

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2018
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, October 16, 2018, 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 22 people in the audience.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Regular Meeting of September 18, 2018).

Motion #1. Motion by Manor, supported by Blank to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2018, 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 Barton, supported by Blank to approve the payment of bills/invoices, as listed by the Clerk.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Merkle updated the Board on fire runs for the month of September 2018.

Motion #3. Motion by Manor, supported by Heck to accept and place on file the September 2018 Fire Department Report, as presented by Chief Merkle.

Roll call vote: Manor yes, Heck yes, Blank yes, Pancone 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 September 2018.

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

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

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CONSENT AGENDA

Financial Reports: Clerk's 2018 Budget Summary Report, period ending September 30, 2018.
Treasurer's Monthly Statement of Bank Accounts & Investments, period ending September 30, 2018.

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

Communications: Charter letter dated 10-1-18 Ref: Cost increases.

Motion #5. Motion by Blank, supported by Barton to accept the consent agenda and place on file, as presented.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Adopt Resolution #18-16, 2018 General Fund Budget Amendment #4, Resolution #18-17, 2018 Special Revenue Fund Budget Amendment #4, Resolution #18-18, 2018 Capital Projects Fund Budget Amendment #4, and Resolution #18-19, 2018 Debt Service Fund Budget Amendment #4.

Motion #6. Motion by Barton supported by Manor to adopt Resolution #18-16, 2018 General Fund Budget Amendment #4, Resolution #18-17, 2018 Special Revenue Fund Budget Amendment #4, Resolution #18-18, 2018 Capital Projects Fund Budget Amendment #4, and Resolution #18-19, 2018 Debt Service Fund Budget Amendment #4, as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Approve the 2019 Regular Board Meeting Schedule.

Motion #7. Motion by Schnurr, supported by Barton to approve the 2019 Regular Board Meeting Schedule, as presented.

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

Approve the 2019 Holiday Schedule.

Motion #8. Motion by Heck, supported by Manor to approve the 2019 Holiday Schedule, as presented.

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

Request from Chief Merkle to add three (3) new probationary firefighters; Jesse Reck, Sean Stringham and Brent Thomas to the Fire Department Roster effective November 1, 2018, contingent upon them passing their physicals.

Motion #9. Motion by Heck, supported by Pancone to add three (3) new probationary firefighters; Jesse Reck, Sean Stringham and Brent Thomas to the Fire Department Roster effective November 1, 2018, contingent upon them passing their physicals, as presented.

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

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PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

Public comments started at 7:25 p.m. There were nine public and board comments. Public and board comments ended at 8:09 p.m.

Treasurer Barton expressed concern about trucks not following the approved truck routes and using Albain Road. Trustee Blank asked about the status of unfinished houses. A resident expressed concerns about a fire hydrant near his driveway at 15447 Orchard Meadows, there was much discussion on this matter and the HOA President asked if we could possibly place it on next month's agenda (If approved by their HOA) to consider a payment split of 1/3 for the home owner, 1/3 for the Orchard Meadows HOA and 1/3 by the Township. HOA President will let the Township know if the HOA decides to make this request. A resident inquired about the left turn signal light at Dunbar turning onto Telegraph. Orchard Meadows HOA members expressed concern of blight being left on properties by builders and said it is hard to get calls back from the Blight Inspector. A resident expressed concern about the cost billed to have his properties mowed, as directed by the Township Commissioner of Noxious Weed. He said he isn't receiving calls back from the Commissioner of Noxious Weeds. A resident expressed concern that no one has been at 15175 Oak Knoll in over a month. Another resident said people were having parties at 15175 Oak Knoll and dumping garbage on the property of Orchard Meadows Phase II, he said it makes it hard for him to mow. Trustee Blank said he previously suggested that we hire an additional Blight Inspector/Commissioner of Noxious Weeds during the summer months to help with the increase in number of violations. Chief Merkle thanked the public for passing the 9-11 millage and said one of the items the Township will receive is about \$250,000 worth of updated radios.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #10. Motion by Manor, supported by Heck to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 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