

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Monroe Charter Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Alan Barron at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2014, 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 and three people in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Regular Meeting of January 21, 2014).

Motion #1. Motion by Janssens, supported by Heck to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2014, as presented.

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

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS/INVOICES

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

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Merkle presented the 2013 Annual Fire Department Report and the January 2014 Fire Department Report.

Motion #3. Motion by Wilson, supported by Pancone to accept and place on file the 2013 Annual Fire Department Report and the January 2014 Fire Department Report, as presented.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Financial Reports: Clerk's 2014 Budget Summary Report, period ending January 31, 2014. Treasurer's Monthly Statement of Bank Accounts & Investments, period ending January 31, 2014.

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

Communications: Letters from Comcast, dated 1-28-2014, Re: Channel changes.

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

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

PRESENTATION

The township insurance agent, Jason Orton from the David Chapman Agency, updated the Board on the township's 2014 insurance plan and the opportunity for grants in 2014.

Motion #5. Motion by Barton, supported by Wilson to accept and place on file the information provided by the township insurance agent, Jason Orton from the David Chapman Agency, as presented.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Consider Resolution 14-02, request from Guisepe's Pizza, LLC for a new Tavern License in conjunction with SDM license located at 14731 S. Telegraph, Monroe, Michigan, 48161, Monroe County.

There was much discussion on this item, including the small interior size of the establishment, the location of the business in relation to churches, daycare centers and a substance abuse center for methadone and alcohol treatment. Main discussion was on the need to hold the license as a tool for economic development, as discussed previously with the Monroe County Business Development Corporation. Tim Lake from the Monroe County BDC presented information on the value of the liquor license in attracting new and possibly large restaurants to the township as part of our economic development goal.

Motion #6. Motion by Barton, supported by Janssens to not recommend the request from Guisepe's Pizza, LLC for a new Tavern License in conjunction with SDM license located at 14731 S. Telegraph, Monroe, Michigan, 48161, Monroe County and to deny Resolution #14-02 and to hold the current liquor license as a tool for economic development.

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

Consider Resolution #14-03, Charitable Gaming License for Hall of Fame Club, Inc.

Motion #7. Motion by Wilson, supported by Heck to approve Resolution #14-03, Charitable Gaming License for Hall of Fame Club, Inc., as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Set Spring Clean-up Day for Saturday, May 17, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Township Hall location only to contract with Steven's Disposal as waste hauler.

Motion #8. Motion by Wilson, supported by Janssens to set Spring Clean-up Day for Saturday, May 17, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Township Hall location only to contract with Steven's Disposal as waste hauler, as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

Consider approving the week of May 12th through 16th of 2014 as "Free Building Permit" week in honor of Michigan Week.

Motion #9. Motion by Wilson, supported by Heck to approve the week of May 12th through 16th of 2014 as "Free Building Permit" week in honor of Michigan Week, as presented.

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

Authorize Supervisor and Clerk to sign the 2014 Agreement with the Lake Erie Transit Commission and authorize annual payment of \$28,987.38 (2% increase).

Motion #10. Motion by Schnurr, supported by Wilson to authorize Supervisor and Clerk to sign the 2014 Agreement with the Lake Erie Transit Commission and authorize annual payment of \$28,987.38, as presented.

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

Consider proposal from MT Business technologies, Inc. to replace/upgrade the Ricoh 3045 with a Ricoh Aficio MP MP2852sp copier/printer/Scan/Fax unit for the Treasurer's office.

Motion #11. Motion by Schnurr, supported by Barton to contact MT Business Technologies, Inc and request to have the Ricoh 3045 with a Ricoh Aficio MP MP2852sp copier/printer/Scan/Fax unit for the Treasurer's office set up for trial for thirty (30) days and if it meets the requirement of the Treasurer then the proposal can be signed, as presented.

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

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

Public comments started at 7:36 p.m. There were three public and board comments. Public comments ended at 7:42 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #12. Motion by Wilson, supported by Heck to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

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


Bob Schnurr, Clerk
Monroe Charter Township

Attested:


Alan Barron, Supervisor
Monroe Charter Township