

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 20, 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, February 20, 2024 from the Monroe Charter Township Hall, 4925 East Dunbar Road, Monroe County, Michigan.

ROLL CALL

Present: Supervisor Barron, Clerk Smith, Trustee's Raymo, Manor and Howe.

Excused: Treasurer Barton and Trustee Janssens

Others Present: Attorney McCormick, Assistant Chief Broman and twenty eight (28) audience members.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING

Consider recommending approval of Grumpy Goat Brewing Company LLC's request for an On-Premises Tasting Room Permit at 15530 South Telegraph Road, Monroe, MI 48161, Property I.D. #5812-020-021-11 (property owner, BTSW Real Estate Monroe LLC), under Charter Township of Monroe Liquor License Ordinance No. 149.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

One public comment in support of the business.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING

Motion #1. Motion by Howe, supported by Manor to adjourn the Public Hearing.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Consider recommending approval of adding two streetlights to the Estates of Wellington and to incur the cost of the installation to said property owners.

Presentation of estimated assessment per lot.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING

Motion #2. Motion by Raymo, supported by Smith to adjourn the Public Hearing.

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

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Regular Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2024).

Motion #3. Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2024, as presented.

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

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS/INVOICES

Motion #4. Motion by Raymo, supported by Manor to approve the payment of bills/invoices as listed by the Clerk, as presented.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Motion #5. Motion by Howe, supported by Smith to accept the Planning Commission Report, as presented.

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

FIRE BOARD REPORT

Motion #6. Motion by Manor, supported by Raymo to accept and place on file the Fire Board Report for the month of January 2024, as presented.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Motion #7. Motion by Smith, supported by Raymo to accept and place on file the Fire Department Report for the month of January 2024, as presented.

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

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT REPORT

Motion #8. Motion by Smith, supported by Manor to accept and place on file the Sheriff Department Report for the month of January 2024, as presented.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Financial Reports:

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

General Reports:

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

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CONSENT AGENDA (con't)

Communications:

1. Correspondence from Charter Communications dated February 2, 2024, Re: Upcoming Changes.
2. Correspondence from Comcast dated January 17, 2024, Re: Franchise Renewal Process.

Motion #9. Motion by Howe, supported by Raymo to accept the Consent Agenda and place on file, as presented.

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

ORDINANCES

Waive the first reading to amend Zoning Ordinance 52-2010 to include text amendments to Article 7, Section 7.102.A.B., C-2 General Commercial District (Permitted Uses and Permitted Uses after Special Approval) and Article 4, Section 4.302, Table of Permitted Uses by District (Commercial Uses), all to reference the list of Permitted Uses and Permitted Uses after Special Approval in the C-2 (General Commercial) Zoned District, and to have published in the Monroe News and brought back to the March 19, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Monroe Charter Township Board.

Motion #10. Motion by Smith, supported by Raymo to waive the first reading to amend Zoning Ordinance 52-2010 to include text amendments to Article 7, Section 7.102.A.B., C-2 General Commercial District (Permitted Uses and Permitted Uses after Special Approval) and Article 4, Section 4.302, Table of Permitted Uses by District (Commercial Uses), all to reference the list of Permitted Uses and Permitted Uses after Special Approval in the C-2 (General Commercial) Zoned District, and to have published in the Monroe News and brought back to the March 19, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Monroe Charter Township Board, as presented.

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

Waive the first reading to amend Zoning Ordinance 52-2010 to include text amendments to Article 9, Section 9.05.B.2, Parking, Loading, and Access Management (Maximum Permitted Parking Spaces), to regulate the maximum amount of off-street parking spaces for a commercial public parking lot use, and to have published in the Monroe News and brought back to the March 19, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Monroe Charter Township Board.

Motion #11. Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to waive the first reading to amend Zoning Ordinance 52-2010 to include text amendments to Article 9, Section 9.05.B.2, Parking, Loading, and Access Management (Maximum Permitted Parking Spaces), to regulate the maximum amount of off-street parking spaces for a commercial public parking lot use, and to have published in the Monroe News and brought back to the March 19, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Monroe Charter Township Board, as presented.

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

Waive the first reading to amend Zoning Ordinance 52-2010 to include text amendments to Article 16, Nonconformities and Article 5, Section 5.02.n, Schedule of Regulations (Minimum Distance between Residential Structures), to further regulate new decks, porches, and additions that they may be constructed within an approved nonconforming side yard setback, and to have published

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in the Monroe News and brought back to the March 19, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Monroe Charter Township Board.

Motion #12. Motion by Smith, supported by Howe to waive the first reading to amend Zoning Ordinance 52-2010 to include text amendments to Article 16, Nonconformities and Article 5, Section 5.02.n, Schedule of Regulations (Minimum Distance between Residential Structures), to further regulate new decks, porches, and additions that they may be constructed within an approved nonconforming side yard setback, and to have published in the Monroe News and brought back to the March 19, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Monroe Charter Township Board, as presented.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Adopt Resolution #24-06, recommending approval of adding two (2) streetlights to the Estates of Wellington and to incur cost of installation to said property owners.

Motion #13. Motion by Smith, supported by Howe to adopt Resolution #24-06, recommending approval of adding two (2) streetlights to the Estates of Wellington and to incur cost of installation to said property owners, as presented.

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

Adopt Resolution #24-07, recommending approval of Grumpy Goat Brewing Company LLC's request for an On-Premises Tasting Room Permit at 15530 South Telegraph Road, Monroe, MI 48161, Property I.D. #5812-020-021-11 (property owner, BTSW Real Estate Monroe LLC), under Charter Township of Monroe Liquor License Ordinance No. 149.

Motion #14. Motion by Smith, supported by Raymo to adopt Resolution #24-07, recommending approval of Grumpy Goat Brewing Company LLC's request for an On-Premises Tasting Room Permit at 15530 South Telegraph Road, Monroe, MI 48161, Property I.D. #5812-020-021-11 (property owner, BTSW Real Estate Monroe LLC), under Charter Township of Monroe Liquor License Ordinance No. 149, as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Accept and place on file the adoption of the State's new 2021 3rd printing edition of the International Mechanical Code with amendments, deletions, and additions, to become effective on March 12, 2024.

Motion #15. Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to accept and place on file the adoption of the State's new 2021 3rd printing edition of the International Mechanical Code with amendments, deletions, and additions, to become effective on March 12, 2024, as presented.

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

Accept and place on file the adoption of the State's new 2021 2nd printing edition of the International Plumbing Code with amendments, deletions, and additions, to become effective on March 12, 2024.

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NEW BUSINESS (con't)

Motion #16. Motion by Raymo, supported by Manor to accept and place on file the adoption of the State's new 2021 2nd printing edition of the International Plumbing Code with amendments, deletions, and additions, to become effective on March 12, 2024, as presented.

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

Accept and place on file the adoption of the State's new 2023 2nd printing edition of the National Electrical Code with amendments, deletions, and additions, to become effective on March 12, 2024.

Motion #17. Motion by Smith, supported by Raymo to accept and place on file the adoption of the State's new 2023 2nd printing edition of the National Electrical Code with amendments, deletions, and additions, to become effective on March 12, 2024, as presented.

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

Consider request of CW-MI-LAP 14500, LLC (Cannwork Labs) to extend the February 8, 2024 deadline to/obtain a State of Michigan license for a marihuana processor at 14500 LaPlaisance Rd, B100 for an additional 90 days, or until May 8, 2024. (see Zoning Enforcement Officer comments)

Motion #18. Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to consider request of CW-MI-LAP 14500, LLC (Cannwork Labs) to extend the February 8, 2024 deadline to/obtain a State of Michigan license for a marihuana processor at 14500 LaPlaisance Rd, B100 for an additional 90 days, or until May 8, 2024, as presented.

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

Consider approving renewal of marihuana business processor license for NU Group LLC (Nirvana Processing Monroe) of 14500 LaPlaisance Rd, A10 (Property I.D. #5812-010-221-00) from 3/6/24-3/6/25.

Motion #19. Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to consider approving renewal of marihuana business processor license for NU Group LLC (Nirvana Processing Monroe) of 14500 LaPlaisance Rd, A10 (Property I.D. #5812-010-221-00) from 3/6/24-3/6/25, as presented.

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

Consider request of Michigan Green Pioneers LLC to extend the April 4, 2024 deadline to obtain a State of Michigan license for a marihuana grower at 14394 LaPlaisance Rd for an additional year, or until April 4, 2025. (see Zoning Enforcement Officer comments)

Motion #20. Motion by Smith, supported by Manor to consider request of Michigan Green Pioneers LLC to extend the April 4, 2024 deadline to obtain a State of Michigan license for a marihuana grower at 14394 LaPlaisance Rd for an additional year, or until April 4, 2025, as presented.

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

Approve McKenna to develop a Parks and Recreation Plan which allows the Township to be eligible for grants. This was recommended by the Planning Commission at a cost between \$10,000-\$13,000.

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Motion #21. Motion by Manor, supported by Raymo to approve McKenna to develop a Parks and Recreation Plan which allows the Township to be eligible for grants. This was recommended by the Planning Commission at a cost between \$10,000-\$13,000, as presented.

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

Approve one (1) year leave of absence for Firefighter Brent Thomas, effective February 15, 2024 February 15, 2025, as recommended by Chief Cherney.

Motion #22. Motion by Smith, supported by Raymo to approve one (1) year leave of absence for Firefighter Brent Thomas, effective February 15, 2024 February 15, 2025, as recommended by Chief Cherney, as presented.

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

Accept resignation of Michael McClellan from Fire Department, effective immediately, as recommended by Chief Cherney.

Motion #23. Motion by Smith, supported by Manor to accept resignation of Michael McClellan from Fire Department, effective immediately, as recommended by Chief Cherney, as presented.

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

Approve Fire Inspector Schmitt attending Winter Education Seminar in Mt. Pleasant as part of his continuing education for Fire Inspector License and Certification. Meals, lodging, and other related expenses.

Motion #24. Motion by Smith, supported by Raymo to approve Fire Inspector Schmitt attending Winter Education Seminar in Mt. Pleasant as part of his continuing education for Fire Inspector License and Certification. Meals, lodging, and other related expenses, as presented.

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

Approve payment to R & R Fire Truck Repair to purchase Centaur 3 Compressor and 3 Position Fill Station with Auto Fill option at a cost of \$69,443.00. (to be paid by Fire Millage)

Motion #25. Motion by Smith, supported by Howe to approve payment to R & R Fire Truck Repair to purchase Centaur 3 Compressor and 3 Position Fill Station with Auto Fill option at a cost of \$69,443.00, as presented.

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

Approve May 18 as Spring Clean-up Day from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and October 19 as Fall Clean-up Day from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with Steven's Disposal as waste hauler.

Motion #26. Motion by Smith, supported by Howe to approve May 18 as Spring Clean-up Day from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and October 19 as Fall Clean-up Day from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with Steven's Disposal as waste hauler, as presented.

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

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Appoint Cheryl McLaughlin as Custer Baseball/Softball Director.

Motion #27. Motion by Raymo, supported by Manor to appoint Cheryl McLaughlin as Custer Baseball/Softball Director, as presented.

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

Appoint Jill Wilson as CampKids Director.

Motion #28. Motion by Smith, supported by Raymo to appoint Jill Wilson as CampKids Director, as presented.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments began at 7:33 p.m. and ended at 7:41 p.m.

There were Board comments regarding the Solar Power Legislation attempting to remove local control.

There were four public comments regarding MDOT updates for South Dixie Highway Pikes Swale repairs, right of way overgrowth and the possibility of adding a traffic light outside of Sheffield Village Subdivision. The board was also given information regarding the status about the Joseph Liedel Memorial Highway. There is also legislation being looked at to increase landfill costs from \$.38 per ton to \$5.00 per ton which would be passed down to all residents.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #29. Motion by Manor, supported by Howe to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

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



Christina Smith, Clerk
Monroe Charter Township

Attested:



Alan Barron, Supervisor
Monroe Charter Township