

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

Feb. 16, 2021

“approved”

Virtual Meeting

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,
Ron Janis

Absent: Alanda Barnes

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

Press Coverage: Patricia Alvord

Pledge of Allegiance recited

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Supervisor Beliveau made an addition to New Business, Item F.

Resolution 2021-08. Ramsdell made the motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items: None

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Janis to approve the consent agenda. Second by London

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS:

A) **Treasurer** –

B) **Clerk** – Accounts Payable

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

OLD BUSINESS:

A) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update** - More will be discussed later in the meeting by Ms. Emily Meyerson from NEMCOG

B) **Sewer Project** – Superintendent Sutton added a further update will be later in the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) **Flagpole Repair** - The flagpole at Finish Line Park has been in nonworking order since November 2020. The DPW requested an estimate of repairs from Rocket Enterprise, Inc., the company that installed the flagpoles in front of the township hall. Their estimate came back at \$2,116.00 and also includes a new US flag. Samotis made the motion to approve the repairs to the Finish Line flagpole in the amount of \$2,116.00. Second by Janis

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

B) **Res. No. 2021-05 Allow Petitions AuSable** - This resolution is being presented for consideration due to requirements from the State of Michigan. It will allow residents to electronically submit his or her protest without a personal appearance because of the current and possible restrictions we are facing due to the pandemic. Motion was made by Janis to approve Resolution 2021-05.

Second by Graham

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

C) Res. No. 2021-06 Alternate Start Date for MBOR AuSable - Superintendent Sutton explained that the State of Michigan requires a resolution when the Board of Review is unable to meet on the 2nd Monday of March. The Assessor needs to schedule the Board of Review meeting for a Tuesday this year because of scheduling and the length of these meetings. London made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-06. Second by Janis
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

D) Res. No. 2021-07 Poverty Exemption Guidelines AuSable - This resolution will update the Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test as is required by the State of Michigan. Samotis made the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-07. Second by Ramsdell
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

E) Amended Sewer Contract – Superintendent Sutton updated the board regarding the USDA's requirement of an amendment to the existing Sewage Treatment Contract between AuSable and Oscoda Townships. The contract was drafted by AuSable's attorney and reviewed by Oscoda's legal counsel and approved by their Board of Trustees. Janis made the motion to execute the amended sewer contract. Second by London
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

F) Res. No. 2021-08 - Clerk Graham introduced Ms. Emily Meyerson, who is assisting the township with the application for the TAP Grant. This grant will fund the southern part of the bike trail located in AuSable Township. As part of the application, MDOT will want to know who will oversee maintaining this trail and where the money is coming from. Clerk Graham and Superintendent Beliveau were assured by the Iosco Exploration Trail Committee that the I.E.T. would be responsible for the maintenance of the trail. Ms. Meyerson informed the board that MDOT will require the commitment from a governmental agency. She listed the items which were considered maintenance and estimated the cost per mile. Superintendent Beliveau suggested that a clause be added or wording changed in the resolution that states the township knows the I.E.T is going to have ownership of the maintenance and that the township would contribute to that effort. Samotis inquired if the township could contribute by work in kind in addition to monetary contribution. Ms. Meyerson believed it could be a possibility and would work on the wording for that purpose. Graham made the motion to revise the budget paragraph to modify the final "whereas" and authorize the Executive Committee to approve and execute Resolution 2021-08 once corrections were made. Second by Ramsdell
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

BOARD COMMENTS:

Clerk Graham thanked everyone on the board for the support of the bike trail.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Patricia Alvord, Oscoda Press, requested a final copy.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Ramsdell
Second by Janis
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm

Submitted By:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor
Charter Township of AuSable

