

**MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
Board Workshop Minutes  
April 18, 2023  
6:30 p.m**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A Board Workshop of the Monroe Charter Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Alan Barron at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 in the Monroe Charter Township Hall, 4925 East Dunbar Road, Monroe County, Michigan.

**Present:** Supervisor Barron, Clerk Smith, Trustees Howe, Raymo and Janssens.

**Excused:** Treasurer Barton and Trustee Manor

**Others**

**Present:** Barry Buschmann of Mannik and Smith, Florence Buchanan and eight (8) audience members.

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 SEMCOG Planning Assistance Program for the bike path on LaPlaisance Road. The notice was posted to the doors on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 3:35 p.m. and to the Township website and Facebook at 4:15 p.m.

**SEMCOG PLANNING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Ms. Buchanan explained that the goal is to try to make LaPlaisance Road safer for pedestrian and bicycle traffic. The Road Commission received a grant that will allow for 2-foot shoulders which is not enough. We are proposing a partnership with the City of Monroe and Monroe Charter Township. The planning grant is \$50,000 and will hopefully help us understand what can be done.

Mr. Buschmann reiterated that the Monroe County Road Commission received a \$750,000 grant to resurface LaPlaisance Road which is an area that has been looked at for non-motorized travel. The map shows that the route would start in Bolles Harbor and would continue into the City of Monroe. Taking into account that this would be multi-jurisdictional there would be a high probability of being awarded the grant. The match amount would be shared by the Township and the City at \$4,537.50.

Trustee Howe asked for clarification on what the Township would be committing to regarding this project.

Mr. Buschmann clarified that it would help give the most feasible option in order to complete the project. He stated that there are many hurdles to overcome.

Trustee Raymo wanted to make sure that safety is being looked at due to the amount of traffic on LaPlaisance Road.

Trustee Howe asked for an estimate on the scope of work anticipating being done.

Mr. Buschmann stated that there are so many factors that play into it and that there are also other means to get money for the project like grants.

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Ms. Buchanan stated that it takes time to get into the "queue", sometimes years. Which is why we are asking for the Boards support.

Supervisor Barron stated that an additional addendum item will be added to tonight's Board Meeting agenda asking for the Board to consider partnering with the City of Monroe to apply for a SEMCOG Planning Assistance application at a cost of \$4,537.50.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Attested:



Alan Barron, Supervisor  
Monroe Charter Township



Christina Smith, Clerk  
Monroe Charter Township