

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 19, 2019  
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, March 19, 2019, in the Monroe Charter Township Hall, 4925 East Dunbar Road, Monroe County, Michigan.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Supervisor Barron, Clerk Schnurr, Treasurer Barton, Trustees Blank, Heck, Manor and Pancone.

**Others Present:** Attorney McCormick and 9 people in the audience.

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Regular Meeting of February 19, 2019).**

**Motion #1.** Motion by Manor, supported by Blank to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2019, as presented.

Roll call vote: Manor yes, Blank yes, Heck yes, Pancone yes, Barton yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes.  
**Motion carried.**

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS/INVOICES**

**Motion #2.** Motion by Heck, supported by Blank to approve the payment of bills/invoices, as listed by the Clerk.

Roll call vote: Heck yes, Blank yes, Pancone yes, Manor yes, Barton yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes.  
**Motion carried.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chief Merkle updated the Board on fire runs for the month of February 2019 and presented the 2018 Annual Report.

**Motion #3.** Motion by Blank, supported by Heck to accept and place on file the February 2019 and the 2018 Annual Fire Department Reports, as presented by Chief Merkle.

Roll call vote: Blank yes, Heck yes, Pancone yes, Manor yes, Barton yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes.  
**Motion carried.**

**SHERIFF DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Deputy Michael Swiercz updated the Board on police activity for the month of February 2019.

**Motion #4.** Motion by Manor, supported by Blank to accept and place on file the Sheriff Department Report, as presented by Deputy Swiercz.

Roll call vote: Manor yes, Blank yes, Pancone yes, Heck yes, Barton yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes.  
**Motion carried.**

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**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT**

Trustee Heck updated the Board on the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting for the month of March 2019.

**Motion #5.** Motion by Barton, supported by Blank to accept and place on file the Zoning Board of Appeals Report for the month of March 2019, as presented by Trustee Heck.

Roll call vote: Barton yes, Blank yes, Pancone yes, Manor yes, Heck yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes.  
**Motion carried.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Financial Reports:** Clerk's 2019 Budget Summary Report, period ending February 28, 2019. Treasurer's Monthly Statement of Bank Accounts & Investments, period ending February 28, 2019.

**General Reports:** Building Official, Blight, Fire Chief, Sheriff Department.

**Communications:** Charter Communications Letter dated 2-28-19 Re: Channel additions.

**Motion #6.** Motion by Heck, supported by Manor to accept the consent agenda and place on file, as presented.

Roll call vote: Heck yes, Manor yes, Blank yes, Pancone yes, Barton yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes.  
**Motion carried.**

**ORDINANCE**

**First reading of proposed Park Regulation Ordinance #136.**

**Motion #7.** Motion by Schnurr, supported by Barton to waive the first reading, publish and place proposed Park Regulation #136 on the April 16, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Agenda for adoption consideration..

Roll call vote: Schnurr yes, Barton yes, Manor yes, Pancone yes, Heck yes, Blank yes, Barron yes.  
**Motion carried.**

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**Approve Proclamation #19-02, Proclaiming May as Military Appreciation Month in Monroe Charter Township.**

**Motion #8.** Motion by Barton, supported by Blank to approve Proclamation #19-02, Proclaiming May as Military Appreciation Month in Monroe Charter Township.

Roll call vote: Barton yes, Blank yes, Manor yes, Heck yes, Pancone yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes.  
**Motion carried.**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Consider Resolution #19-03, Charitable Gaming License for The Philbeck Foundation.**

**Motion #9.** Motion by Barton, supported by Manor to approve Resolution #19-03, Charitable Gaming License for The Philbeck Foundation, as presented.

Roll call vote: Barton yes, Manor yes, Pancone yes, Blank yes, Heck yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes.  
**Motion carried.**

**RESOLUTIONS (Con't)**

**Adopt Resolution #19-04, Michigan Participating Plan Risk Reduction Grant.**

**Motion #10.** Motion by Schnurr, supported by Manor to adopt Resolution #19-04, Michigan Participating Plan Risk Reduction Grant, as presented.

Roll call vote: Schnurr yes, Manor yes, Heck yes, Pancone yes, Blank yes, Barton yes, Barron yes.  
**Motion carried.**

**Adopt Resolution #19-05, 2019 General Fund Budget Amendment #1, Resolution #19-06, 2019 Special Revenue Fund Budget Amendment #1, Resolution #19-07, 2019 Capital Projects Fund Budget Amendment #1, and Resolution #19-08, 2019 Debt Service Fund Budget Amendment #1.**

**Motion #11.** Motion by Barton supported by Blank to adopt Resolution #19-05, 2019 General Fund Budget Amendment #1, Resolution #19-06, 2019 Special Revenue Fund Budget Amendment #1, Resolution #19-07, 2019 Capital Projects Fund Budget Amendment #1, and Resolution #19-08, 2019 Debt Service Fund Budget Amendment #1, as presented.

Roll call vote: Barton yes, Blank yes, Heck yes, Manor yes, Pancone yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes.  
**Motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Authorize Fire Department to contract with Waterway of Michigan to conduct Hose Testing at an approximate cost of \$4,551.56 (last contract price was \$4,673).**

**Motion #12.** Motion by Manor, supported by Heck to authorize Fire Department to contract with Waterway of Michigan to conduct Hose Testing at an approximate cost of \$4,551.56, as presented.

Roll call vote: Manor yes, Heck yes, Pancone yes, Blank yes, Barton yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes.  
**Motion carried.**

**Authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign contracts with the Road Commission for 2019 Road Projects.**

**Motion #13.** Motion by Heck, supported by Blank to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign contracts with the Road Commission for 2019 Road Projects, as presented.

Roll call vote: Heck yes, Blank yes, Manor yes, Pancone yes, Barton yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes.  
**Motion carried.**

**Approve the Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension for AT&T.**

**Motion #14.** Motion by Manor, supported by Heck to Approve the Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension for AT&T, as presented.

Roll call vote: Manor yes, Heck yes, Pancone yes, Blank yes, Barton yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes.  
**Motion carried.**

**Accept and place on file 2018 Annual Planning Commission Report.**

**Motion #15.** Motion by Barton, supported by Pancone to accept and place on file 2018 Annual Planning Commission Report, as presented.

Roll call vote: Barton yes, Pancone yes, Manor yes, Blank yes, Heck yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes.  
**Motion carried.**

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**PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS**

Public comments started at 7:29 p.m. There were three public and board comments. Trustee Blank asked about blight updates, specifically the Nevel and Polmeroy properties. Attorney McCormick provided updates on blight. Richard Janssens thanked the Board for the resolution on National Agriculture Week and for placing the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the Monroe County Farm Bureau on the Township sign. Joe Blaida stated that he is unhappy with the lighting in the Quarry, it is shining in his house and he wants to know why the berm doesn't extend to the Benore property. Supervisor Barron said he would contact the Quarry. Public and Board comments ended at 7:40 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion #16.** Motion by Manor, supported by Heck to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Roll call vote: Manor yes, Heck yes, Blank yes, Pancone yes, Barton yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes.

**Motion carried.**



Bob Schnurr, Clerk  
Monroe Charter Township

Attested:



Alan Barron, Supervisor  
Monroe Charter Township