

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

Feb. 7, 2022

“unapproved”

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kevin Beliveau at 5:02 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:** Ramsdell made the motion to approve the agenda for Feb. 7, 2022.

Second by Cinquino

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items:** None

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Motion was made by Ramsdell to approve the consent agenda.

Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

A) Treasurer –

B) Clerk – Accounts Payable, Revenue & Expenditures Report, Balance Sheet

C) Superintendent – Superintendent’s Report

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

A) Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update –

B) Sewer Project – Contractors are having problems with the dewatering equipment freezing up.  
Still working on the pump stations

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

A) **Consideration of Security Upgrades at the DPW & McCuaig Park** – Superintendent Strayer received an estimate from MCD Security regarding upgrades of security camera systems at the DPW & McCuaig Park. The completion of the DPW would be \$3,941.00. This would keep us up to date and would allow further protection for our investment in equipment and supplies at the DPW. At McCuaig Park there is an option that would use our existing camera system and upgrade the recording & remote monitoring capabilities for \$725.00. Cinquino made the motion to approve MCD Security for the upgrade of the security system at the DPW and McCuaig Park for a total of \$4,666.00. Second by London

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

B) **Consideration of Spicer Proposal** - Spicer Group submitted a summary of the additional survey and design work required by MDOT to complete the Iosco Exploration Trail. The topography of the landscape has changed due to the installation of the sewer extension along the US 23 corridor. The estimate from Spicer Group came to \$74,000.00. Clerk Graham proceeded to compile a summary of revenues and expenditures regarding the bike trail, and updated the board on outstanding grants that are pending. Motion was made by Ramsdell to approve Spicer’s consideration for re-engineering at a cost not to exceed \$74,000.00.

Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

- C) Capital Improvement Plan** – Superintendent Strayer provided a time table of events to begin work sessions for the 2023 Capital Improvement Plan. Dates chosen for the work sessions are: May 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> and September 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, all being on Mondays at 4:00pm. Samotis made the motion to approve the Capital Improvement Plan and Budget meeting schedule as amended.  
Second by Barnes  
Unanimous – Voice Vote  
Motion Carried
- D) Resolution 2020-03 Budget Amendment** – This amendment represents an increase of \$1,995.00 over the approved budget for Parks and Recreation Capital Outlay. This budget item was originally at 0 (zero) dollars. A generous donation was made in the amount of \$1495.00 for a bench to be installed at Shoreline Park. The additional estimated amount of \$500.00 is for the concrete pad and will be paid by the township. Ramsdell made the motion to approve the resolution to amend the general fund budget Resolution 2022-03. Second by London  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried
- E) Website Redesign** – Included in the board packet is a proposal from Shumaker Technology Group to bring the township website more current. The AuSable Township website has gradually become outdated and in some instances hindered our ability to make changes due to its original creation. It is also a first impression of our township when people go to it for information. Another issue which has recently occurred is the change of the Michigan Statute that requires the public to have access to records and values of the Assessor’s Office, which may be a large undertaking. Superintendent Strayer requested the board review the proposal for further discussion.  
No action was taken.
- F) Backhoe Maintenance** – AIS Construction Equipment was asked for an estimate to repair and do maintenance work on our John Deere 310E backhoe. The amount for one day of work on premises will be \$4,716.16. The trustees requested the DPW get more than one bid for this job. Motion was made by Barnes to have the machine reviewed and get a quote from Northern Truck for servicing the backhoe. Second by Samotis  
Unanimous – Voice Vote  
Motion Carried

**BOARD COMMENTS:** Supervisor Beliveau had a few comments on the budget for this year regarding installation of insulation, furnace and wiring for DPW Building 2 which had been bid at \$20,000. Mr. Cal Taylor, DPW Manager, reviewed the amount budgeted and thought the quote for insulation will be less than anticipated. The quote for the furnace will be much less due to a generous donation by a local contractor. Full wiring and electrical will add an estimated cost of \$14,000. to \$15,000. A trailer for the DPW was also set for the budget this year, at a price of \$7,000., and due to the economy had increased to \$7,400. Another item which has changed the budget amount is the mini excavator, which was priced at \$45,500. is now \$52,000. Availability and a \$2,400. incentive on price would have to be checked.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Ramsdell  
Second by Janis  
Unanimous –  
Motion Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 5:37 pm

Submitted By:  
Susie Olpere  
Recording Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor  
Charter Township of AuSable