

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
June 21, 2011  
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, June 21, 2011, 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 Bailey, Engineer Reynolds and 19 people in the audience.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Regular Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2011).**

**Motion #1.** Motion by Wilson, supported by Janssens to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2011, as presented.

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

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS/INVOICES**

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

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

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT**

**Motion #3.** Motion by Wilson, supported by Janssens to accept the Fire Chief's report and place on file, as presented.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**General Reports:** Supervisor, Building Official, Blight Report, Fire Inspector, Fire Department, Sheriff, Engineer.

**Communications:** Correspondence from Charter, dated 5-20-11, re: DVR service and from Comcast, dated 6-15-11, re: name change.

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

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

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**PRESENTATIONS**

Representatives from DTE Energy presented their plans on the Stack Demolition at the Monroe Power Plant.

**Proclamation #11-05 honoring Engineer Michael J. Bailey for his retirement after 27 years of service with Monroe Charter Township.**

Supervisor presented Proclamation #11-05 to retiring Engineer Michael J. Bailey.

**Motion #5.** Motion by Schnurr, supported by Barton to approve Proclamation #11-05 honoring Engineer Michael J. Bailey for his retirement after 27 years of service with Monroe Charter Township.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approve 2011 Campkids Leaders, as recommended by Campkids Director, Jill Wilson.**

**Motion #6.** Motion by Barton, supported by Wilson to approve the 2011 Campkids Leaders, as recommended by Campkids Director, Jill Wilson, as presented.

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

**Authorize the purchase of two (2) Fire Programs Mobility Licenses at a cost of \$1290 and annual Mobility Support and Update Service for two (2) Mobility licenses at a cost of \$300.**

**Motion #7.** Motion by Barton, supported by Cupp, to authorize the purchase of two (2) Fire Programs Mobility Licenses at a cost of \$1290 and annual Mobility Support and Update Service for two (2) Mobility licenses at a cost of \$300, as presented.

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

**Authorize the installation of five (5) new fire hydrants along the new Bacon Street Watermain project at an estimated cost of \$2,500 per hydrant.**

**Motion #8.** Motion by Wilson, supported by Janssens to authorize the installation of five (5) new fire hydrants along the new Bacon Street Watermain project at an estimated cost of \$2,500 per hydrant, as presented.

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

**Authorize roof and overhang repair of the Fire Department Training Tower.**

**Motion #9.** Motion by Janssens, supported by Timiney to authorize roof and overhang repair of the Fire Department Training Tower, as presented.

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

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**NEW BUSINESS (Con't)**

**Authorize Supervisor and Clerk to sign the L-4029, 2011 Tax Rate Request.**

**Motion #10.** Motion by Barton, supported by Wilson to Authorize Supervisor and Clerk to sign the L-4029, 2011 Tax Rate Request, as presented.

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

**Accept the resignation from Firefighter David Tasker due to a conflict with his employment and remove him from the Active Rosters effective June 21, 2011.**

**Motion #11.** Motion by Wilson, supported by Janssens to accept the resignation from Firefighter David Tasker, with regret, due to a conflict with his employment and remove him from the Active Rosters effective June 21, 2011, as presented.

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

**Authorize Assessor to attend the State Tax Commission IAAO Course 917 on Tuesday, August 23, 2011.**

**Motion #12.** Motion by Barton, supported by Wilson to authorize Assessor to attend the State Tax Commission IAAO Course 917 on Tuesday, August 23, 2011, as presented.

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

**Accept and place on file the 2010 Monroe County Road Commission Annual Report.**

**Motion #13.** Motion by Janssens, supported by Cupp to accept and place on file the 2010 Monroe County Road Commission Annual Report, as presented.

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

**Letter from Barry LaRoy, City of Monroe Director of Water and Wastewater regarding 2011-2012 water rates.**

**Motion #14.** Motion by Wilson, supported by Schnurr to accept and place on file the letter from Barry LaRoy, City of Monroe Director of Water and Wastewater regarding 2011-2012 water rates, as presented.

Roll call vote: Wilson yes, Schnurr yes, Janssens yes, Barton no, Timiney yes, Cupp yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

**Letter from Steve Benedetti of Spalding DeDecker Associates, Inc.**

**Motion #15.** Motion by Janssens, supported by Wilson to accept and place on file the letter from Steve Benedetti of Spalding DeDecker Associates, Inc, as presented.

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

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**Adopt Resolution #11-11, Selection Criteria and Scoring System for Monroe County Farmland and Open Space Preservation Purchase of Development Rights Program.**

**Motion #16.** Motion by Wilson, supported by Janssens to adopt Resolution #11-11, Selection Criteria and Scoring System for Monroe County Farmland and Open Space Preservation Purchase of Development Rights Program, as presented.

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

**Authorize purchase of the State of Michigan approved education package for building inspectors from Brent Snyder Code Services at a cost of \$590 plus shipping and handling.**

**Motion #17.** Motion by Cupp, supported by Barton to authorize purchase of the State of Michigan approved education package for building inspectors **Loren Benes, building inspector**, from Brent Snyder Code Services at a cost of \$590 plus shipping and handling, as presented.

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

**Discussion on safety issues at Lake France (old stone Quarry).**

Supervisor Barron explained that an email was received concerning people trespassing and diving off the cliffs and trees at Lake France, as well as a problem with cars illegally parking in the area. He also stated that all the property surrounding Lake France is private property.

Property owner Bill Gross said that he has put up no trespassing signs, kicks people out, calls the police and has cars towed away. He has recently repaired a hole in his fence and placed new signs on his property. He said that people tear down the signs as fast as he puts them up. He also stated he has no problem prosecuting trespassers.

Property owner Betty Surber said she feels they need a homeowners association to enforce trespassing on their properties. She also said that her insurance company informed her that if someone gets hurt while at the quarry (Lake France), the property owner where they entered from would be liable.

Attorney McCormick stressed that this is a private property issue and the township has no control over this.

Trustee Timiney commented that if Lake France is a lake, then people have the right to swim in the lake if they have permission to enter.

Supervisor Barron also mentioned that if "no parking" signs were posted, then people living in the neighborhoods could possibly have their cars towed also.

No other comments from the audience.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments started at 7:50 p.m. There were public comments from four people. Public comments ended at 8:04 p.m.

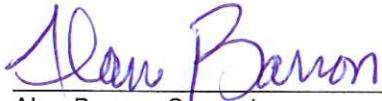
**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion #18.** Motion by Wilson, supported by Janssens to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. **Motion carried.**



Bob Schnurr, Clerk  
Monroe Charter Township

Attested:



Alan Barron, Supervisor  
Monroe Charter Township