

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Monroe Charter Township was called to order by Supervisor Alan Barron at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 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, Raymo and Howe.

Others Present: Attorney McCormick and five (5) audience members.

Excused: Chief Cherney

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Workshop Minutes of July 12, 2022, Public Hearing Minutes of July 19, 2022 and Regular Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2022).

Motion #1. Motion by Raymo, supported by Manor to approve the minutes of the Board Workshop of July 12, 2022, Public Hearing Minutes of July 19, 2022 and Regular Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2022, as presented.

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

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS/INVOICES

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

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

Motion #3. 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, Raymo yes, Janssens yes, Barron yes.
Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Motion #4. Motion by Smith, supported by Howe to accept the Planning Commission Report, as presented.

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

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SHERIFF DEPARTMENT REPORT

Motion #5. Motion by Manor, supported by Raymo to accept and place on file the Sheriff Department Report for the month of July 2022, as presented.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Financial Reports: 1. Clerk's 2022 Budget Summary Report, period ending July 31, 2022.
2. Treasurer's Monthly Statement of Bank Accounts & Investments, period ending July 31, 2022.

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

Communications: 1. Charter Communications correspondence dated August 5, 2022 Re: Upcoming Changes.
2. Comcast correspondence dated August 2, 2022 Re: Upcoming Changes.

Motion #6. Motion by Howe, supported by Manor to accept the Consent Agenda and place on file, as presented.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Approve Resolution #22-08 for a partial termination of a Farmland Development Rights Agreement with a Pre-Existing Structure as requested by Gerald and Diane Heck.

Motion #7. Motion by Barton, supported by Smith to approve Resolution #22-08 for a partial termination of a Farmland Development Rights Agreement with a Pre-Existing Structure as requested by Gerald and Diane Heck, as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Consider increasing Election Inspector wages to \$15.00 per hour for training, \$18.00 per hour Election Inspector, \$20.00 per hour for Vice-Chair and \$21.00 per hour for Chairperson.

Motion #8. Motion by Manor, supported by Raymo to consider increasing Election Inspector wages to \$15.00 per hour for training, \$18.00 per hour Election Inspector, \$20.00 per hour for Vice-Chair and \$21.00 per hour for Chairperson, as presented.

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

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NEW BUSINESS (con't)

Approve Service Agreement with the Monroe Conservation District for \$750.00 and authorize Supervisor to sign agreement.

Motion #9. Motion by Howe, supported by Smith to approve Service Agreement with the Monroe Conservation District for \$750.00 and authorize Supervisor to sign agreement, as presented.

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

Authorize payment of \$3,671.35 to Mannik and Smith for services provided.

Motion #10. Motion by Manor, supported by Smith to authorize payment of \$3,671.35 to Mannik and Smith for services provided, as presented.

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

Approve payment to Monroe County Road Commission for \$774,699.81 for Dartmoor, Ravenwood and Teakwood paving projects.

Motion #11. Motion by Howe, supported by Smith to approve payment to Monroe County Road Commission for \$774,699.81 for Dartmoor, Ravenwood and Teakwood paving projects, as presented.

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

Approve payment to Monroe County Road Commission for \$86,537.82 for Canterbury Farms paving project.

Motion #12. Motion by Barton, supported by Manor to approve payment to Monroe County Road Commission for \$86,537.82 for Canterbury Farms paving project, as presented.

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

Approve payment to Monroe County Road Commission for \$136,480.85 for Keegan Road paving project.

Motion #13. Motion by Howe, supported by Raymo to approve payment to Monroe County Road Commission for \$136,480.85 for Keegan Road paving project, as presented.

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

Approve increasing expenditures with Bauckham, Sparks, Thall, Seeber and Kaufman PC from \$25,000 to \$50,000 for 2022 fiscal year.

Motion #14. Motion by Manor, supported by Barton to approve increasing expenditures with Bauckham, Sparks, Thall, Seeber and Kaufman PC from \$25,000 to \$50,000 for 2022 fiscal year, as presented.

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

Consider sending Fire Inspector Schmitt to the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society Fall Educational Conference from September 27th-30th and to include lodging and other approved expenses.

Motion #15. Motion by Barton, supported by Smith to consider sending Fire Inspector Schmitt to the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society Fall Educational Conference from September 27th-30th and to include lodging and other approved expenses, as presented.

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

Approve removing Jeremy Drouillard from probationary status effective August 1, 2022, as recommended by Chief Cherney.

Motion #16. Motion by Smith, supported by Howe to approve removing Jeremy Drouillard from probationary status effective August 1, 2022, as recommended by Chief Cherney, as presented.

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

Approve Jeremy Drouillard, Brayden Johnson, Derrick Liddy and Robert Origel to attend Fire School at a cost of \$1,500.00 each, as recommended by Chief Cherney.

Motion #17. Motion by Howe, supported by Raymo to approve Jeremy Drouillard, Brayden Johnson, Derrick Liddy and Robert Origel to attend Fire School at a cost of \$1,500.00 each, as recommended by Chief Cherney, as presented.

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

Approve promotions of Ed Bellman and Austin Schmitt to the rank of Sergeant, effective September 1, 2022, as recommended by Chief Cherney. (They will take oath at September meeting).

Motion #18. Motion by Manor, supported by Raymo to approve promotions of Ed Bellman and Austin Schmitt to the rank of Sergeant, effective September 1, 2022, as recommended by Chief Cherney, as presented.

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

Approve mileage reimbursement for firefighters to attend Firefighters Memorial Ceremony on September 17th in Roscommon, Michigan. Joe Liedel and Frank Brown will be honored.

Motion #19. Motion by Raymo, supported by Barton to approve mileage reimbursement for one car or the use of one Township vehicle for firefighters to attend Firefighters Memorial Ceremony on September 17th in Roscommon, Michigan. Joe Liedel and Frank Brown will be honored, as presented.

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Board Comments: Trustee Howe does not agree with mileage reimbursement but prefers usage of Township vehicle.

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

Approve payment of \$21,394.69 to R & R Fire Truck Repair Inc. for repairs to Rescue 35-4.

Motion #20. Motion by Howe, supported by Barton to table the payment of \$21,394.69 to R & R Fire Truck Repair Inc. for repairs to Rescue 35-4, as presented.

Board Comments: Would like additional information on the substantial increase on the invoice as to what was originally approved.

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

Approve payment of \$15,876.00 to West Shore Fire. (This purchase was previously approved).

Motion #21. Motion by Raymo, supported by Howe to approve payment of \$15,876.00 to West Shore Fire, as presented.

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

Consider approving sending Austin Foley to Medical First Responder class from September 12, 2022-November 19, 2022 at a cost of \$950.00.

Motion #22. Motion by Barton, supported by Janssens to consider approving sending Austin Foley to Medical First Responder class from September 12, 2022-November 19, 2022 at a cost of \$950.00, as presented.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments began at 7:29 p.m. and ended at 7:31 p.m.

There were two comments. A resident asked how we determine who is given a promotion within the Fire Department?

Supervisor Barron stated that it is at the recommendation of the Fire Chief.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #23. Motion by Smith, supported by Raymo to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT (Con't)

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



Christina Smith, Clerk

Monroe Charter Township

Attested:



Alan Barron, Supervisor

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