

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

Jan. 4, 2021

“approved”

Virtual Meeting

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kevin Beliveau at 5:02 pm

## **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Yvette Ramsdell, Kelly Graham, Kevin Beliveau, Mary Jo Samotis, Alanda Barnes,  
Ron Janis

Staff Present: Leisa Sutton, Superintendent, Susie Olpere, Recording Secretary

Press Coverage: Patricia Alvord

Pledge of Allegiance recited

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Supervisor Beliveau made an addition under New Business – Item G – Payroll Discussion. Motion by Ramsdell to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Barnes  
Unanimous – Voice Vote  
Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items:** None

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Janis made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Barnes  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

- A) Treasurer –
- B) Clerk – Accounts Payable
- C) Superintendent – Superintendent’s Report

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update -**  
Clerk Graham has a meeting scheduled with Emily Meyerson (NEMCOG) and Joe Wright with (Spicer Group) regarding the TAP Grant. The application must be submitted in February.
- B) **Sewer Project –** Nothing to update
- C) **Water Project –** Nothing to update

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

A) **STING -** The new Unit Commander for STING (Michigan State Police) was in attendance to introduce himself and update the status of STING. D/Lt. Matthew Jordan began by saying his unit covers 6 counties: Iosco, Arenac, Ogemaw, Crawford, Roscommon, and Oscoda. He was hired for this position since November 2020. Trustees Barnes was interested in the number of complaints made in for Iosco County (22 arrests were made) and 9 were from the Oscoda area (which were the statistics for 2019). He has not received the current data for 2020. A public participant on zoom asked about the number of convictions from the arrests and declared the numbers to be 50% more complaints

than arrests. Supervisor Beliveau explained the interest from the inquires were in the progress and performance of the STING Organization and to access the value of the money spent by the township. D/Lieutenant Jordan thanked the board for it's support and offered his assistance when needed.

**B) Consideration of Ordinance #119 -**

The proposed ordinance (Charter Township of AuSable Ordinance No, 119 was introduced during a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of AuSable. The proposed ordinance will implement the provisions of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (MCL 333.27951 et seq.) and will authorize the type and number of marihuana establishments that may operate in the Township, including 1 class A marihuana grower, 1 marihuana processor, 1 marihuana retailer, 1 marihuana safety compliance facility, and 1 marihuana secure transporter. The proposed ordinance, if adopted, will also regulate marihuana establishments by requiring a permit and compliance with the requirements of the ordinance; provide penalties for violating the ordinance; provide for severability of the ordinance; provide an effective date of the ordinance; and partially repeal Charter Township of AuSable Ordinance No. 117 (the prohibition of marihuana establishments ordinance). If the Township Board adopts the ordinance, the ordinance will take effect immediately upon publication of a notice of adoption of the ordinance as required by law. Motion was made by Barnes to approve Ordinance #119. Second by Barnes

Nays – Samotis

Yays – Barnes, Janis, Ramsdell, Graham, Beliveau

Motion Carried

**C) Consideration of Ordinance #120 -**

The proposed ordinance (Charter Township of AuSable Ordinance No, 120 was introduced during a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of AuSable The proposed ordinance will amend Charter Township of AuSable Ordinance No. 42 (the Sewer Rules and Regulations Ordinance). If the Township Board adopts the ordinance at that time, the ordinance will take effect immediately upon publication of a notice of adoption of the ordinance as required by law. Janis made the motion to approve Ordinance #120. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

**D) Consideration of Ordinance #122 –**

The proposed ordinance (Charter Township of AuSable Ordinance No. 122 was introduced during a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of AuSable. The proposed ordinance will amend the Charter Township of AuSable Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 114) by addressing the zoning requirements for marihuana establishments that are allowed to operate in the Township pursuant to the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (MCL 333.27951 et seq.) and the ordinance adopted by the Township pursuant to the Act. If the Township Board adopts the ordinance, the ordinance will take effect immediately upon publication of a notice of adoption of the ordinance as required by law. Motion was made by Barnes to approve Ordinance #122. Second by Janis

Yays – Janis, Ramsdell, Graham, Barnes, Beliveau

Nays – Samotis

**E) Consideration of Ordinance Amendment #83 -** This proposed amendment is an annual amendment that establishes sewer rates for the year. Ramsdell made the motion to approve the Ordinance Amendment #83 Sewer Rates. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

**F) Consideration of Ordinance Amendment #84 -** This amendment is an annual amendment that establishes water rates. The water and sewer amendments if approved will be effective on Feb. 1st.

Barnes made the motion to approve Ordinance Amendment #84 Water Rates. Second by Ramsdell

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

**G) Payroll Discussion -** Treasurer Samotis introduced a couple of options for the trustees to consider regarding the extra pay period that will happen for this calendar year.

1) Split the total gross pay for salaried employees by 27 paychecks, which will reduce their pay amount by 3.8%.

2) The other option would be to add one payroll for the salaried employees at the end of the year.

Treasurer Samotis explained that there would have to be a budget amendment made with this option.

Supervisor Beliveau recommended adding the pay period to the end of the year due to the reduction in pay if it was divided throughout the year. It could be a burden to the employees if their checks were reduced. Barnes made the motion to add the extra pay period to the end of the year and make a budget adjustment. Second by Janis  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Trustee Janis observed children walking along River Rd. instead of being able to use the bike path because of snow. Superintendent Sutton said if it was owned by the County. Supervisor Beliveau also added that this had been discussed and the path would be treated as a 3-season path and would not be plowed or maintained in the winter. He suggested that if the school was interested, they may contact the County and get a document in place to allow them to plow from the school to the east toward town.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Morgan Shevett did not feel, according to the STING officer's presentation, that the township was getting their money's worth from the organization.  
He also wanted to state for the record, that he was totally against the U.S. 23 sewer extension project due to the same concerns he had expressed at prior meetings. (reasoning for the sewer extension, the economic strain from the pandemic on residents, the lack of low interest loans to be set up by the township etc.)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Submitted By:  
Susie Olpere  
Recording Secretary

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Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor  
Charter Township of AuSable