

MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Minutes of a Budget Workshop
Held October 27, 2016
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, October 27, 2016 in the Monroe Charter Township Hall, 4925 East Dunbar Road, Monroe County, Michigan.

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

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 2017 budget. The notice was posted on October 14, 2016.

2017 Proposed Budget

Clerk Schnurr went over the proposed 2017 Budget proposal which allows for projected revenues and expenses.

He explained that the State Shared Revenue distributions show a decrease for 2017, based upon the state's projected revenues for January-September of 2017.

Proposed wage scale #24 including a 3% employee pay increase was reviewed and will be placed on the November 15, 2016 Agenda for consideration.

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

- One-time lump sum incentive pay of 10% of 2016 call runs to be paid out for 2017.
- Call run pay for training days and for veteran firefighters training of new firefighters.
- Raise door heights for fire station #2.
- Construct a 2-4 bay garage for maintenance and Township vehicles, allowing for more fire department vehicle parking in maintenance barn/fire station #3.
- Order one new fire truck to replace fire truck #8 and take #8, #5 and #10 out of service, getting rid of two of them and keeping either #5 or #10 on reserve as a backup vehicle.
- Start a 5-year plan of looking at the possibility of new pay scales and shifts for firefighters.
- Possibility of new radios.

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The Sheriff Department has mentioned to possibility of a body cam for our contract deputy.

Parks and Recreation future needs include:

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

Township Hall and Grounds needs:

- New HVAC System.
- Interior LED light for Township Hall, especially for the Board Room.
- 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 2017 Budget to the November 15, 2016 Public Budget Hearing and to place on the November 15, 2016 agenda for adoption consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

The Workshop was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



Bob Schnurr, Clerk
Monroe Charter Township

Attested:



Alan Barron, Supervisor
Monroe Charter Township