

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

March 7, 2022

“approved”

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kevin Beliveau at 5:06 pm

ROLL CALL:

Present: Kelly Graham, Kevin Beliveau, Mary Jo Samotis, Alanda Barnes, Gina Cinquino

Absent: Diana London, Yvette Ramsdell

Staff Present: Eric Strayer, Superintendent, Susie Olpere, Recording Secretary

Press Coverage: Manuela Kress

Pledge of Allegiance recited

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Barnes to approve agenda for March 7, 2022.

Second by Cinquino

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items: None

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Graham to approve consent agenda.

Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS:

A) **Treasurer** –

B) **Clerk** – Accounts Payable, Revenue & Expenditure Report, Balance Sheet

C) **Superintendent** – Superintendent’s Report

OLD BUSINESS:

A) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update** - Clerk Graham provided the board with an updated recap of estimated costs and funding sources for the bike path. She informed them that the grant from MDARD (Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development) for \$100,000.00 had been denied due to lack of funds. There is a grant pending of \$100,00.00 from Michigan Trails Fund which is still pending. A search is still continuing for more grant resources.

B) **Sewer Project** – Superintendent Strayer explained that the contractors were having difficulties with the dewatering and they had hired another company to take on the task. They are now having more success and are continuing with the lift stations.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) **Website Redesign** – Superintendent Strayer advised the trustees that our current website is outdated and is hindering our ability to make changes to the site. The State has now required Assessors to add their property parcel information and study data to the websites for public accessibility. This will be a sizable addition to an outdated website. Shumaker Technology Group has submitted to Superintendent Strayer different package options and monetary commitments. Cinquino made the motion to choose the Platinum Package in the amount of \$3,250.00 and Option B which includes fully managed hosting and maintenance of the site.

Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

B) Backhoe Maintenance - Supervisor Beliveau started by saying he appreciated the trustees requesting another bid to compare to the one they had received from AIS to repair and provide maintenance for the John Deere 310E backhoe. Another bid has been received from Northern Truck Repair since that time. Supervisor Beliveau contacted both businesses to get further information and explanation of the proposals. He explained the similarities and differences by line items to the trustees. Barnes made the motion to approve Northern Truck Repair for the amount of \$3,969.20 for the work to be done on the John Deere backhoe. Second by Samotis
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

C) Pay Application #8 – Approval for Pay Application #8 for \$19,107.15 was made by the township's Executive Committee on February 23, 2022. This was necessary due to the cancellation of the previous meeting because of weather conditions. Provided for the board are the invoices from F & V for work completed on the sewer extension project which totaled \$19,107.15. Cinquino made the motion to approve the Executive Committee minutes from the meeting of February 23, 2022. Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried

D) Zoning Administration Certificate – Superintendent Strayer has completed and passed the required text and test for ZAC program.

BOARD COMMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Mike Hoadley, Mayor of Au Gres, introduced himself and announced his candidacy for State Representative of the 99th District. He briefed the board on his qualifications and issues of importance for rural areas.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Samotis
Second by Graham
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried
Meeting adjourned at 5:46 pm

Submitted By:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor
Charter Township of AuSable