

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 18, 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, June 18, 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 Howe, Manor and Raymo.

Excused: Trustee Janssens

Others Present: Chief Cherney, Attorney McCormick and (20) twenty audience members.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Regular Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2024 and Closed Session Minutes of April 25, 2024).

Motion #1. Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2024 and Closed Session Minutes of April 25, 2024, as presented.

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

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS/INVOICES

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

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

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

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

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Motion #4. Motion by Raymo, supported by Smith to accept and place on file the Fire Department Report for the month of May 2024, as presented.

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

FIRE COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion #5. Motion by Manor, supported by Smith to accept the Fire Committee Report, as presented.

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

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SHERIFF DEPARTMENT REPORT

Motion #6. Motion by Smith, supported by Manor to accept and place on file the Sheriff Department Report for the month of May 2024, as presented.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Financial Reports:

- 1. Clerk's 2024 Budget Summary Report, period ending May 31, 2024.**
- 2. Treasurer's Monthly Statement of Bank Accounts & Investments, period ending May 31, 2024.**

General Reports:

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

Communications:

- 1. Correspondence from Charter Communications dated June 1, 2024, Re: Upcoming Changes.**
- 2. Correspondence from Comcast dated June 11, 2024, Re: Programming Advisory**
- 3. Speed Trailer Data Report.**

Motion #7. Motion by Barton, supported by Smith to accept the Consent Agenda and place on file, as presented.

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

Approve Nicholas Adrian and Britney Punches as certified firefighters, effective May 1, 2024 (Oath of Office).

Motion #8. Motion by Smith, supported by Manor to approve Nicholas Adrian and Britney Punches as certified firefighters, effective May 1, 2024, as presented.

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

CLOSED SESSION

Move that the Township Board go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(e) which provides that a public body may go into closed session to "consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, but only if an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body."

Motion #9. Motion by Raymo, supported by Smith to move that the Township Board go into closed session at 7:15 p.m. pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(e) which provides that a public body may go into closed session to "consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific

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CLOSED SESSION (Con't)

pending litigation, but only if an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body.", as presented.

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

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

Motion #10. Motion by Smith, supported by Raymo to reconvene open session at 7:44 p.m., as presented.

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

ORDINANCES

Waive the first reading to amend Zoning Ordinance 52-2010, as amended to include text amendments to Article 3, Section 3.304, Fences, to further regulate new fences, replacement fences, and fence maintenance, and to have published in the Monroe News and brought back to the July 16, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Monroe Charter Township Board.

Motion #11. Motion by Manor, supported by Raymo to waive the first reading to amend Zoning Ordinance 52-2010, as amended to include text amendments to Article 3, Section 3.304, Fences, to further regulate new fences, replacement fences, and fence maintenance, and to have published in the Monroe News and brought back to the July 16, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Monroe Charter Township Board, as presented.

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

Waive the first reading to amend Zoning Ordinance 52-2010, as amended to include text amendments to Article 3, Section 3.301, Subsection C, Corner Clearance, to further regulate the allowable height of structures, walls, fences, signs, landscaping or other obstructions to visibility within a triangular area formed by the intersection of two road right-of-way lines, and to have published in the Monroe News and brought back to the July 16, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Monroe Charter Township Board.

Motion #12. Motion by Smith, supported by Manor to waive the first reading to amend Zoning Ordinance 52-2010, as amended to include text amendments to Article 3, Section 3.301, Subsection C, Corner Clearance, to further regulate the allowable height of structures, walls, fences, signs, landscaping or other obstructions to visibility within a triangular area formed by the intersection of two road right-of-way lines, and to have published in the Monroe News and brought back to the July 16, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Monroe Charter Township Board, as presented.

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

Waive the first reading to amend Zoning Ordinance 52-2010, as amended to include text amendments to Article 3, Section 3.602, Transient and Amusement Enterprises, to further regulate temporary outdoor special events and the requirements for approval, and to have published in the Monroe News and brought back to the July 16, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Monroe Charter Township Board.

Motion #13. Motion by Smith, supported by Howe to waive the first reading to amend Zoning Ordinance 52-2010, as amended to include text amendments to Article 3, Section 3.602, Transient and Amusement

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Enterprises, to further regulate temporary outdoor special events and the requirements for approval, and to have published in the Monroe News and brought back to the July 16, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Monroe Charter Township Board, as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Approve CampKids leaders, as recommended by Director Jill Wilson.

Motion #14. Motion by Barton, supported by Raymo to approve CampKids leaders, as recommended by Director Jill Wilson, as presented.

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

Authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the 2024 Tax Rate Request Form L- 4029.

Motion #15. Motion by Barton, supported by Smith to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the 2024 Tax Rate Request Form L- 4029, as presented.

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

Approve third quarter payment to Monroe County Business Alliance service agreement in the amount of \$750.00.

Motion #16. Motion by Smith, supported by Howe to approve third quarter payment to Monroe County Business Alliance service agreement in the amount of \$750.00, as presented.

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

Approve payment of Park Place Technologies in the amount of \$374.28.

Motion #17. Motion by Smith, supported by Manor to approve payment of Park Place Technologies in the amount of \$374.28, as presented.

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

Approve maintenance work on Rescue 35-4 in the amount of \$5,915.17 to Selking International Trucks.

Motion #18. Motion by Smith, supported by Howe to approve maintenance work on Rescue 35-4 in the amount of \$5,915.17 to Selking International Trucks, as presented.

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

Consider proposal from Expert Fire Protection and Design and Reeves, Inc. to replace dry-pipe sprinkler system at Fire Station #1. (See Fire Inspector Schmitt's recommendation).

Motion #19. Motion by Smith, supported by Raymo to consider proposal from Expert Fire Protection to replace dry-pipe sprinkler system at Fire Station #1 using option #2 being paid using millage funds, as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

Approve Firefighters Shaun Lawson and Aiden Hutchison to paint fire hydrants as needed.

Motion #20. Motion by Howe, supported by Raymo to approve Firefighters Shaun Lawson and Aiden Hutchison to paint fire hydrants as needed, as presented.

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

Approve Fire Department opening a new customer account form with The Public Safety Store.

Motion #21. Motion by Smith, supported by Howe to approve Fire Department opening a new customer account form with The Public Safety Store, as presented.

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

Approve one year leave of absence for Jordan Nadeau, effective June 13, 2024, as recommended by Chief Cherney.

Motion #22. Motion by Raymo, supported by Barton to approve one year leave of absence for Jordan Nadeau, effective June 13, 2024, as recommended by Chief Cherney, as presented.

Roll call vote: Raymo yes, Barton yes, Smith yes, Manor yes, Howe yes, Barro yes. **Motion carried.**

Approve request of Assessor, Cathy Cousineau to attend Michigan Assessor's Association Conference August 11-14 with meals, lodging and other related expenses.

Motion #23. Motion by Smith, supported by Barton to approve request of Assessor, Cathy Cousineau to attend Michigan Assessor's Association Conference August 11-14 with meals, lodging and other related expenses, as presented.

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

Consider the request of Michigan Pure Green LLC (First Class Cannabis Co formerly known as Dispo) to extend the June 28, 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 August 16, 2024. (See Kim Fortners' comments)

Motion #24. Motion by Manor, supported by Raymo to consider the request of Michigan Pure Green LLC (First Class Cannabis Co formerly known as Dispo) to extend the June 28, 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 August 16, 2024, as presented.

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

Consider approving renewal of marihuana adult retailer license for Middle Development LLC (Backpack Boyz) of 14501 S. Telegraph Rd. (Property I.D. #5812-010-216-20) from 7/11/24-7/11/25, contingent upon meeting the Township Fire Inspector's requirements.

Motion #25. Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to consider approving renewal of marihuana adult retailer license for Middle Development LLC (Backpack Boyz) of 14501 S. Telegraph Rd. (Property I.D. #5812-010-216-20) from 7/11/24-7/11/25, contingent upon meeting the Township Fire Inspector's requirements, as presented.

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

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NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

Consider application for one special outdoor event (3rd event for 2024 calendar year) to be held by NAR Monroe at 14733 S. Telegraph Rd. (Property I.D. #5812- 010-442-33) on Wednesday, July 10, 2024 from 9a.m. - 8 p.m.

Motion #26. Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to consider application for one special outdoor event (3rd event for 2024 calendar year) to be held by NAR Monroe at 14733 S. Telegraph Rd. (Property I.D. #5812- 010-442-33) on Wednesday, July 10, 2024 from 9a.m. - 8 p.m., as presented.

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

Consider application for one special outdoor event (5th 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, July 6, 2024 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Motion #27. Motion by Smith, supported by Barton to consider application for one special outdoor event (5th 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, July 6, 2024 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., as presented.

BOARD COMMENTS

Clerk Smith advised the Board that the certificate of insurance that was provided is not a currently active policy and that an attempt was made to get a current proof of insurance.

Roll call vote: Smith no, Barton no, Manor no, Raymo no, Howe no, Barron no. **Motion denied.**

Consider application for one special outdoor event (4th event for 2024 calendar year) to be held by Urb Cannabis at 14515 LaPlaisance Rd. (Property I.D. #5812- 010-234-00) on Wednesday, July 10, 2024 from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Motion #28. Motion by Raymo, supported by Smith to consider application for one special outdoor event (4th event for 2024 calendar year) to be held by Urb Cannabis at 14515 LaPlaisance Rd. (Property I.D. #5812- 010-234-00) on Wednesday, July 10, 2024 from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., as presented.

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

Consider authorizing Clerk to purchase food for Election Inspectors on Election day and early voting.

Motion #29. Motion by Howe, supported by Manor to consider authorizing Clerk to purchase food for Election Inspectors on Election day and early voting, as presented.

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

Accept resignation of Brandon Edman from Fire Department effective immediately.

Motion #30. Motion by Howe, supported by Raymo to accept resignation of Brandon Edman from Fire Department effective immediately, as presented.

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

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Authorize payment to James S. Jacobs, Architect, PLLC, in the amount of \$5,093.75.

Motion #31. Motion by Barton, supported by Howe to Authorize payment to James S. Jacobs, Architect, PLLC, in the amount of \$5,093.75, as presented.

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

Authorize attorney Fred Lucas to negotiate and finalize a Settlement Agreement as presented in Closed Session, subject to the final approval of the Board.

Motion #32. Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to authorize attorney Fred Lucas to negotiate and finalize a Settlement Agreement as presented in Closed Session, subject to the final approval of the Board, as presented.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments began at 8:10 p.m. and ended at 8:15 p.m.

There were two comments one was an inquiry about the bike signs being placed along the roads and the other was advising the Board of a neighbor complaint about the park having people out after dark.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #33. Motion by Smith, supported by Howe to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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

Attested:



Alan Barron, Supervisor
Monroe Charter Township



Christina Smith, Clerk
Monroe Charter Township