**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE**

Regular Board Meeting

Jan. 21, 2020

“approved”

**CALL TO ORDER**:

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kevin Beliveau at 5:01 pm

**ROLL CALL**:

Present: Jeffrey Moss, Yvette Ramsdell, Kevin Beliveau, Mary Jo Samotis, Alanda Barnes, Ron Janis

Absent: Kelly Graham

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

Press Coverage: Patricia Alvord

Pledge of Allegiance recited

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Superintendent Sutton requested an addition to New Business, Item G:  
Consideration of Resolution 2020-02. Motion to approve the agenda as amended for Jan. 21, 2020 was made by Ramsdell. Second by Janis

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items**: None

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Moss made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Second by Ramsdell.   
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Treasurer – Fund Balance Report
2. Clerk – Accounts Payable, Revenue & Expenditures, Balance Sheet
3. Superintendent – Superintendent’s Report

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Jeff Moss – RAB Update -** No new information to relay. Waiting for new dates of upcoming meetings.
2. **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update -**Supervisor Beliveau informed trustees of a meeting this Thursday (Jan. 23rd) at 2:00pm.
3. **Road Project Update –** Superintendent Sutton included correspondence with the County Road Commission. They’re received our letter requesting to be added to their schedule. They will review and get back to us with final bids for Thompson Road.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **911 Director – Text 911 -** Iosco County 911 Director Mike Eller agreed to attend the meeting tonight to elaborate about the ability to text 911 since it is now available in Iosco County. Mr. Eller described the situations when texting 911 would be preferred over calling 911: 1) Primary use is for people with speech or hearing impairment, 2) if you have a medical emergency that renders you unable to speak or 3) if you’re in the middle of a crime, home invasion, or domestic violence situation. A reminder that phones must have a data plan and be active to be able to text, whereas an inactive phone can still dial 911. The EMS would prefer the use of dialing 911 because of speed of connection and communication, but there are circumstances where that is not possible, and the use of texting is another option.
2. **Consideration of Master Plan Contracts –** Superintendent Sutton introduced two bids from NEMCOG (Northeast Michigan Council of Governments and Spicer Group to update the Master Plan and Recreational Plan. This is a requirement which must be recreated every 5 years. Samotis made the motion to accept the proposal from NEMCOG in the amount of $15,500.00. Second by Barnes  
   Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
   Motion Carried
3. **Consideration of 5G Specialist –** 5G will be a wireless service which shall provide broad band (for internet) to rural areas for residents at a faster speed than dial up service. It will also attribute greater technological enhancements to our system. Superintendent Sutton presented a draft ordinance pertaining to 5G communications. The update and comprehensive inclusion of 5G Wireless Communication Standards to the AuSable Township is necessary to reflect the changes of Federal and State legislation. A consultant who specializes in this technical matter should be considered and was recommended by the Township attorney. The consultant will be beneficial for the following purposes:
4. To assist with a resolution to establish fees and rates called for by the ordinance.
5. To establish the underground designated areas addressed in the ordinance.
6. To adopt and design the concealment measures for historic, downtown and residential districts.
7. To assist in preparation of forms for the application and the permits required by the ordinance
8. To review this ordinance overall to comply with this service

Motion was made by Moss to hire Kitch Attorneys and Counselors to negotiate the ordinance to  
 cover the 5G technology and setting ordinance rules for the board’s review in an amount not to   
 exceed $7,000.00. Second by Ramsdell  
 Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
 Motion Carried

1. **Strategy of New Fire Truck -** Superintendent Sutton was contacted by Oscoda Township regarding the options of payment for a new fire truck. AuSable Township has agreed to pay  
   a portion of the payment of approximately ($147,239.00 which was based on a $625,00.00 price).  
   In order to help facilitate a discount, the amount would be paid in a one lump sum. The trustees   
   came to a consensus this was an acceptable option.
2. **Resolution 2020-01 Fee Schedule –** This resolution is to update Ordinance #106 with the recent changes in Ordinance #83 & 84, which pertains to Water and Sewer rates which had been passed at the last meeting of Jan. 6, 2020. Moss made the motion to accept Resolution 2020-01 Fee Schedule. Second by Ramsdell  
   Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
   Motion Carried
3. **Condemnation –** Superintendent Sutton explained the condemnation process has become necessary for the high water we are experiencing. When the township is made aware of a property that has excessive damage, we will submit a Letter of Request to the Iosco County Building Dept.’s review of the property in question. In turn, the County Condemnation Officer will inspect the property to make a determination if the property should be condemned. It must meet certain criteria such as: unsafe, unsanitary or deficient because of inadequate means of egress facilities, light and ventilation, or which constitutes a fire hazard, or otherwise dangerous to human life or the public welfare. If that is the case, the county would issue a Condemnation Notice. We would provide the property owner with verbiage matching our requirements and further actions. Each inspection by the county is a $75.00 fee and each property will be considered by the board.  
   Ramsdell made a motion to execute the Letter of Request (for property located at 3526 N. US 23, Parcel #021-G10-000-004-00) and a fee paid to the county of $75.00. Second by Janis  
   Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
   Motion Carried
4. **Resolution 2020-02 –** A copy of the Iosco County Board of Commissioner’s Resolution regarding  
   Declaration of the Great Lakes Shoreline as a Disaster Area and Seeking Assistance was provided to the trustees for review. Superintendent Sutton suggested that a similar resolution be considered specifically for AuSable Township and be sent to the Governor of Michigan. Motion was made by Moss to approve Resolution 2020-02 be approved and sent to the governor. Second by Samotis  
   Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
   Motion Carried

**BOARD COMMENTS:**   
Trustee Moss inquired about correspondence he received regarding the Sewer Project. He requested that once the board receives information that they have ample time to consider all ramifications of the project. Treasurer Samotis expressed that she would like to formulate answers for some of the questions that were included in the same correspondence. Superintendent Sutton confirmed that she is waiting for the Environmental Study and the Rate Study which should be available around the end of the month.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Patricia Alvord, Oscoda Press reporter, encouraged residents to read the Press for answers to questions regarding the Sewer Project. They have written several article pertaining to this subject.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Janis

Second by Ramsdell

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:14 pm

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

Susie Olpere Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor

Recording Secretary Charter Township of AuSable