

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2023
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, September 19, 2023 from the Monroe Charter Township Hall, 4925 East Dunbar Road, Monroe County, Michigan.

ROLL CALL

Present: Supervisor Barron, Clerk Smith, Treasurer Barton, Trustee's Janssens, Raymo and Howe.

Excused: Trustee Manor and Attorney McCormick

Others Present: Chief Cherney and sixteen (16) audience members.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Regular Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2023)

Motion #1. Motion by Howe, supported by Raymo to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of the August 15, 2023 Board Meeting, as presented.

Roll call vote: Howe yes, Raymo yes, Barton abstained, Janssens yes, Smith yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS/INVOICES

Motion #2. Motion by Janssens, supported by Raymo to approve the payment of bills and invoices as listed by the Clerk, as presented.

Roll call vote: Janssens yes, Raymo yes, Barton yes, Howe yes, Smith yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Motion #3. Motion by Janssens, supported by Howe to accept and place on file the Fire Department Report for the month of August 2023, as presented.

Roll call vote: Janssens yes, Howe yes, Barton yes, Smith yes, Raymo yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT REPORT

Motion #4. Motion by Smith, supported by Raymo to accept and place on file the Sheriff Department Report for the month of August 2023, as presented.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Raymo yes, Janssens yes, Howe yes, Barton yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Financial Reports:

1. Clerk's 2023 Budget Summary Report, period ending August 31, 2023.
2. Treasurer's Monthly Statement of Bank Accounts & Investments, period ending August 31, 2023.

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CONSENT AGENDA (con't)

General Reports:

1. Supervisor.
2. Building Official.
3. Blight Report.
4. Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Communications:

1. Correspondence Charter Communications dated August 8, 2023, August 14, 2023 and September 1, 2023; Re: Upcoming Changes. August 1, 2023, regarding Disney Channel programming.
2. Correspondence Comcast Communications dated August 17, 2023 and September 6, 2023; Re: Upcoming Changes.

Motion #5. Motion by Smith, supported by Janssens to accept the Consent Agenda and place on file, as presented.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Janssens yes, Howe yes, Raymo yes, Barton yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION

Approve Resolution #23-08, for Charitable Gaming License to Recovery Advocacy Warriors (RAW).

Motion #6. Motion by Smith, supported by Barton to approve Resolution #23-08, for Charitable Gaming License to Recovery Advocacy Warriors (RAW), as presented.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Barton yes, Raymo yes, Janssens yes, Howe yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Approve Resolution #23-09 expressing support to maintain local control over local land uses including, but not limited to: short-term rentals, industrial solar installations, industrial wind turbine installations and sand and gravel mining.

Motion #7. Motion by Smith, supported by Howe to approve Resolution #23-09 expressing support to maintain local control over local land uses including, but not limited to: short-term rentals, industrial solar installations, industrial wind turbine installations and sand and gravel mining, as presented.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Howe yes, Barton yes, Janssens yes, Raymo yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

ORDINANCES

Waive the first reading to amend Zoning Ordinance 52-2010 to include adding text amendment to Article 5, Section 5.02, Footnotes to the Schedule of Regulations with Subsection 5.02.M(ii), Front Yard Requirements, Inland Lake Waterfront Lots, to allow inland lakes with a State approved mechanism to control the water level to be required to have less setback from the high water mark than other waterfront lots, all to reference Front Yard Requirements, Inland Lake Waterfront Lots and to have published in the Monroe News and brought back to the October 17, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Monroe Charter Township Board.

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Motion #8. Motion by Smith, supported by Barton to waive the first reading to amend Zoning Ordinance 52-2010 to include adding text amendment to Article 5, Section 5.02, Footnotes to the Schedule of Regulations with Subsection 5.02.M(ii), Front Yard Requirements, Inland Lake Waterfront Lots, to allow inland lakes with a State approved mechanism to control the water level to be required to have less setback from the high water mark than other waterfront lots, all to reference Front Yard Requirements, Inland Lake Waterfront Lots and to have published in the Monroe News and brought back to the October 17, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Monroe Charter Township Board, as presented.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Barton yes, Janssens yes, Raymo yes, Howe yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Consider request of Michigan Pure Green LLC (Dispo) to extend the October 3, 2023 deadline to obtain a State of Michigan license for a marihuana adult use retailer for an additional 9 months, or until July 3, 2024. (See Zoning Enforcement Officer comments).

Motion #9. Motion by Barton, supported by Smith to consider request of Michigan Pure Green LLC (Dispo) to extend the October 3, 2023 deadline to obtain a State of Michigan license for a marihuana adult use retailer for an additional 9 months, or until July 3, 2024, as presented.

Roll call vote: Barton no, Smith no, Janssens no, Raymo no, Howe no, Barron no. **Motion denied.**

Consider approving renewal of marihuana business processor license for Monroe Processing LLC of 14930 LaPlaisance Rd, units 131 & 132, from 11/14/23- 11/14/24.

Motion #10. Motion by Smith, supported by Howe to consider approving renewal of marihuana business processor license for Monroe Processing LLC of 14930 LaPlaisance Rd, units 131 & 132, from 11/14/23- 11/14/24, as presented.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Howe yes, Raymo yes, Barton yes Janssens no, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Consider approving renewal of marihuana business adult use retailer license for Green Bronco LLC (Mint Cannabis) of 760 S. Telegraph Rd, from 10/13/23- 10/13/24.

Motion #11. Motion by Smith, supported by Raymo to consider approving renewal of marihuana business adult use retailer license for Green Bronco LLC (Mint Cannabis) of 760 S. Telegraph Rd, from 10/13/23- 10/13/24, as presented.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Raymo yes, Howe yes, Barton yes, Janssens no, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Consider approving renewal of marihuana business grower license for NU Group LLC of 14500 LaPlaisance Rd, units A20-A40, from 10/5/23-10/5/24.

Motion #12. Motion by Smith, supported by Raymo to consider approving renewal of marihuana business grower license for NU Group LLC of 14500 LaPlaisance Rd, units A20-A40, from 10/5/23-10/5/24, as presented.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Raymo yes, Janssens no, Barton yes, Howe yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Consider approving renewal of marihuana business adult use retailer license for Attitude Wellness LLC (Lume) of 15391 S. Dixie Hwy, from 10/13/23-10/13/24.

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Motion #13. Motion by Smith, supported by Howe to consider approving renewal of marihuana business adult use retailer license for Attitude Wellness LLC (Lume) of 15391 S. Dixie Hwy, from 10/13/23-10/13/24, as presented.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Howe yes, Raymo yes, Janssens no, Barton yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Consider approving renewal of marihuana business adult use retailer license for TC MI Ann Arbor 2 LLC (W. Cannabis) of 1118 S. Telegraph Rd, Ste. A, from 11/3/23-11/3/24.

Motion #14. Motion by Raymo, supported by Howe to consider approving renewal of marihuana business adult use retailer license for TC MI Ann Arbor 2 LLC (W. Cannabis) of 1118 S. Telegraph Rd, Ste. A, from 11/3/23-11/3/24, as presented.

Roll call vote: Raymo yes, Howe yes, Smith yes, Janssens no, Barton yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Consider approving renewal of marihuana business adult use retailer license for Quality Roots Inc. of 1121 S. Monroe St, from 10/20/23-10/20/24.

Motion #15. Motion by Raymo, supported by Smith to consider approving renewal of marihuana business adult use retailer license for Quality Roots Inc. of 1121 S. Monroe St, from 10/20/23-10/20/24, as presented.

Roll call vote: Raymo yes, Smith yes, Barton yes, Howe yes, Janssens no, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Consider approving renewal of marihuana business adult use retailer license for Fire Farm LLC (Crave Cannabis) of 1100 S. Monroe St, from 10/13/23-10/13/24.

Motion #16. Motion by Smith, supported by Raymo to Consider approving renewal of marihuana business adult use retailer license for Fire Farm LLC (Crave Cannabis) of 1100 S. Monroe St, from 10/13/23-10/13/24, as presented.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Raymo yes, Barton yes, Howe yes, Janssens no, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Approve use of Nature Center for Dartmoor Homeowners Associations Annual meeting on October 25, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Motion #17. Motion by Barton, supported by Raymo to approve use of Nature Center for Dartmoor Homeowners Associations Annual meeting on October 25, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., as presented.

Roll call vote: Barton yes, Raymo yes, Howe yes, Janssens yes, Smith yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Consider Special Event for Uniq Cannabis (Vinnie Shokrie), 14394 LaPlaisance Road, to be held on October 6 & 7, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Motion #18. Motion by Smith, supported by Howe to Consider Special Event for Uniq Cannabis (Vinnie Shokrie), 14394 LaPlaisance Road, to be held on October 6 & 7, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and to include music, as presented.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Howe yes, Janssens no, Barton yes, Raymo yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

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Consider Special Event for Urb Cannabis (Safa Zetouna), 14515 LaPlaisance Road, to be held on September 26, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Motion #19. Motion by Smith, supported by Howe to consider Special Event for Urb Cannabis (Safa Zetouna), 14515 LaPlaisance Road, to be held on September 26, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., as presented.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Howe yes, Barton yes, Janssens no, Raymo yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Approve moving \$6,000.00 in ARPA Funds from Capital Projects Road Fund 440 to Capital Projects Parks & Rec Fund 464.

Motion #20. Motion by Barton, supported by Smith to approve moving \$6,000.00 in ARPA Funds from Capital Projects Township Fund 405 to Capital Projects Parks & Rec Fund 464, as presented.

Roll call vote: Barton yes, Smith yes, Janssens yes, Raymo yes, Howe yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Approve bid for repairs at Fire Station #2 from Clipmakerz LLC at \$13,900 or BBC Foundations and Flatwork for \$9,498.75.

Motion #21. Motion by Smith, supported by Raymo to approve bid for repairs at Fire Station #2 from BBC Foundations and Flatwork for \$9,498.75, to be paid using ARPA Funds and contingent on meeting insurance requirements, as presented.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Raymo yes, Barton yes, Howe yes, Janssens yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Approve payment to Penchura for \$123,681.00 for playground.

Motion #22. Motion by Howe, supported by Raymo to approve payment to Penchura for \$123,681.00 for playground using ARPA Funds, as presented.

Roll call vote: Howe yes, Raymo yes, Barton yes, Smith yes, Janssens yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Approve Pass Through Agreement between Monroe Charter Township and Southeast Michigan Council of Government (SEMCOG) for Planning Assistance Grant for the LaPlaisance Road Corridor Study and authorize Supervisor to sign.

Motion #23. Motion by Smith supported by Barton to approve Pass Through Agreement between Monroe Charter Township and Southeast Michigan Council of Government (SEMCOG) for Planning Assistance Grant for the LaPlaisance Road Corridor Study and authorize Supervisor to sign, as presented.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Barton yes, Raymo yes, Howe yes, Janssens yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Approve Agreement for Professional Services for SEMCOG Planning Assistance Grant to Mannik and Smith.

Motion #24. Motion by Smith, supported by Barton to approve Agreement for Professional Services for SEMCOG Planning Assistance Grant to Mannik and Smith, as presented.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Barton yes, Raymo yes, Howe yes, Janssens yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

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NEW BUSINESS (con't)

Authorize Clerk to sign Metro Act Right of Way Permit extension with AT & T.

Motion #25. Motion by Smith, supported by Howe to authorize Clerk to sign Metro Act Right of Way Permit extension with AT & T, as presented.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Howe yes, Janssens yes, Barton yes, Raymo yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Approve Trick or Treat for Tuesday, October 31, 2023 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Motion #26. Motion by Smith, supported by Barton to approve Trick or Treat for Tuesday, October 31, 2023 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., as presented.

Roll call vote: Smith yes, Barton yes, Howe yes, Janssens yes, Raymo yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments began at 7:37 p.m. and ended at 7:48 p.m.

There were three (3) public comments.

Rob Pizalli – wanted to speak on business item a for an extension. Gave the Board a time line and reason for the need for an extension.

William Bruck, State Representative advised the Board that the road rename on South Dixie in honor of Joseph Liedel will be voted on next week. He also stated he is working on getting a turn signal at Dunbar and Telegraph Road. He also spoke in opposition of Solar Bills that are going to be voted on.

Resident asked for clarification on the Special Events limit.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #27. Motion by Raymo, supported by Janssens to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Roll call vote: Raymo yes, Janssens yes, Smith yes, Howe yes, Barton yes, Barron yes. **Motion carried.**

Attested:



Alan Barron, Supervisor
Monroe Charter Township



Christina Smith, Clerk
Monroe Charter Township