

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 20, 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, March 20, 2012, in the Monroe Charter Township Hall, 4925 East Dunbar Road, Monroe County, Michigan.

ROLL CALL

Present: Supervisor Barron, Clerk Schnurr, Trustees Cupp, Timiney and Wilson.

Excused: Treasurer Barton and Trustee Janssens

Others

Present: Attorney McCormick and five (5) people in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Workshop Minutes of February 9, 2012, Regular Meeting of February 21, 2012 and Special Meeting of March 6, 2012).

Motion #1. Motion by Wilson, supported by Cupp to approve the Workshop Minutes of February 9, 2012, Regular Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2012 and the Special Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2012, as presented.

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

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS/INVOICES

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Financial Reports: Clerk's 2012 Budget Summary Report, period ending February 29, 2012. Treasurer's Monthly Statement of Bank Accounts & Investments, period ending February 29, 2012.

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

Communications: Two letters from Comcast dated March 2, 2012, letter from Comcast dated March 15, 2012 and a letter from Charter Communications dated March 19, 2012.

Motion #3. Motion by Wilson, supported by Cupp to accept the consent agenda and place on file, as presented.

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

ORDINANCE

Second reading and adoption of proposed Blight Ordinance #131.

Motion #4. Motion by Schnurr, supported by Wilson to waive the second reading and to adopt and publish Blight Ordinance #131.

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

ORDINANCE (Con't)

Second reading and adoption of proposed Noxious Weeds and Grass Control Ordinance #132.

Motion #5. Motion by Wilson, supported by Timiney to waive the second reading and to adopt and publish Noxious Weeds and Grass Control Ordinance #132.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Approve Proclamation # 12-01, Proclaiming March as National Agricultural Month in Monroe Charter Township.

Motion #6. Motion by Timiney, supported by Cupp to approve Proclamation # 12-01, Proclaiming March as National Agricultural Month in Monroe Charter Township, as presented.

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

Approve Proclamation # 12-02, Proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month in Monroe Charter Township.

Motion #7. Motion by Timiney, supported by Cupp to approve Proclamation # 12-02, Proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month in Monroe Charter Township, as presented.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Adopt Resolution #12-03, 2012 General Fund Budget Amendment #1, Resolution #12-04, 2012 Special Revenue Fund Budget Amendment #1, Resolution #12-05, 2012 Capital Projects Fund Budget Amendment #1, and Resolution #12-06, 2012 Debt Service Fund Budget Amendment #1.

Motion #8. Motion by Wilson supported by Cupp to adopt Resolution #12-03, 2012 General Fund Budget Amendment #1, Resolution #12-04, 2012 Special Revenue Fund Budget Amendment #1, Resolution #12-05, 2012 Capital Projects Fund Budget Amendment #1, and Resolution #12-06, 2012 Debt Service Fund Budget Amendment #1, as presented.

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

Adopt Resolution #12-07, 2012 to consider amended request from J's Smokehouse LLC for a new Class C license to be located at 2070 S. Custer, Monroe, MI 48161, Monroe Charter Township, Monroe County.

Motion #9. Motion by Cupp supported by Wilson to adopt Resolution #12-07, 2012 to consider amended request from J's Smokehouse LLC for a new Class C license to be located at 2070 S. Custer, Monroe, MI 48161, Monroe Charter Township, Monroe County, as presented.

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

Adopt Resolution #12-08, HEART and WRERA Pension Plan Amendments.

Motion #10. Motion by Cupp supported by Timiney to adopt Resolution #12-08, HEART and WRERA Pension Plan Amendments, as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Consider approving the week of May 21st through 25th of 2012 as "Free Building Permit" week in honor of Michigan Week.

It was discussed to change the dates to May 7th through May 11th to line up with the township cleanup day of May 12, 2012.

Motion #11. Motion by Timiney, supported by Cupp to approve the week of May 7th through 11th of 2012 as "Free Building Permit" week to line up with the township clean up day scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 2012.

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

Accept and place on file 2011 Audit.

Motion #12. Motion by Wilson, supported by Cupp to accept and place on file 2011 Audit, as presented.

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

Authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign contract with the Road Commission for local roads project:

- 1) **Union Street & Shopping Center Subdivisions - various methods.**

Motion #13. Motion by Wilson, supported by Timiney to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign contract with the Road Commission for local roads project:

- 1) **Union Street & Shopping Center Subdivisions - various methods.**

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

Consider approving request from Southpointe Homeowner's Association to use the Township Hall on Thursday, April 12, 2012 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for their Annual Homeowner's Association meeting, with fee being waived.

Motion #14. Motion by Timiney, supported by Cupp to approve the request from Southpointe Homeowner's Association to use the Township Hall on Thursday, April 12, 2012 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for their Annual Homeowner's Association meeting, with fee being waived.

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

Approve the paving of the Nature Trails and the area connecting the parking lot to the Nature Trails.

Trustee Timiney updated the board on the \$20,000 donation the Rotary Club of Monroe is making to assist with the costs of paving the nature trails and to purchase classroom items for the Nature Center.

Motion #15. Motion by Cupp, supported by Timiney to approve the paving of the Nature Trails and the area connecting the parking lot to the Nature Trails, as presented.

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

Approve the paving of the ball field walkway and trail system.

Motion #16. Motion by Cupp, supported by Wilson to approve the paving of the ball field walkway and trail system, as presented.

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

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
March 20, 2012**

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

Approve purchase of materials to upgrade baseball diamonds.

Motion #17. Motion by Cupp, supported by Wilson to approve the purchase of materials to upgrade the baseball diamonds #1-4, as presented.

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

Approve 2012 rates for publications, events permits, property cards and voter registration lists.

Motion #18. Motion by Wilson, supported by Schnurr to approve the 2012 rates for publications, events permits, property cards and voter registration lists, as presented.

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

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

Public comments started at 7:25 p.m. There were comments from two members of the public. Public comments ended at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #19. Motion by Wilson, supported by Timiney to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.
Motion carried.



Bob Schnurr, Clerk
Monroe Charter Township

Attested:



Alan Barron, Supervisor
Monroe Charter Township