

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

Jan. 4, 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 AGENDA: Motion was made by Ramsdell to approve the agenda for Jan. 4, 2022.

Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items: None

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

Second by Graham

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS:

A) **Treasurer** –

B) **Clerk** – Clerk Graham provided the December report and the report for the first of January

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

OLD BUSINESS:

A) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update** – There will be a meeting this coming week and more to report next meeting.

B) **Sewer Project** – Superintendent Strayer was informed the contractors were waiting for parts and would begin work on the lift stations the week of the 17th.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) **Amendment of Sewer Ordinance #83** – Superintendent Strayer presented the proposed amendment for sewer rates which will be effective as of February 1, 2022. Trustee Barnes inquired about any further status from Oscoda regarding the discrepancy of charges for sewer treatment. Supervisor Beliveau gave a brief summary of the meeting between the Oscoda and AuSable Townships in September 2021. From that meeting, Oscoda had committed to meet with their engineer, Mr. Tom Traciak, to review costs and work up their budget and present it to AuSable Township. As of this date, there has been no information provided to this township. Our current contract with Oscoda will come to an end in February 2024. Supervisor Beliveau emphasized the huge commitment it would be to undertake a lagoon system for AuSable, and that every alternative should be considered to bring rates down before undertaking such a project. Barnes made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-01. Second by Ramsdell

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

BOARD COMMENTS: Treasurer Samotis wished everyone a Happy New Year. Supervisor Beliveau added that he appreciated the discussion regarding the sewer rates. He wished we had better leverage to put the township in a better position to negotiate and included that we must keep in mind that it is illegal to operate the sewer budget in the red.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Cinquino
Second by Ramsdell
Unanimous –
Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm

Submitted By:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor
Charter Township of AuSable