

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

April 5, 2021

"approved"

Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kevin Beliveau at 5:00 pm

ROLL CALL:

Present: Diana London, 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: London made the motion to approve the agenda for April 5, 2021.

Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items: None

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Ramsdell to approve the consent agenda. Second by Barnes

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** - Clerk Graham informed the trustees that the applications for the TAP Grand and the DNR Trust Fund Grand had been submitted on behalf of the township.

B) **Sewer Project** – Superintendent Sutton confirmed the Sewer Extension project went out for construction bids and final approval should be underway after one has been chosen.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) **Resolution 2021-11** – The State mandate allowing virtual meetings to be in compliance with the Open Meetings Act expired on March 30, 2021. With the continued restrictions due to Covid it became apparent that we would need items in place for the health, safety and welfare of the elected officials, staff and residents in AuSable Township. A Local State of Emergency is being put into place to allow us to continue with virtual meetings which in turn allows us to comply with the Open Meetings Act. On March 30, 2021, Supervisor Beliveau declared a Local State of Emergency and that declaration was filed with the local and state emergency managers. Also in December, Iosco County approved a resolution declaring a Local State of Emergency through 2021. It was felt that the redundancy of a Township Local State of Emergency would further protect us. Barnes made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-11. Second by Janis
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

B) Request – Superintendent Sutton received a request from a local Girl Scout group to place bird bird houses behind the bird viewing station at Shoreline Park and along the walking path at Children’s Park. This is a community service project that the Girl Scouts are working on. Motion was made by Barnes to allow the Girl Scouts to place bird houses at Shoreline Park and Finish Line. Second by Ramsdell

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

C) Fishing Tournament – The Masters Walleye Fishing Tournament is on track for July 22nd – 24th, 2021, and per the organizers is doing great. They have 187 boats registered already and are anticipating 220 – 250 by tournament date. On the final day of the tournament, the top 25 boats compete. The organizers are planning their 2022 schedule and would like to return in 2022. Superintendent Sutton asked for consideration and approving the request to hold the Masters Walleye Tournament in 2022 in AuSable Township. Treasurer Samotis inquired about the dates for 2022. The specific dates had not been determined at this time. Samotis made the motion to support the 2022 Masters Walleye Fishing Tournament with final approval pending submission of acceptable dates. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

BOARD COMMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Janis

Second by London

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:19 pm

Submitted By:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor
Charter Township of AuSable