**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE**

Regular Board Meeting

Jan. 7, 2019

 “approved”

**CALL TO ORDER**:

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

**ROLL CALL**:

Present: Jeffrey Moss, 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 added Item E. Property Donation under New Business. Ramsdell made the motion to approve the amended agenda for Jan. 7, 2019. Second by Janis.
Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items**: None

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Janis made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

**PRESENTATIONS:**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Consideration of appointment to the Building Authority -** On Dec. 31, 2018, Mr. Jack Barnes term as chairman of the Oscoda/AuSable Building Authority expired. Treasurer Samotis commended Mr. Barnes as a great asset to the committee because of his knowledge of facilities and what it takes to maintain them. Mr. Barnes also had agreed to serve another 3 year term if chosen. Graham made the motion to reappoint Mr. Jack Barnes to the Oscoda/AuSable Building Authority for a term ending Dec. 31, 2021. Second by Samotis
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
2. **Consideration of Resolution 2019-1 –** The township received a request for consideration to officially recognize Jan. 20-26, 2019 as School Choice Week in AuSable. The goal is to simply raise awareness of the public and nonpublic K-12 education options available. Moss made the motion to approve Resolution 2019-1 National School Choice Week. Samotis recommended an edit to the resolution to read “AuSable is home to a high quality public school which parents can choose for their children, in addition to families who educate their children in the home”. Moss made the motion to approve Resolution 2019-1 National School Choice Week as amended. Second by Janis
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
3. **Capital Improvement Schedule –** Superintendent Sutton provided a memorandum to the staff and board members. Projects for 2019 are in the beginning steps of our CIP Plan and now it’s time to begin planning for 2020. There is a work sheet to return to her with any new ideas. The work sheet must include any pertinent information (i.e. costs for construction or maintenance of project). Moss made a motion to approve the dates of Thursdays, May 9th & 23rd at 4:00 pm for Capital Improvement work session and Thursdays, Sept. 12th & 26th at 4:00 pm for the budget. Second by Ramsdell
Unanimous - Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
4. **2019 MTA Conference –** The 2019 MTA Conference will be held in Grand Rapids on April
1st thru 4th. Anyone interested in attending, please let the Superintendent know by Jan. 18th.
5. **Property Donation –** Treasurer Samotis received correspondence from Mr. Soncrant, who earlier in the year had donated Lots 12 & 13 of The Old Mill Site to AuSable Township. He also is interested in doing the same with Lots 7, 8, 9, and 10. There is currently an outstanding tax bill in the amount of $2,590.74. The trustees conversed about some possible uses for the property. Samotis made a motion to approve the acquisition of Lots 7 thru 10 of
The Old Mill Site from the Soncrant family and pay the 2018 Summer and Winter Taxes upon
completion of the donation. Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

1. **Jeff Moss – RAB Update -**  Trustee Moss said that there had been change to the water science. Representative Stamas passed legislation to set a standard in Michigan that is the same as the Federal guidelines regarding the testing of PFAS contaminants.
2. **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update -**  Clerk Graham has a copy of the feasibility study done by Spicer Group, (which is available in her office for anyone who wishes to review it). The Iron Belle Challenge Grant has been submitted today, while other grants will be applied for the construction phase of the trail.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Trustee Barnes received positive comments regarding the water project on Johnson Road. Residents complimented on a job well done by John Henry Excavating, Inc. and also our DPW gentleman for their courteous service.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Barnes

Second by Ramsdell

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:28 pm

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

Susie Olpere Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor

Recording Secretary Charter Township of AuSable