

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

March 2, 2020

“approved”

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kevin Beliveau at 5:03 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: Supervisor Beliveau made an addition under New Business: Item D. Placeholder for a Budget Amendment. Ramsdell made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items: Three citizens were in attendance and offered comments in support of favorable consideration of making recreational marihuana permits available. A representative from Northern Roots offered to answer questions from the board.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Ramsdell made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Second by Janis
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS:

- A) Treasurer –
- B) Clerk – Accounts Payable
- C) Superintendent – Superintendent’s Report

PUBLIC HEARING: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) **Jeff Moss – RAB Update** – Superintendent Sutton reminded the board that there is a RAB meeting to be held on March 18th. After the meeting there will be a PFAS documentary film presented at 8:00pm.
- B) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update** - Continuation of work on terminus for bike path.
- C) **Road Projects** - Superintendent Sutton informed board we would be notified of schedule dates for the 3 selected road projects as soon as any time frame is given by the county.
- D) **Sewer Projects** - We are still continuing to wait for the environmental study and the rate study. Once that information been determined we hope to have an offer from the USDA to present to the board for consideration.

- E) **Water Projects** - Design is slated to begin within the next 2 weeks – construction to start the 3rd week of April. Completion is targeted for the end of June for McNall and Denise Streets.
- D) **Trailhead Market Place** - No information at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) **Adult Use Marihuana** – Currently the State of Michigan has filed the extended emergency rules for recreation use, which will be in effect until July 3, 2020. Included in the packet is a draft of an ordinance to be reviewed by the board. This was presented for the purpose of starting a discussion about whether or not to allow recreational marihuana facilities in the township. Treasurer Samotis suggested the board follow the same process they employed to decide on medical marihuana. That involved a board subcommittee that studied the process and laws and ultimately brought a recommendation to the board. No action will be taken at this time.
- B) **Mill Street Request** - We have received numerous requests to add a street light on Mill Street due to safety issues, future bike path, and located near river and guard rail. The cost quoted from Consumer's is \$100.00. Motion by Janis to approve the request for a street light on Mill Street.
Second by Graham
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- C) **Closed Session** – To consider purchase of real property.
Motion was made by Samotis to suspend regular meeting and enter into closed session. Second by Ramsdell
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
Time: 5:30 pm

Ramsdell made the motion to close the closed session and reconvene the regular meeting.
Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
Time: 5:35 pm

- D) **Placeholder - Property**
Supervisor Beliveau explained that there was a competitive offer for a piece of property that will meet all of the requirements of the Iron Belle Trail terminus. Samotis made the motion to authorize the purchase of Parcel #021-A30-000-116-00 for a price not to exceed \$27,000.00. This will include the purchase price and buyer's share of closing costs. Second by Janis
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- E) **Resolution for a Budget Amendment** - Provided for the board was a budget amendment to cover the costs of the purchase of land needed to proceed with a terminus for the bike path. This resolution will cover the purchase costs of the parcel until such time that it can be reimbursed, Ramsdell made the motion to approve Resolution 2020-03 To Amend the 2020 General Fund Budget. Second by Barnes
Unanimous - Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

BOARD COMMENTS: A conference was held on Feb. 27th regarding the erosion situation and was very well attended. The Army Corp of Engineers, Iosco County Emergency Management, EGLE, were in attendance to provide information. The meeting has been put on the AuSable Township Facebook page for those who were unable to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: A citizen that arrived late, also wished to support the recreational marijuana permits and make it available in the township.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Barnes

Second by Samotis

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:44 pm

Submitted By:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor
Charter Township of AuSable