township Fire Inspector's requirements, as presented.

Roll call vote: Manor yes, Barton yes, Janssens yes, Howe yes, Smith yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Consider approving renewal of marihuana adult use retailer license for Green Mountain Monroe LLC (Puff) of 14750 LaPlaisance Rd, H180 (Property I.D. #5812- 010-228-10) from 5/15/24 - 5/15/25.

Motion #17. Motion by Barton, supported by Smith to consider approving renewal of marihuana adult use retailer license for Green Mountain Monroe LLC (Puff) of 14750 LaPlaisance Rd, H180 (Property I.D. #5812- 010-228-10) from 5/15/24 - 5/15/25, as presented.

Roll call vote: Barton yes, Smith yes, Howe yes, Manor yes, Janssens yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Consider the request of Michigan Pure Green LLC (First Class Cannabis Co formerly known as Dispo) to extend the May 31, 2024 deadline to obtain a State of Michigan License for marihuana adult use retailer at 14921 LaPlaisance Rd (Property I.D. #5812-020-500-01) until June 28, 2024.

Motion #18. Motion by Barton, supported by Manor to consider the request of Michigan Pure Green LLC (First Class Cannabis Co formerly known as Dispo) to extend the May 31, 2024 deadline to obtain a State of Michigan License for marihuana adult use retailer at 14921 LaPlaisance Rd (Property I.D. #5812-020-500-01) until June 28, 2024 and to extend the bond to June 28, 2024, as presented.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

Rob Piziali apprised the Board of the progress that has been made at the location. They are nearing completion and believe that the project can be completed by the original deadline but are asking for a buffer

Treasurer Barton stated that the winter taxes have not been paid for the location. Unknown audience member stated that he paid the taxes with the County of Monroe. Treasurer Barton asked for proof of payment.

Roll call vote: Barton no, Manor yes, Howe yes, Janssens yes, Smith yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Consider the request of CW-MI-LAP 14500 LLC (Cannwork Labs) to extend the May 8, 2024 deadline to obtain a State of Michigan License for marihuana processor at 14500 LaPlaisance Rd, B100 (Property I.D. #5812-010-221-00) until June 1, 2025.

Motion #19. Motion by Barton, supported by Manor to consider the request of CW-MI-LAP 14500 LLC (Cannwork Labs) to extend the May 8, 2024 deadline to obtain a State of Michigan License for marihuana processor at 14500 LaPlaisance Rd, B100 (Property I.D. #5812-010-221-00) until June 1, 2025, as presented.

Roll call vote: Barton no, Manor yes, Janssens yes, Smith yes, Howe yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

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NEW BUSINESS (con't)

Consider application for one special outdoor event (4th event for 2024 calendar year) to be held by Mint Cannabis at 760 S. Telegraph Rd. (Property I.D. #5812- 020-052-30) on Saturday, June 15, 2024 from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Motion #20. Motion by Smith, supported by Howe to consider application for one special outdoor event (4th event for 2024 calendar year) to be held by Mint Cannabis at 760 S. Telegraph Rd. (Property I.D. #5812- 020-052-30) on Saturday, June 15, 2024 from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., as presented.

BOARD COMMENTS

Treasurer Barton stated her concerns over the traffic at the location and the business only having one ingress/egress.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Howe yes, Janssens yes, Barton no, Manor yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Consider application for one special outdoor event (3rd event for 2024 calendar year) to be held by Urb Cannabis at 14515 LaPlaisance Rd. (Property I.D. #5812- 010-234-00) on Thursday, June 13, 2024 from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Motion #21. Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to consider application for one special outdoor event (3rd event for 2024 calendar year) to be held by Urb Cannabis at 14515 LaPlaisance Rd. (Property I.D. #5812- 010-234-00) on Thursday, June 13, 2024 from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., as presented.

Roll call vote: Manor yes, Howe yes, Smith yes, Janssens yes, Barton yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Consider application for a Special Outdoor Event to be held by Monroe Boat Club, located at 7932 N. Harbor Drive on Friday, July 19th, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. and Saturday, July 20th, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. for the Annual Club Regatta.

Motion #22. Motion by Smith, supported by Howe to consider application for a Special Outdoor Event to be held by Monroe Boat Club, located at 7932 N. Harbor Drive on Friday, July 19th, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. – 2 00 a.m. and Saturday, July 20th, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. for the Annual Club Regatta, as presented.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Howe yes, Manor yes, Janssens yes, Barton yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Consider application for Special Outdoor Event (2nd event for 2024 calendar year) to be held by Hempnotize, dba NAR Cannabis at 14733 S. Telegraph Road, Property I.D. #5812-010-442-33, on Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00p.m.

Motion #23. Motion by Manor, supported by Smith to consider application for Special Outdoor Event (2nd event for 2024 calendar year) to be held by Hempnotize, dba NAR Cannabis at 14733 S. Telegraph Road, Property I.D. #5812-010-442-33, on Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00p.m., as presented.

Roll call vote: Manor yes, Smith yes, Howe yes, Barton yes, Janssens yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Authorize Supervisor and Clerk to sign contract with the Monroe County Road Commission for tile and catch basin repair on Keegan Road at a cost of \$4,257.00.

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Motion #24. Motion by Barton, supported by Smith to authorize Supervisor and Clerk to sign contract with the Monroe County Road Commission for tile and catch basin repair on Keegan Road at a cost of \$4,257.00, as presented.

Roll call vote: Barton yes, Smith yes, Howe yes, Manor yes, Janssens yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments began at 7:38 p.m. and ended at 8:16 p.m.

There were 7 public comments regarding a private property dispute, blight, the Joseph Liedel Memorial Highway sign, a left hand turn signal from Dunbar Road on to Telegraph Road and the Ottawa Lake diesel spill.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #25. Motion by Smith, supported by Howe to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Howe yes, Manor yes, Barton yes, Janssens yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**



Christina Smith, Clerk
Monroe Charter Township

Attested:



Alan Barron, Supervisor
Monroe Charter Township