

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Minutes of a Budget Workshop
Held September 17, 2015
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 Tuesday, September 17, 2015 in the Monroe Charter Township Hall, 4925 East Dunbar Road, Monroe County, Michigan.

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

Excused: Trustees Wilson and Janssens.

Others

Present: Assessor Cousineau and Fire Department Representatives: Chief Merkle, Capt. Broman, Lt. Nadeau and Lt. Liedel.

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 2016 budget. The notice was posted on September 10, 2015.

2016 Proposed Budget

Clerk Schnurr went over the proposed 2016 Budget proposal which allows for projected revenues and expenses.

He explained that the State Shared Revenue distributions should increase for 2016, based upon the state's projected revenues for January-September of 2016.

Proposed wage scale #22 reflecting a 3% employee pay increase was reviewed and will be placed on the October 20, 2015 Agenda for consideration.

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

- One-time lump sum incentive pay of 10% of 2015 call runs to be paid out in 2016.
- Call run pay for training days and for veteran firefighters training of new firefighters.
- Raise door heights for fire station #2.
- Upgrade to interior LED lighting for fire station #1.
- 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.
- Order a 4-door pick up or SUV for making medical runs, this will save on fuel, maintenance and wear and tear of the fire trucks.
- Full time administrative assistant position to replace part time position due to increased work load.

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Assessing would like a full time administrative assistant position to replace part time position due to the increased work load and office coverage.

Sheriff Department has requested a new SUV police vehicle and possible need for a new laptop.

Parks and Recreation future needs include:

- Climbing Rock for ball fields.
- Restrooms for playground/pavilion area.
- New riding mower.
- New Gator style multifunctional vehicle.
- Electricity to ball diamonds 1, 2, 3 & 4.
- Park sign for Barron's Way.
- Fence Repairs.

Township Hall and Grounds needs:

- Parking Lot replacement and new exterior lighting.
- Interior LED light for Township Hall.
- New or upgraded sound system for Board Room.

All questions from Board members were addressed.

It was agreed to forward the Board recommended proposed 2016 Budget to the October 20, 2015 Public Budget Hearing and to place on the October 20, 2015 agenda for adoption consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

The Workshop was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Bob Schnurr, Clerk
Monroe Charter Township

Attested:



Alan Barron, Supervisor
Monroe Charter Township