**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE**

Regular Board Meeting

January 6, 2020

 “approved”

**CALL TO ORDER**:

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

**ROLL CALL**:

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

Absent: Jeff Moss

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

Press Coverage: Patricia Alvord

Pledge of Allegiance recited

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Superintendent Beliveau made an addition to New Business, Item D: County Lease Letter. Ramsdell made the motion to approve the amended agenda for Jan. 6, 2020.
Second by Janis

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items**: None

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

Motion Carried

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Treasurer –
2. Clerk – Accounts Payable
3. Superintendent – Superintendent’s Report

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Jeff Moss – RAB Update
Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update -**Clerk Graham said there would be a meeting to discuss the issue of a terminus at the southern end of the bike path.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Consideration of Water Rate Amendment -** Superintendent Sutton had presented this amendment per protocol for review. Now it was before the board for consideration of adoption and an implementation effective Feb. 1, 2020. Janis made the motion to approve Ordinance #84 Amendment to Water Rates. Second by Barnes
Unanimous –Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
2. **Consideration of Sewer Rate Amendment -** This ordinance amendment was also presented to the board at the December 2nd meeting for review. It is now presented for adoption. Motion by Ramsdell to adopt Ordinance #83 Amendment effective Feb. 1, 2020. Second by Janis
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
3. **Master Plan/Recreation Plan Contract –** Superintendent Sutton informed the board that every 5 years we are required to update our Master Plan and Recreation Plan. This assists AuSable Township in obtaining grants and other considerations with the State for future projects. 2020 is the year and was approved per our Capital Improvement Plan. The Master Plan/Recreation Plan contract was presented to the board for consideration. The Master Plan will be compliant with the MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities Best Practices. The issue was tabled until competitive bids from NEMCOG and Spicer Group.
4. **Iosco County Bldg. Lease Letter -** The township needs to formally notify Iosco County that we no longer wish to lease the EMS Building for the First Responders. Superintendent Sutton presented a letter for that purpose. Motion made by Samotis to submit this letter to the County which opts us out of the lease at 4871 Sunset, AuSable Township. Second Barnes
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

**BOARD COMMENTS:**
Trustee Barnes said that she had received an email asking if residents had to hook up to the new sewer system. Superintendent Sutton said that it was a State requirement if the residence was located within 200’ of the new sewer line.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Bill Szuch inquired about the increase in water rates. Treasurer Samotis explained the township built-in the 3% increase in the ordinance to cover our purchase of water and to maintain a health water fund. He then continued by asking about the progress of the sewer project and if we had initiated any further discussion with Oscoda Township regarding this issue. Supervisor Beliveau’s response was that no attempt has been made since winter’s impasse with Oscoda Township.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Janis

Second by Samotis

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Susie Olpere Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor

Recording Secretary Charter Township of AuSable