

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2015
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, April 21, 2015, in the Monroe Charter Township Hall, 4925 East Dunbar Road, Monroe County, Michigan.

ROLL CALL

Present: Supervisor Barron, Clerk Schnurr, Treasurer Barton, Trustees Heck, Janssens, Pancone and Wilson.

Others Present: Attorney McCormick and 26 people in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Regular Meeting of March 17, 2015).

Motion #1. Motion by Janssens, supported by Heck to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2015, as presented.

Roll call vote: Janssens yes, Heck yes, Barton yes, Wilson yes, Pancone yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS/INVOICES

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

Roll call vote: Janssens yes, Pancone yes, Heck yes, Wilson yes, Barton yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Motion #3. Motion by Janssens, supported by Schnurr to accept and place on file the March 2015 Fire Department Report, as presented by Chief Merkle.

Roll call vote: Janssens yes, Schnurr yes, Heck yes, Pancone yes, Wilson yes, Barton yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Financial Reports: Clerk's 2015 Budget Summary Report, period ending March 31, 2015. Treasurer's Monthly Statement of Bank Accounts & Investments, period ending March 31, 2015.

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

Communications: Comcast Letter, dated 3-19-15; Ref: Channel changes and Charter Letter, dated 3-27-15; Ref: Channels additions.

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

Roll call vote: Barton yes, Heck yes, Wilson yes, Janssens yes, Pancone yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

PROCLAMATIONS

Approve Proclamation #15-03, Proclaiming May as Military Appreciation Month in Monroe Charter Township.

Motion #5. Motion by Schnurr, supported by Barton to approve Proclamation #15-03, Proclaiming May as Military Appreciation Month in Monroe Charter Township, as presented.

Roll call vote: Schnurr yes, Barton yes, Wilson yes, Janssens yes, Pancone yes, Heck yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Approve Proclamation #15-04, Proclaiming May as Motorcycle Awareness Month in Monroe Charter Township.

Motion #6. Motion by Heck, supported by Pancone to approve Proclamation #15-04, Proclaiming May as Motorcycle Awareness Month in Monroe Charter Township, as presented.

Roll call vote: Heck yes, Pancone yes, Janssens yes, Schnurr yes, Barton yes, Wilson yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

RESOLUTIONS

Adopt Resolution #15-07, authorizing the Food Network's "American Diner Revival", request that Dunbar Road between South Dixie Highway (M-125) and South Telegraph Road (US 24) be closed on Friday, May 1, 2015 between the approximate hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of filming the "Reveal of Dena's Diner".

Motion #7. Motion by Barton supported by Janssens to adopt #15-07, authorizing the Food Network's "American Diner Revival", request that Dunbar Road between South Dixie Highway (M-125) and South Telegraph Road (US 24) be closed on Friday, May 1, 2015 between the approximate hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of filming the "Reveal of Dena's Diner", as presented.

Roll call vote: Barton yes, Janssens yes, Schnurr yes, Wilson yes, Heck yes, Pancone yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Consider approving request from Carrington Villas Homeowner's Association to use the Township Nature Center on Thursday, May 21, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for their Annual Homeowner's Association meeting, with fee being waived.

Motion #8. Motion by Barton yes, supported by Wilson to approve request from Carrington Villas Homeowner's Association to use the Township Nature Center on Thursday, May 21, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for their Annual Homeowner's Association meeting, with fee being waived.

Roll call vote: Barton yes, Wilson yes, Heck yes, Janssens yes, Pancone yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Consider approving request from Meadowlands Condo Homeowner's Association to use the Township Nature Center on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for their Annual Homeowner's Association meeting, with fee being waived.

Motion #9. Motion by Heck, supported by Pancone to approve request from Meadowlands Condo Homeowner's Association to use the Township Nature Center on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for their Annual Homeowner's Association meeting, with fee being waived.

Roll call vote: Heck yes, Pancone yes, Wilson yes, Barton yes, Janssens yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

Authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to enter into contracts with the Road Commission for OBC, Chip Seal, Zone Patching and Fog Seal for Avalon Beach/Bolles Harbor (OBC), Bayside (Chip Seal, sweeping, Fog seal), Canterbury Farms (OBC), Carrington Farms (OBC & HMA Ultra-Thin Overlay), Dartmoor & Ravenwood (OBC), Dunbar Estates (Micro-Surface), Evergreen Acres (OBC), Kayville Gardens (OBC), Kentucky Park (OBC), Lake (OBC), Roessler (OBC), Seventh (OBC, Single Chip Seal, Fog Seal, Mill & Fill & Sweep) Sheffield Village (OBC), Southfield Village (OBC), Telbar Place (OBC), Wertemberger-Oak St.(Single Course Micro Seal), Willow View (Single Chip Seal, Fog Seal and Sweep), Dust Control and Mowing.

Motion #10. Motion by Schnurr supported by Wilson to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to enter into contracts with the Road Commission for OBC, Chip Seal, Zone Patching and Fog Seal for Avalon Beach/Bolles Harbor (OBC), Bayside (Chip Seal, sweeping, Fog seal), Canterbury Farms (OBC), Carrington Farms (OBC & HMA Ultra-Thin Overlay), Dartmoor & Ravenwood (OBC), Dunbar Estates (Micro-Surface), Evergreen Acres (OBC), Kayville Gardens (OBC), Kentucky Park (OBC), Lake (OBC), Roessler (OBC), Seventh (OBC, Single Chip Seal, Fog Seal, Mill & Fill & Sweep) Sheffield Village (OBC), Southfield Village (OBC), Telbar Place (OBC), Wertemberger-Oak St.(Single Course Micro Seal), Willow View (Single Chip Seal, Fog Seal and Sweep), Dust Control and Mowing, as presented.

Roll call vote: Schnurr yes, Wilson yes, Pancone yes, Janssens yes, Heck yes, Barton yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Mineral Well Brine contract with the Monroe County Road Commission.

Motion #11. Motion by Schnurr, supported by Wilson to Authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Mineral Well Brine contract with the Monroe County Road Commission, as presented.

Roll call vote: Schnurr yes, Wilson yes, Heck yes, Janssens yes, Pancone yes, Barton yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Local Roads Mowing contract with the Monroe County Road Commission.

Motion #12. Motion by Barton, supported by Wilson to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Local Roads Mowing contract with the Monroe County Road Commission, as presented.

Roll call vote: Barton yes, Wilson yes, Heck yes, Janssens yes, Pancone yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Consider approving the request from Fire Chief Merkle to add Zach Bunch and Seth Sadler to the Fire Department Active Roster and to start a one year probation period, effective April 30, 2015.

Motion #13. Motion by Heck, supported by Barton to consider approving the request from Fire Chief Merkle to add Zach Bunch and Seth Sadler to the Fire Department Active Roster and to start a one year probation period, effective April 30, 2015, as presented.

Roll call vote: Heck yes, Barton yes, Wilson yes, Janssens yes, Pancone yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

Accept and place on file the resignation of Firefighter David Haynes, effective March 30, 2015. Mr. Haynes has accepted a new position with his employer and has relocated to Lansing, Michigan.

Motion #14. Motion by Schnurr, supported by Heck to accept and place on file the resignation of Firefighter David Haynes, with regret, effective March 30, 2015. Mr. Haynes has accepted a new position with his employer and has relocated to Lansing, Michigan.

Roll call vote: Schnurr yes, Heck yes, Janssens yes, Wilson yes, Pancone yes, Barton yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Consider renewing the Fire Department Motorola Service Agreement for 1-year (5/1/2015 – 4/30/2016) at a cost of \$3,966.72.

Motion #15. Motion by Heck, supported by Janssens to consider renewing the Fire Department Motorola Service Agreement for 1-year (5/1/2015 – 4/30/2016) at a cost of \$3,966.72, as presented.

Roll call vote: Heck yes, Janssens yes, Wilson yes, Pancone yes, Barton yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Accept and place on file 2014 Audit Report.

Clerk Schnurr stated that the Township received a clean and favorable audit, is in excellent financial health and has a strong fund balance.

Motion #16. Motion by Schnurr, supported by Barton to accept and place on file the 2014 Audit Report, as presented.

Roll call vote: Schnurr yes, Barton yes, Wilson yes, Pancone yes, Heck yes, Janssens yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Consider authorizing Supervisor to sign contract with DTE for a streetlight installation for the area of Bacon and 12th Street, contingent upon receipt of valid petition submitted by majority of property owners within the assessment district.

Motion #17. Motion by Barton, supported by Wilson to authorize Supervisor to sign contract with DTE for a streetlight installation for the area of Bacon and 12th Street, contingent upon receipt of valid petition submitted by majority of property owners within the assessment district, as presented.

Roll call vote: Barton yes, Wilson yes, Janssens yes, Heck yes, Pancone yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Consider proposal from Protection 1 for monitored security alarm system for the Township Hall.

Motion #18. Motion by Barton, supported by Heck to approve proposal from Protection 1 for monitored security alarm system for the Township Hall, as presented.

Roll call vote: Barton yes, Heck yes, Wilson yes, Pancone yes, Janssens yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

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MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
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NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

Consider authorizing the refund of \$8,000 Cash Escrow Bond to Tyrone Hudson for 15175 Oak Knoll Drive (property ID: 5812-500-186-00).

Trustee Barton spoke on her reasons for not wanting to refund the \$8000 cash bond to Tyrone Hudson. She stated that she refused to sign a check to refund the \$8,000 cash bond unless she was directed to by the board. She stated that she had requested that Mr. Hudson attend this meeting but he did not show up.

Attorney McCormick provided his legal opinion and provided reasoning on why he has recommended for the board to refund the cash bond. He also spoke the additional site improvement performance bond in the amount of \$8,000 that was provided to the Township last week for the completion of the exterior of the home and the surety bond in the amount of \$500,000 that was also provided to the Township last week by Mr. Hudson.

Building Official Mike Black addressed the issue and has recommended the cash bond be return to the home owner. He also addressed numerous questions from neighbors that were in the audience. In response to questions, he further stated that the state codes will be enforced for this property.

Treasurer Barton said she had investigated the issue of Mr. Hudson getting a loan for the completion of this house and doesn't believe he can complete the house for the \$75,000 he had previously mentioned.

Trustee Wilson was not feeling well and excused himself from the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Motion #19. Motion by Barton, supported by Janssens to authorize the refund of \$8,000 Cash Escrow Bond to Tyrone Hudson for 15175 Oak Knoll Drive (property ID: 5812-500-186-00).

There was more discussion from members of the audience that opposed to the board refunding the \$8000 cash bond and one member of the audience wanted to see the motion changed to include the board adding more terms to the completion of the home.

Building Official Mike Black stated that the state building code addresses this subject and he will follow the code.

Clerk Schnurr stated that he had requested and received a written legal opinion from the attorney on this issue and if the legal terms of the paperwork he received for the cash bond escrow account has been met and if the surety bonds submitted were legal and enforceable. The legal opinion from the attorney recommended that we refund the \$8,000 cash bond and the surety bonds were legal and binding.

Roll call vote: Barton no, Janssens no, Heck yes, Pancone yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

Public comments started at 8:15 p.m. There were five public and board comments. Public comments ended at 8:24 p.m.


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ADJOURNMENT

Motion #20. Motion by Janssens, supported by Heck to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Roll call vote: Janssens yes, Heck yes, Pancone yes, Barton yes, Schnurr yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**



Bob Schnurr, Clerk
Monroe Charter Township

Attested:



Alan Barron, Supervisor
Monroe Charter Township