

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2020

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, July 21, 2020, in the Monroe Charter Township Hall, 4925 East Dunbar Road, Monroe County, Michigan.

ROLL CALL

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

Others Present: Chief Cherney, Attorney Patricia McCormick and twenty one (21) people in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Regular Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2020)

Motion #1. Motion by Manor, supported by Heck to approve and place on file the regular meeting minutes of June 16, 2020, as presented.

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

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS/INVOICES

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

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Cherney updated the Board on the fire runs for the month of June 2020.

Motion #3. Motion by Heck, supported by Manor to accept and place on file the June 2020 Fire Department Report, as presented by Chief Cherney.

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

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT REPORT

Deputy Swiercz updated the Board on police activity for the month of June 2020.

Motion #4. Motion by Blank, supported by Pancone to accept and place on file the June 2020 Sheriff Department Report, as presented by Deputy Swiercz.

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SHERIFF DEPARTMENT REPORT (Con't)

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Financial Reports:

1. Clerk's 2020 Budget Summary Report, period ending June 30, 2020.
2. Treasurer's Monthly Statement of Bank Accounts & Investments, period ending June 30, 2020.

General Reports:

1. Supervisor.
2. Building Official.
3. Blight Report.
4. Fire Chief

Communications:

1. Correspondence from Comcast dated 6/16/20 & 6/19/20; Ref: Changes to Xfinity TV services.
2. Charter Communications dated 6/27/20 & 7/6/20; Ref: Upcoming Changes.

Motion #5. Motion by Manor, supported by Blank to accept the Consent Agenda and place on file, as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Authorize contribution of \$750.00 to the Monroe County Conservation District.

Motion #6. Motion by Barton, supported by Smith to authorize contribution of \$750.00 to the Monroe County Conservation District, as presented.

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

Authorize third quarter payment of \$750.00 to the Monroe County Business Development Corporation.

Motion #7. Motion by Manor, supported by Blank to authorize third quarter payment of \$750.00 to the Monroe County Business Development Corporation, as presented.

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

Accept recommendation of the Monroe Charter Township Planning Commission and waive the first reading to add Section 8.1365 to Zoning Ordinance 52-2010 to allow and regulate Recreational and Medical Marihuana businesses; to include text amendments to Ordinance 52-2010: Table of Contents page iii; Section 2.02 Definitions; Section 4.302 Table of Permitted uses by district; Section 5.01, Schedule of Regulations; Section 5.02 (O) Footnotes to the Schedule of Regulations; Permitted uses and/or permitted uses after Special Approval in a C-2 (General Commercial,

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Section 7.102.B), and LI (Light Industrial, Section 7.201.A.B) Zoned Districts, all to reference recreational and medical Marihuana Businesses, have published and brought back to the August 18th meeting.

Motion #8. Motion by Manor, supported by Pancone to the accept recommendation of the Monroe Charter Township Planning Commission and waive the first reading to add Section 8.1365 to Zoning Ordinance 52-2010 to allow and regulate Recreational and Medical Marihuana businesses; to include text amendments to Ordinance 52-2010: Table of Contents page iii; Section 2.02 Definitions; Section 4.302 Table of Permitted uses by district; Section 5.01, Schedule of Regulations; Section 5.02 (O) Footnotes to the Schedule of Regulations; Permitted uses and/or permitted uses after Special Approval in a C-2 (General Commercial, Section 7.102.B), and LI (Light Industrial, Section 7.201.A.B) Zoned Districts, all to reference recreational and medical Marihuana Businesses, have published and brought back to the August 18th meeting, as presented.

Roll call vote: Manor yes, Pancone yes, Heck yes, Blank yes, Barton no, Smith yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Consider Millage proposals to be put on the November General Election ballot for the Fire Department.

Motion #9. Motion by Barron, supported by Manor to consider millage proposals to be put on the November General Election Ballot for the Fire Department, as presented.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments began at 7:51 p.m. Trustee Blank voiced his concerns about quarry parties and the nuisance it presents to our residents. Also stated that he is concerned with kids walking down Laplaine Road and stopping to purchase Marihuana from new business in the area, then leaving to party at the quarry. Supervisor Barron stated that it is no different than stopping in the liquor store then going to party but, also stated that Marihuana is a more regulated industry than liquor sales. Audience member #1 stated that she has kids changing in her yard and that there is music, fighting and vulgar language being used while people are trespassing at her home and the quarry. Deputy Swiercz addressed the audience in what steps he would have to take in order to issue a Trespassing ticket and that we don't have the manpower to sit at the quarry. Attorney McCormick also discussed some possible options to curb the nuisance at the quarry. Audience member #2 who lives on the quarry stated that she has had thefts right off of her front porch and that she is constantly picking up garbage from her yard. She also stated that the restaurant on the quarry is giving pontoon rides as late as midnight and that they are drinking alcohol and are loud. Audience member #3 addressed the Board as to potential benefit of allowing drive thru Marihuana business. Public comments ended at 8:14 p.m.

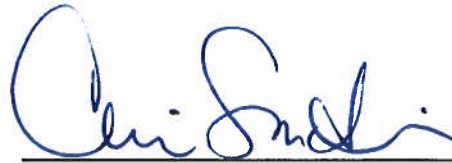
ADJOURNMENT

Motion #10. Motion by Heck, supported by Pancone to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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

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Christina Smith, Clerk

Monroe Charter Township

Attested:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Barron", written over a horizontal line.

Alan Barron, Supervisor

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