

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 20, 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, August 20, 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 10 people in the audience.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Regular Meeting of July 16, 2019)

Motion #1. Motion by Manor, supported by Blank to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 16, 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 Blank, supported by Heck to approve the payment of bills/invoices, as listed by the Clerk.

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

Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Cherney updated the Board on fire runs for the month of July 2019.

Motion #3. Motion by Blank, supported by Heck to accept and place on file the July 2019 Fire Department Report, as presented by Chief Cherney.

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

Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Financial Reports: Clerk's 2019 Budget Summary Report, period ending July 31, 2019. Treasurer's Monthly Statement of Bank Accounts & Investments, period ending July 31, 2019.

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

Communications: AT&T letter dated 8-9-19 Ref; 12th Annual Video Report, Charter Communications letter dated 8-10-19 Ref: Rate Reductions and Channel Line-up changes and Comcast Letter dated 8-16-19 Ref: Turner Classic Movies Moving to Sports Entertainment Package.

Motion #4. Motion by Barton, supported by Manor to accept the consent agenda and place on file, as presented.

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

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Tim Lake, Mark Cochran and Matt Vanisacker from the Monroe County Business Development Corporation (BDC) and City of Monroe presented the Telegraph Road Corridor Plan to the Township during a 34 minute informational powerpoint presentation.

Motion #5. Motion by Blank, supported by Barton to accept and place on file the presentation from Monroe County Business Development Corporation (BDC) and the City of Monroe on the Telegraph Road Corridor Plan, as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Consider request from the Monroe Conservation District's request to extend the service agreement for financial assistance of \$750 for their fiscal calendar year 2019-2020.

Motion #6. Motion by Manor, supported by Barton to approve the request from the Monroe Conservation District's request to extend the service agreement for financial assistance of \$750 for their fiscal calendar year 2019-2020, as presented.

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

Accept and place on file the resignation of Probationary Firefighter Jesse Reck for personal reasons, effective July 23, 2019.

Motion #7. Motion by Barton, supported by Schnurr to accept and place on file the resignation of Probationary Firefighter Jesse Reck for personal reasons, effective July 23, 2019, with regret.

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

Approve the reappointment of Wendy Spicer as a Regular Member of the Board of Review.

Motion #8. Motion by Barton, supported by Heck to approve the reappointment of Wendy Spicer as a Regular Member of the Board of Review.

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

Consider bids for overband crackfill and asphalt replacement/repair for the Fire Department and Park.

Motion #9. Motion by Heck, supported by Blank to table and bring back to the September 17, 2019 Board Meeting with clarification for equal square footage and project scope for all bids.

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

Authorize Assessor Cathy Cousineau to attend the Monroe County Association of Assessing Officers Training on August 24, 2019 at the Lenawee County Human Services Building.

Motion #10. Motion by Manor, supported by Heck to authorize Assessor Cathy Cousineau to attend the Monroe County Association of Assessing Officers Training on August 24, 2019 at the Lenawee County Human Services Building, as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

Authorize Supervisor to sign the Michigan Participating Plan Risk Reduction Grant Agreement in the amount of \$2,543.00 for the purpose of purchasing Backup Cameras for Fire Trucks.

Motion #11. Motion by Heck, supported by Pancone to authorize Supervisor to sign the Michigan Participating Plan Risk Reduction Grant Agreement in the amount of \$2,543.00 for the purpose of purchasing Backup Cameras for Fire Trucks, as presented.

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

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

Public comments started at 7:56 p.m. There were four public and board comments. Public and board comments ended at 8:29 p.m.

Comments on the proposed railroad spur for the existing CSX line to be converted to a passenger rail line (reply was this is only in initial planning stages and no additional details are available). Comment on building inspector also doing blight (reply was he is currently in his two year building official certification process). Comment on why it took MDOT so long to repair the traffic signal at the intersection of S. Dixie Hwy and Albain Road (no reply requested). Comments on Evergreen Acres Subdivision including Evergreen Drive brush line (reply was that the roadside mowing was just completed); the Road Commission Managing Director statement that the Road Commission discourages Chip Seal Projects in residential areas (reply was that we find that hard to believe since the Road Commission advocates for these projects to protect and preserve the roads); why no tot lot and wants playground installed in Evergreen Acres since South Monroe Townsite and Bolles Harbor have parks (reply that the tot lot director discontinued the program at that location due to no attendance and the parks located in South Monroe Townsite and Bolles Harbors are parks owned, built and maintained by their homeowners associations. It was also noted that the Township built a new park behind the Township Hall in 2009); and weeds and broken fencing at edge of park on Edgewood (no reply). Comments on RV's being parked in the neighborhood of Lincoln, Redwood and Brentwood (reply was we will check it out in the morning). Comments on police patrol for South Monroe Townsite (reply was Supervisor will contact Deputy).

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #12. Motion by Heck, supported by Manor to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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

Attested:



Bob Schnurr, Clerk
Monroe Charter Township



Alan Barron, Supervisor
Monroe Charter Township