

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

April 18, 2022

“approved”

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kevin Beliveau at 5:00 pm

ROLL CALL:

Present: Diana London, Yvette Ramsdell, Kelly Graham, Kevin Beliveau, Mary Jo Samotis,
Alanda Barnes, Gina Cinquino

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

Press Coverage: Manuela Kress

Pledge of Allegiance recited

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Supervisor Beliveau made a correction to the first action item of appointing Graham to chair the last meeting. The trustee who made the appointment motion was Ramsdell. With consensus from the trustees the correction was agreed upon. Cinquino made the motion to approve the minutes from April 18, 2022 as amended. Second by Samotis

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items: None

Approval of Agenda: Ramsdell made the motion to approve the consent agenda as stated.

Second by Graham

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS:

A) **Treasurer** – Bank Balance Report

B) **Clerk** – Accounts Payable

C) **Superintendent** – Superintendent’s Report and an invoice addition from Consumers Energy to be included with Pay Application #10

OLD BUSINESS:

A) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update -**

Clerk Graham announced the approval of the grant from Michigan Trails Fund in the amount of \$100,000.00. The township’s responsibility remains at \$325,807.00. She also received an email from Spicer Group indicating the surveyors will be here this week to redo the northern portion of the trail. The Environmental Engineers will be starting the EGLE permit the Wednesday.

B) **Sewer Project –**

The contractors have started laying the sewer lines again, also continuing work and the lift stations at Lake Street and Huron Street with upgrades, and the two new stations on US 23.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Marijuana Permit Money – Res. 2022-04 -

The State of Michigan collects 10% excise tax on the purchase of Recreational Marijuana Provisioning Center. 15% of this money is divided among the municipalities that had Marijuana Provisioning Centers permitted for the entire year. Our portion of those funds is \$56,453.44 to the Township's General Fund Revenues. Ramsdell made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-04 to amend 2022 General Fund Budget. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

B) DPW Seasonal Employee Rate of Pay –

Superintendent Strayer requested an increase in pay for the DPW seasonal employee from the current hourly rate of \$13.37 to \$15.57. This increase is due to the competitive wages in the job market, and to retain the talent and knowledge that we have in the individual that currently has this position. Motion was made by Barnes to approve \$15.57 per hour for the DPW seasonal employee. Second by Samotis

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

C) Extending Terms of PC Board Member –

Two of our Planning Commission members: Diana London and Shayne Janis have terms ending May 1, 2022. Both commissioners have graciously agreed to renew their 3-year terms. Kevin Beliveau has also agreed to remain on the Zoning Board of Appeals until a suitable replacement can be found.

Supervisor Beliveau did recommend and move to appoint Diana London for next term beginning May 1, 2022 to May 1, 2025.

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

Supervisor Beliveau also recommended and moved to appoint Shayne Janis for next term beginning May 1, 2022 to May 1, 2025.

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Samotis to renew Kevin Beliveau's term on the ZBA for the next term beginning May 1, 2022 to May 1, 2025.

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

D) Offer from Ziegler's for Township Property –

The township has received a Letter of Intent from Robert and Tania Ziegler pertaining to the purchase of township Lots 5 & 7 Block 6 of the Plat of Loud, Gay & Co's Addition to the Village of Oscoda. Mr. and Mrs. Ziegler are offering the Township \$500.00 for both lots. Sale of these lots would alleviate the Township of the upkeep and maintenance costs, and enable the township to collect taxes on properties that currently are not generating any tax income. Cinquino made the motion to accept the \$500.00 offer for both Lots 5 & 7, Block 6 of Loud, Gay & Co's Addition to the Village of Oscoda. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

E) Pay Application #10 -

Superintendent Strayer presented figures submitted by Consumers Energy for work completed at the lift stations located at Huron and Lake streets, and the two new lift stations on US 23. The total of the invoices amount to \$753.25, which will be initiated for reimbursement from USDA.

Motion was made by Samotis to approve Pay Application #10 in the amount of \$753.25.

Second by Ramsdell

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

BOARD COMMENTS: Superintendent Strayer reminded the trustees of the Capital Improvement meeting scheduled for May 9th. He asked for input for any roads that may need repair or replacement so he could get estimates from Iosco County Road Commission.

Supervisor Beliveau informed the board of Superintendent's efforts to schedule a meeting with Oscoda Township regarding sewer rates being charged to our Township. To date he has not had any response to meet with us. Supervisor Beliveau and Superintendent Strayer plan on attending a meeting of Oscoda's tomorrow which will provide information on significant water and sewer upgrade issues primarily on the airport property.

Superintendent Strayer has done research for mosquito abatement in other townships. He is furthering his inquiries and asking for information on the process, cost, schedule, and any cautionary issues to be aware of.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Ramsdell
Second by Cinquino
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 5:34 pm

Submitted By:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor
Charter Township of AuSable