**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE**

Regular Board Meeting

March 5, 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 made an addition of Item H) Public Meeting for Iron Belle Trail on March 18th. under New Business. Moss made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Ramsdell  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items**: None

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

Ramsdell

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

**PRESENTATIONS:**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Sewer Presentation –** Mr. Gary Bartow, from Fleis and Vanderbrink Engineering, gave a summary of the sewer system status between Oscoda and AuSable Township. He presented different options available for AuSable to eventually be independent from the Oscoda waste water treatment. Based on the data received from Oscoda for future charges to AuSable, it was necessary to explore options. Motion was made by Moss to employ Fleis and Vanderbrink to prepare the preliminary engineering report and not to exceed a cost of $20,000.00. Second by Ramsdell  
   Unanimous –Roll Call Vote  
   Motion Carried
2. **Sewer Study –** Superintendent Sutton provided a copy of an engagement letter from Umbaugh & Associates to conduct a sewer study in Oscoda Township pertaining to the sewer lines that are used by AuSable Township. The cost of this study is $4,500.00. At a work study with both boards in attendance, Oscoda Township indicated that AuSable should be responsible for 50% of this expense. Taking into further consideration the previous presentation by Mr. Bartow, the township board came to the consensus to take no action.
3. **Resolution 2019-02 –** This resolution is to amend the approved Economic Development line item  
   from $10,000.00 to $150,000.00. The township was awarded two reimbursable grants. One will be for the Trailhead/Famers Market property (Purchase price - $115,000,00 - Grant - $100,000.00). The second grant will start development of the site for the bike path (trailhead project - $25, 000.00 – Grant - $20,000.00). Barnes made the motion to approve Resolution 2019-02 to Amend General Fund Budget to $150,000.00. Second by Moss  
   Unanimous –Roll Call Vote  
   Motion Carried
4. **Resolution 2019-3 –** This resolution is to amend General Fund Budget in the amount of $4,966.00 over the approved budget. Two security lights are proposed for placement behind the township hall. Ramsdell made the motion to approve Resolution 2019-3 to Amend General Fund Budget in the amount of $4,966.00. Second by Janis  
   Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
   Motion Carried
5. **Trailhead/Farmers Market Committee -**  Superintendent Sutton requested the formation of an advisory committee to assist with implementation/oversight of the new project and to report to the trustees of the progress. Trustee Barnes volunteered to participate on this committee along with Supervisor Beliveau, Clerk Graham, Superintendent Sutton and Stephanie Wentworth, the representative for the Northeastern Regional Famers. Barnes made the motion to form a Trailhead/Farmers Market Committee. Second by Graham  
   Unanimous – Voice Vote  
   Motion Carried
6. **2019 Iron Belle Project Proposal –** Further grant opportunities may be available for the trailhead/market project. A DNR grant application in the amount of $50,000.00 would be helpful and adequate for the site plans and engineering. The application is for a total cost of $50,000.00, grant request of $45,000.00 and a township match of $5,000.00 or 10%. Moss made the motion to approve the 2019 Iron Belle Project grant application dated March 15, 2019 in the amount of $50,000.00 with a commitment of a township match of $5,000.00 or 10%. Second by Ramsdell  
   Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
   Motion Carried
7. **Mill Street Bridge –** It has been observed with the build up of snow and ice, pedestrian traffic is less safe on the bike path attachment of the new bridge. Superintendent Sutton asked permission from the County Road Commission to maintain it for the safety and welfare of the residents using the path. Director Bolen would need us to name the Iosco County Road Commission as additional insured by the township. Motion was made by Moss to add the Iosco County Road Commission as additional insured as well as indemnified as an intergovernmental agreement for the service being performed with the township’s insurance policy. Second by Barnes  
   Unanimous – Roll Call Voice  
   Motion Carried
8. **Public Meeting for Iron Belle Trail** – Clerk Graham informed the board of a public meeting to be held immediately following the regular board meeting on March 18th. Spicer Group will be making a presentation regarding the Iosco Exploration Trail from here to the south end of AuSable township. Janis made a motion to approve the payment of $500.00 for Spicer Group to make a presentation regarding the bike bath. Second by Moss  
   Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
   Motion Carried

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

1. Jeff Moss – RAB Update
2. Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update -   
   Path committee had met with MDOT to update on status of the bike path.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Ramsdell

Second by Janis

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm

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

Susie Olpere Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor

Recording Secretary Charter Township of AuSable