

MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Minutes of a Township Board Workshop
Held January 9, 2013

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 Wednesday, January 9, 2013 in the Monroe Charter Township Hall, 4925 East Dunbar Road, Monroe County, Michigan.

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

Others

Present: Fire Chief Merkle.

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 goals and ideas for 2013, as listed on the public notice.

Supervisor Barron opened the discussion by asking for input.

Trustee Wilson brought up the following goals and ideas: 1) would still like to purchase the church property located next to the Township Park. Supervisor Barron said that he was still trying to make this happen, but currently the church is not willing to sell; 2) comfort station at the township playground; 3) benches for the volleyball court; 4) grills for the park pavilion; 5) electricity and lighting at the playground; 6) sign for playground; and 7) apply a 3 mil park millage.

Treasurer Barton and Clerk Schnurr brought up the following goals and ideas: 1) upgrade to BSA.net for the township; 2) upgrade to the township computer infrastructure; 3) wage and pay scale #19 to include a 3% pay increase for the township employees; and 4) Wry Drain/Road upgrade costs and request from the Drain Commissioner. Treasurer Barton and Clerk Schnurr went over, in detail, the costs and importance of these items. There was much discussion on the Wry Drain project and the need for the Township to contribute to the overall cost in order to save the residents from some of the burden of the special drain assessment.

Supervisor Barron went over some of the previous goals that have been accomplished since the last Goals Workshop: 1) Zoning Ordinance 52-2010 completed; 2) Nature Center and Trails completed; 3) Hired new engineers; 4) Curfew Ordinance adopted; 5) Blight/Weed Ordinance adopted; 6) roll out of a new Township Website; 7) improvements to East Dunbar Road; 8) new fee schedules; 9) additional parking at StoneCo Fields completed; and 10) an updated Personnel Policy adopted. He commended the Board on the accomplishments and looks forward to the next four years of goals and accomplishments.

Supervisor Barron brought up the following goals and ideas: 1) Nature Center rental agreement draft; 2) need for a Park Ordinance; 3) updates and revisions to the Parks and Recreation Plan; and 4) next phase of the park.

Trustee Heck brought up concerns about illegal dumping in the roadside ditches. This item was discussed and solutions will be sought.

Chief Merkle brought up the following items: 1) the need for a new rescue truck and 2) a fire millage. These items were discussed.

Other items discussed: River Raisin Watershed Council, Fog Seal, Lake Erie Transit routes and traffic count for West Seventh Street.

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The following items will be place on the January 15, 2013 Board Meeting Agenda:

- 1) BSA.net upgrade.
- 2) Salary Scale #19.
- 3) River Raisin Watershed Council membership.
- 4) Nature Center Rental Agreement.
- 5) Authorize Fire Chief to request bids for a new rescue vehicle.

Supervisor Barron solicited additional Board and Public comments. There were none.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Workshop was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Bob Schnurr, Clerk
Monroe Charter Township

Attested:



Alan Barron, Supervisor
Monroe Charter Township