

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
Special Meeting Minutes  
August 31, 2021  
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 31, 2021 from the Monroe Charter Township Hall, 4925 East Dunbar Road, Monroe County, Michigan.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Others Present:** Attorney Patricia McCormick, Attorney Catherine Kaufman, Kim Fortner Community Development Director/Zoning Enforcement Officer and nine (9) attendees.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVE MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 19, 2021.**

**Motion #1.** Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to approve minutes of special meeting held on August 19, 2021, as presented.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion #2.** Motion by Howe, supported by Raymo to approve the agenda, as presented.

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

**Motion carried**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Waive the second reading on proposed zoning ordinance text amendment (New Section 8.1365) Section 8.1365 to allow and regulate Recreational (Adult Use) Establishments, Medical Facilities, and Caregiver Marihuana Businesses: To include text amendments to Ordinance 52-2010: Page iii Table of Contents; Section 2.02 Definitions; Section 4.302 Table of Permitted Uses by District; Section 5.01 Schedule of Regulations; Section 5.02(0) Footnotes to the Schedule of Regulations; Section 6.101.8 Permitted Uses after Special Approval in the AG (Agricultural); Section 7.102.8 permitted Uses after Special Approval in the C-2 (General Commercial); and Section 7.201.A.B Permitted Uses and Permitted Uses after Special Approval in the LI (Light Industrial) Zoned Districts, all to reference Marihuana Businesses and to have published in the Monroe News after adoption.**

**Motion #3.** Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to waive the second reading on proposed zoning ordinance text amendment (New Section 8.1365) Section 8.1365 to allow and regulate Recreational

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**NEW BUSINESS (Con't)**

(Adult Use) Establishments, Medical Facilities, and Caregiver Marihuana Businesses: To include text amendments to Ordinance 52-2010: Page iii Table of Contents; Section 2.02 Definitions; Section 4.302 Table of Permitted Uses by District; Section 5.01 Schedule of Regulations; Section 5.02(0) Footnotes to the Schedule of Regulations; Section 6.101.8 Permitted Uses after Special Approval in the AG (Agricultural); Section 7.102.8 permitted Uses after Special Approval in the C-2 (General Commercial); and Section 7.201.A.B Permitted Uses and Permitted Uses after Special Approval in the LI (Light Industrial) Zoned Districts, all to reference Marihuana Businesses and to have published in the Monroe News after adoption, as presented.

Comments began at 7:03 p.m. and ended at 7:17 p.m. There were seven (7) public, board and attorney comments.

There were questions regarding the first six (6) businesses that were approved when there was no ordinance in place and it was explained that there was nothing to prohibit or govern the business and no moratorium in place.

There was an inquiry on the eight (8) businesses being approved. The eight (8) were not approved. There was a letter sent to the Marihuana Regulatory Agency rescinding attestations mistakenly signed.

Treasurer Barton stated that she has voted no since October 2019 on any Marihuana business but will be voting yes on this ordinance as it has considered all of the concerns of the residents and we must regulate what is here.

Audience member stated that Marihuana business is heavily taxed and regulated. Thanked the Township Board for moving forward.

Cannabis Attorney has been coming to Township meetings since last summer and stated that this is a move in the right direction as there is a lot of litigation all over the state.

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

**Waive the first reading on proposed general ordinance no. 140 to allow and regulate Recreational (Adult Use) Establishments, Medical Facilities, and Caregiver Marihuana Businesses, all to reference Marihuana Businesses and to have published in the Monroe News and brought back to the September 9, 2021, Special Meeting of the Monroe Charter Township Board.**

**Motion #4.** Motion by Manor, supported by Raymo to waive the first reading on proposed general ordinance no. 140 to allow and regulate Recreational (Adult Use) Establishments, Medical Facilities, and Caregiver Marihuana Businesses, all to reference Marihuana Businesses and to have published in the Monroe News and brought back to the September 9, 2021, Special Meeting of the Monroe Charter Township Board, as presented.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limited to three (3) minutes per speaker)**

There were no public comments.

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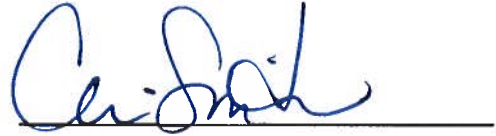
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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion #5.** Motion by Howe, supported by Raymo to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

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

**Motion carried.**



Christina Smith, Clerk

Monroe Charter Township

Attested:



Alan Barron, Supervisor

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