

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Minutes of a Budget Workshop
Held November 2, 2017
5:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

A Budget Workshop of the Monroe Charter Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Alan Barron at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 2, 2017 in the Monroe Charter Township Hall, 4925 East Dunbar Road, Monroe County, Michigan.

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

Excused: Trustee Heck.

Others

Present: Fire Chief Merkle.

Supervisor Barron reminded everyone that this is only a Workshop, not a Board Meeting; therefore no board action can be taken today. The purpose is to discuss the proposed 2018 budget. The notice was posted on October 27, 2017 and in the Monroe News on November 1, 2017 and November 2, 2017.

2018 Proposed Budget

Clerk Schnurr went over the proposed 2018 Budget proposal which allows for projected revenues and expenses. The 2018 budget reflects a decrease of \$118,912 in both, revenues and expenditures.

He explained that the State Shared Revenue distributions show a slight increase for 2018, based upon the state's projected revenues for January-September of 2018, but local taxes from the township millage are showing a decrease for 2018. The overall budget reflects a decrease of \$118,912 in both, revenues and expenditures.

Proposed wage scale #25 including a 3% employee pay increase was reviewed and will be placed on the November 21, 2017 Agenda for consideration.

There was much discussion on the future needs for the Fire Department:

- Possibility of One-time lump sum incentive pay for 2017 call runs to be paid out for 2018.
- Call run pay increases by \$0.50
- Chief discussed raising door heights for fire station #2.
- Chief discussed ordering a new \$1,300,000 ladder truck to replace current ladder and bucket trucks.
- Possibility of new radios and Air Bottles.

Parks and Recreation future needs include:

- Restrooms for playground/pavilion area.
- Park sign for Barron's Way.

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Township Hall and Grounds needs:

- New or upgraded sound system for Board Room.

All questions from Board members and Public were addressed.

It was agreed to forward the Board recommended proposed 2018 Budget to the November 21, 2017 Public Budget Hearing at 6:45 p.m. and to place on the November 21, 2017 agenda for adoption consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

The Workshop was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.



Bob Schnurr, Clerk
Monroe Charter Township

Attested:



Alan Barron, Supervisor
Monroe Charter Township