

MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2012
7:00 p.m.

OATH OF OFFICE

The Oath of Office was formally administered to all Board Members by the Honorable Mark S. Braunlich, Judge of the First District Court.

Supervisor Barron congratulated and welcomed the newly elected Township Board.

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Monroe Charter Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Alan Barron at 7:12 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20, 2012, 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, Engineer Robert Hamilton and 12 people in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Public Budget Hearing of October 16, 2012, Regular Meeting of October 16, 2012, Special Meeting of October 25, 2012 and Special Meeting of November 16, 2012).

Motion #1. Motion by Wilson, supported by Barton to approve the Public Budget Hearing Minutes of October 16, 2012, Regular Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2012, Special Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2012 and Special Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2012, as presented.

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

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS/INVOICES

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

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

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Financial Reports: Clerk's 2012 Budget Summary Report, period ending October 31, 2012. Treasurer's Monthly Statement of Bank Accounts & Investments, period ending October 31, 2012.

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

Communications: Letter from Comcast, dated 10-22-12; changes to channel line-up and letter from Comcast, dated 10-22-12; enhancement to XFINITY Signature Support.

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

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Adopt Proclamation #12-07, honoring Firefighter Joseph Hernandez for his award from the Kiwanis Club of Downtown Monroe as the 2012 Firefighter of the Year for his heroism and bravery.

Motion #5. Motion by Wilson, supported by Heck to adopt Proclamation #12-07, honoring Firefighter Joseph Hernandez for his award from the Kiwanis Club of Downtown Monroe as the 2012 Firefighter of the Year for his heroism and bravery, as presented.

Supervisor Barron presented the Proclamation to Firefighter Joseph Hernandez and the Board thanked him for his 20 years of dedicated service to the Monroe Charter Township Volunteer Fire Department.

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

Adopt Proclamation #12-08, honoring Chad Cupp for dedicated service as Trustee from November 20, 2008 through November 20, 2012.

Motion #6. Motion by Barton, supported by Wilson to adopt Proclamation #12-08, honoring Chad Cupp for dedicated service as Trustee from November 20, 2008 through November 20, 2012, as presented.

Supervisor Barron presented the Proclamation to Chad Cupp and the Board thanked him for his dedicated service to the citizens of Monroe Charter Township.

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

Adopt Proclamation #12-09, honoring Ryan Timiney for dedicated service as Trustee from November 20, 2008 through November 20, 2012.

Motion #7. Motion by Barton, supported by Wilson to adopt Proclamation #12-09, honoring Ryan Timiney for dedicated service as Trustee from November 20, 2008 through November 20, 2012, as presented.

Ryan Timiney wasn't able to attend. The Board mentioned how thankful they were for his dedicated service to citizens of Monroe Charter Township.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Adopt Resolution #12-24, Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act for calendar year 2013.

Motion #8. Motion by Barton, supported by Schnurr to adopt Resolution #12-24, Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act for calendar year 2013, as presented.

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

ORDINANCES

First reading of proposed Sewer Use Ordinance #133-A.

This is an ordinance to amend Ordinance #133 by repealing Section 3.3 (Local Limits) and establishing a new Section 3.3 (Local Limits), as recommended by the Monroe Metropolitan Water Pollution Control System Control Board and approved by MDEQ.

Motion #9. Motion by Schnurr, supported by Barton to waive the first reading of proposed Sewer Use Ordinance #133-A, publish and bring back to the December 18, 2012 Regular Meeting for adoption.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Amendment #1-Agreement to Provide for Additional Deputy Sheriffs.

Motion #10. Motion by Wilson, supported by Janssens to approve Amendment #1-Agreement to Provide for Additional Deputy Sheriffs, as presented.

This is an amendment to extend the expiration date of the contract.

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

Approve contract from Cooley, Hehl, Wohlgamuth & Carlton for conducting the audit for the year ending December 31, 2012.

Motion #11. Motion by Barton, supported by Wilson to approve the contract from Cooley, Hehl, Wohlgamuth & Carlton for conducting the audit for the year ending December 31, 2012, as presented.

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

Approve the four year term board appointments, effective November 20, 2012 and ending November 20, 2016.

Motion #12. Motion by Barton, supported by Wilson to approve the four year term board appointments, effective November 20, 2012 and ending November 20, 2016, as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

Accept resignation of Firefighter Gary Bray, effective October 25, 2012.

Motion #13. Motion by Wilson, supported by Janssens to accept the resignation of Firefighter Gary Bray, effective October 25, 2012, as presented.

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

Consider 2-year generator maintenance contract renewal with W.W. Williams.

Motion #14. Motion by Janssens, supported by Schnurr to approve the 2-year generator maintenance contract renewal with W.W. Williams for the two stationary generators at Stations 1 & 2 and for the generator on Truck 35-8, as presented.

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

Accept and place on file the 2012 Dike Inspection Report.

Motion #15. Motion by Janssens, supported by Heck to accept and place on file the 2012 Dike Inspection Report, as presented.

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

Consider approving 3rd Amended Judgment to the 1992 France Stone vs. MCT lawsuit agreement.

Motion #16. Motion by Barton, supported by Wilson to approve 3rd Amended Judgment to the 1992 France Stone vs. MCT lawsuit agreement, as presented.

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

Authorize Supervisor & Clerk to sign 2013 Monroe Charter Township Firefighters Association Agreement.

Motion #17. Motion by Barton, supported by Wilson to authorize Supervisor & Clerk to sign 2013 Monroe Charter Township Firefighters Association Agreement, as presented.

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

Approve the 2013 Regular Board Meeting Schedule and the 2013 Holiday Schedule.

Motion #18. Motion by Wilson, supported by Janssens to approve the 2013 Regular Board Meeting Schedule and the 2013 Holiday Schedule, as presented.

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

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MINUTES**

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NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

Consider request from Assessor Cathy Cousineau to consider contract bids for an appraisal of the Willow Green Mobile Home Park (Lawson Village LLC).

Motion #19. Motion by Janssens, supported by Pancone to approve the request from Assessor Cathy Cousineau to contract with Will Szabo of American Property Analysts, Inc. to appraise the Willow Green Mobile Home Park (Lawson Village LLC) property at a cost not to exceed \$7,500, as presented.

There was much discussion on the pros and cons of the additional cost to support our case at the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments started at 7:56 p.m. There was one comment from the public.

Firefighter Joseph Hernandez provided the Board with an update on the Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the Firefighter Explorers program.

Public comments ended at 7:59 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #20. Motion by Wilson, supported by Janssens to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. **Motion carried.**



Bob Schnurr, Clerk
Monroe Charter Township

Attested:



Alan Barron, Supervisor
Monroe Charter Township