

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
Minutes of a Township Board Workshop  
Held February 7, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A Workshop of the Monroe Charter Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Alan Barron at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 in the Monroe Charter Township Hall, 4925 East Dunbar Road, Monroe County, Michigan.

**Present:** Supervisor Barron, Clerk Schnurr, Treasurer Barton, Trustees Blank, Heck, Manor and Pancone.

**Others**

**Present:** Attorney McCormick, Fire Chief Merkle, Building Official Black, Sheriff Deputy Swiercz and 2 additional people in the audience.

Supervisor Barron reminded everyone that this is only an informal Workshop, not a Board Meeting, therefore no official board action can be taken at this workshop, nor will it be taken. The purpose is to discuss items as listed on the public notice.

Supervisor Barron opened the discussion on Michigan's new medical marijuana law, he provided information on the history, information from meetings he has attended and he identified pros and cons. He informed the Board that according to the Michigan Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA), if the local township board does not want a medical marijuana facility in your township's border's, or if you are just not sure yet, you don't need to do a single thing to keep one from setting up shop in your community. It's only if your board chooses to have a facility that an action is required. Under the new medical marijuana law, townships and other local units of government have complete control over whether a facility ever locates in their jurisdiction. No facility, person or business can force your board to change its mind. Attorney McCormick also spoke on this issue. There was much discussion on this subject by the Board and the audience. Five Board members, Trustee Manor, Trustee Blank, Clerk Schnurr, Trustee Heck and Treasurer Barton made it clear they were not, at this time, in support of allowing medical marijuana facilities to set up operation in the Township.

Supervisor Goals and Objectives for 2017. Many items were discussed, such as the add on to the Township Barn for addition storage of equipment and vehicles, a golf cart ordinance, LaPlaisance Road Corridor, Residential Sprinkler System ordinance, additional blight enforcement,

Supervisor Barron brought up the subject of Neighborhood Watch programs. Trustee Blank spoke on this subject and also stated this can also be another set of eyes for addressing blight issues as they appear. He is also hosting an informational forum on this subject at the Township Hall on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Supervisor Barron went over the Township Committees.

Supervisor Barron went over the draft for a Truck Route Ordinance, as provided by the Monroe County Road Commission, and explained the need for communities in the county to adopt an ordinance. Attorney McCormick spoke on this and is working on draft revisions. This item will be brought to the Board for consideration.

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Supervisor Barron went over some of the previous goals that have been started and /or completed since the last Goals Workshop: 1) New Township Hall Parking lot/exterior Lighting project; 2) Fire Truck grant approved and truck ordered; 3) New Township Hall HVAC to be completed this year; 4) replacement of Eastwood Bridge using grant money to be completed in 2017; and 5) \$1,300,000 worth of road improvement projects completed in 2016. He commended the Board on the accomplishments and looks forward to the next four years of goals and accomplishments.

The following items will be place on the February 21, 2017 Board Meeting Agenda:

- 1) Truck Route Ordinance.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Workshop was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



Bob Schnurr, Clerk  
Monroe Charter Township

Attested:



Alan Barron, Supervisor  
Monroe Charter Township