

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 17, 2012  
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, January 17, 2012, in the Monroe Charter Township Hall, 4925 East Dunbar Road, Monroe County, Michigan.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Supervisor Barron, Clerk Schnurr, Treasurer Barton, Trustees Cupp, Janssens, Timiney and Wilson.

**Others**

**Present:** Attorney McCormick, Engineer Knowles and six people in the audience.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Public Hearing of December 20, 2011 and Regular Meeting of December 20, 2011).**

**Motion #1.** Motion by Wilson, supported by Timiney to approve the Public Hearing of December 20, 2011 and Regular Meeting of December 20, 2011, as presented.

Roll call vote: Wilson yes, Timiney yes, Cupp yes, Barton yes, Janssens yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS/INVOICES**

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

Roll call vote: Janssens yes, Wilson yes, Cupp yes, Timiney yes, Barton yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

**Motion #3.** Motion by Timiney, supported by Wilson to accept the Fire Department report and place on file, as presented. **Motion carried.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Financial Reports:** Clerk's 2011 Budget Summary Report, period ending December 31, 2011. Treasurer's Monthly Statement of Bank Accounts & Investments, period ending December 31, 2011.

**General Reports:** Supervisor, Building Official, Fire Chief, Engineer.

**Communications:** Letter from Comcast, dated December 20, 2011.

**Motion #4.** Motion by Janssens, supported by Wilson to accept the consent agenda and place on file, as presented.

Roll call vote: Janssens yes, Wilson yes, Timiney yes, Cupp yes, Barton yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Adopt Resolution #12-01, Credit Card Use Policy**

**Motion #5.** Motion by Barton, supported by Wilson to adopt Resolution #12-01, Credit Card Use Policy, as presented.

Roll call vote: Barton yes, Wilson yes, Cupp yes, Janssens yes, Timiney yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Final approval of Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act Application, pursuant to Act 116 of the Public Acts of 1974.**

**Motion #6.** Motion by Barton, supported by Wilson to approve the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act Application, pursuant to Act 116 of the Public Acts of 1974, as presented.

Roll call vote: Barton yes, Wilson yes, Janssens yes, Timiney yes, Cupp yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

**Consider approving request from the Carrington Farms Homeowner's Association to use the Township Hall on Monday, May 21, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for their Annual Meeting, with fee being waived.**

**Motion #7.** Motion by Janssens, supported by Wilson to approve the request from the Carrington Farms Homeowner's Association to use the Township Hall on Monday, May 21, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for their Annual Meeting, with fee being waived.

Roll call vote: Janssens yes, Wilson yes, Cupp yes, Timiney yes, Barton yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

**Set Blight Inspector/Commissioner of Noxious Weeds Stipend at \$4,000 per year.**

**Motion #8.** Motion by Schnurr, supported by Janssens to Set the Blight Inspector/Commissioner of Noxious Weeds Stipend at \$4,000 per year, as presented.

Roll call vote: Schnurr yes, Janssens yes, Wilson yes, Timiney yes, Cupp yes, Barton yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

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

**Motion #9.** Motion by Schnurr, supported by Wilson to approve the Metro Act Right of Way Permit 3-Year Extension for AT&T until February 28, 2015, as presented.

Roll call vote: Schnurr yes, Wilson yes, Timiney yes, Janssens yes, Cupp yes, Barton yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

**Accept and place on file the 2011 Dike Inspection Report.**

**Motion #10.** Motion by Barton, supported by Wilson to accept and place on file the 2011 Dike Inspection Report, as presented.

Roll call vote: Barton yes, Wilson yes, Janssens yes, Cupp yes, Timiney yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
January 17, 2012**

**NEW BUSINESS (Con't)**

Approve a one (1) year Moratorium extension on the issuance of any permits/licenses pertaining to any medical Marijuana uses in order to provide time to draft and adopt regulations.

**Motion #11.** Motion by Timiney, supported by Barton to approve a one (1) year Moratorium extension, expiring Feb 15, 2013, on the issuance of any permits/licenses pertaining to any medical Marijuana uses in order to provide more time to review, draft and adopt regulations.

Roll call vote: Timiney yes, Barton yes, Wilson yes, Janssens yes, Cupp yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

**Authorize an AFG Regional 3-Day RIT / Safety and Survival program grant match in the amount of \$2,803 for the fire department.**

**Motion #12.** Motion by Barton, supported by Janssens to authorize the township portion of an AFG Regional 3-Day RIT / Safety and Survival program grant, in the amount of \$2,803, to be used by the fire department for this purpose, as presented.

Roll call vote: Barton yes, Janssens yes, Timiney yes, Cupp yes, Wilson yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS**

Public comments started at 7:23 p.m. There were comments from four people. Jason Orton from the Chapman Agency updated the Board on the township's 2012 general insurance plan. Engineer Jack Knowles updated the Board on personnel changes at Spalding DeDecker Associates. James Kellie asked if the AT&T permit was new or a renewal. James Kellie asked if the township had a contract deputy for 2012. Joe Hernandez updated the Board on the CERT Team and the Firefighter Explorer program. Public comments ended at 7:34 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Closed Session to discuss Attorney's Opinion & Pending Litigation concerning the Monroe Metropolitan Water Pollution Control System.**

**Motion #13.** Motion by Barton, supported by Wilson to go into closed session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss Attorney's Opinion & Pending Litigation concerning the Monroe Metropolitan Water Pollution Control System.

Roll call vote: Barton yes, Wilson yes, Cupp yes, Timiney yes, Janssens, Schnurr yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Returned from closed session at 8:08 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion #14.** Motion by Schnurr, supported by Timiney to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Attested:



Alan Barron, Supervisor  
Monroe Charter Township



Bob Schnurr, Clerk  
Monroe Charter Township