



Planning Board

Monroe County, New York

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Monroe County Planning Board Meeting Minutes, August 20, 2026 – **DRAFT**

A meeting of the Monroe County Planning Board (MCPB) was held on August 20, 2026, at 3:30 pm, in person, via Zoom, and live streamed on YouTube.

Members Present: Mike Wiedemer, Vice Chair; Dave Watson, citizen member; Milton Pichardo, citizen member; Victor Sanchez, citizen member; Robert Colby, Legislator (via zoom); Rachel Barnhart, Legislator; Jennifer Cesario, Dir. of Finance; Sean Murphy, Chief of Engineering & Facilities Mgmt. Dept. of Environmental Services

Alternates Present: Conor McMahon (for Deputy Co. Exec. Amy Grower); Joe Leathersich (for Asst. Co. Exec. Adrienne Green); Joe Taddeo, Finance

Planning Staff Present: Yixuan Lin, Sr. Planner, Secretary to the Board; Lisa Huntoon, Asst. to the Secretary to the Bd.

Others Present: Law Dept: Bridget Cook, Deputy County Attorney

Vice Chairman Wiedemer called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE July 30, 2026 MEETING MINUTES:

Motion: Mr. Watson

Seconded: Legislator Barnhart

Vote: Motion Approved

ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS:

- Ms. Yixuan Lin shared that the printed copies of the 2027-2032 adopted version of the Capital Improvement Program books were mailed out to all board members and should have received their copy.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Amend the 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Program and amend the 2026 Capital Budget to add the project entitled "First Responder Memorial" in the amount of \$60,000.**

Presenter: Sean Murphy, Environmental Services

Discussion: Mr. Murphy shared a map of the Civic Center Plaza which includes the Hall of Justice, the City of Rochester Public Safety Building, and the County Public Safety Building. The First Responder Circle, which include monuments to represent different first responder groups and provide a memorial for those who have died in the line of service, was opened in October of 2022. Currently there are three monuments already erected: the Sheriff's Office, The Rochester Fire Department, and the Rochester Police Department. There have been ongoing efforts to expand and add additional monuments for

volunteer/non-county first responders including Monroe County Fire Bureau, Emergency Medical Services, and the Emergency Communications Department. The goal is to have this monument installed by October 28th, which is National First Responders Day,.

Mr. Murphy provided the below information in response to questions from the Board:

- The County maintains the Civic Center Plaza.
- Some capital may be secured from fundraising within different departments to cover some or all of the cost of the memorial.

Motion: Mr. Pichardo

Seconded: Legislator Barnhart

Vote: Motion Approved

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Yixuan Lin shared that the training program for local board members is scheduled for Wednesday, September 29, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. and will be a 4-hour session about SEQR and Site Plan review. Informational flyers were handed out at the meeting. Registration will be open for the next 6 weeks. This training will support the local municipal board members to meet required annual training hours and provide continued education opportunities for land use professionals, municipal staff, board members, and interested citizens.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

- September 24, 2026 at 3:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Ms. Cesario

Seconded: Mr. Murphy

Adjournment: 3:46 pm

