

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

May 3, 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: Supervisor Beliveau added Item D. Capitol Improvement Workshop under New Business. Motion was made by London to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Janis
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 received denial to the application for the \$100,000. grant from the Iron Belle Foundation. It will be resubmitted because of the over abundance of applicants at this time. There has been no reply from the grant from MDOT Tap Grant and we are also waiting from a reply from the Trust Fund from the Dept. of Natural Resources.
- B) **Sewer Project – Bid Opening & Schedule** – Superintendent Sutton briefed the board about the bid opening which occurred last week. There was a representative in attendance from all three bids submitted. All bids were opened and revealed: one bid came in at \$12 Million, the other two were close to \$6 Million each. Our budget is \$5.8 Million for this project and will be negotiated with the lowest bidder. If not, then the 2nd lowest bidder will be contacted for negotiations. As soon as the details are finished, they will be available to the trustees.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Resolution 2021-13** – This resolution is presented for consideration to place the renewal for the fire millage on the August 2021 Primary Election Ballot renewed at 1.4654 (which will mean \$1.4654 per 1,000 of taxable value) for the period of 2021 through 2025 inclusive for Fire Protection and thereby raising an estimated \$147,318.03 in the first year. Further information would be which entity (Fire Fund or Senior Center) would be responsible for paying for the election in August. Currently there are no other proposals scheduled for the August election. Barnes made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-13. Second by Ramsdell
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- B) Resolution 2020-12** – Superintendent Sutton received an inquiry from the Oscoda/AuSable Building Authority requesting both AuSable and Oscoda Townships consider placing a renew for the Senior Center Millage on the August 2021 Primary Election Ballot. This request was for the rate of 0.0981 mills (which will mean \$0.0981 per \$1,000. of taxable value) for the purpose of operating, maintaining, and improving the Senior Center for a period of 2021 through 2025. This millage would not be levied until December 2021. The approximate amount to be raised in the first year for this millage will be \$9,862.08. Motion was made by Barnes to approve Resolution 2021-12. Second by Samotis
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- C) DPW Internet and Phone Service** – Spectrum has notified the township that they are running fiber optic cable down the road from the DPW to another business. They are willing to install high speed internet at the DPW building and landline phone service. The construction costs are \$11,827.30 and Spectrum will pay \$8,000.00 of that cost, leaving a copay amount of \$3,827.38 for AuSable Township. The monthly charge for these two services are \$69.98 for the first year. Currently the DPW has been utilizing a satellite internet service and using cell phones which don't always work inside the building. The Spectrum service will increase online training opportunities and a landline which will be more reliable than the cell phones. London made the motion to execute the agreement with Spectrum Business resulting in the copay of \$3,827.38 to have high speed internet and phone service in the DPW building. Second by Graham
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- D) Capitol Improvement Workshop** – Superintendent Sutton did not receive any new requests for capitol improvement projects. Although she requested a workshop to review the current Capitol Improvement Budget already scheduled and update any changing figures which may need to be realigned in the upcoming years. The trustees agreed to a Capitol Improvement Workshop on May 20th at 4:00 pm via zoom meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Trustee Barnes inquired about the schedule of the staff at the township during this last extension from covid. Superintendent Sutton and Supervisor Beliveau reassured Trustee Barnes that the township was being staffed and the workloads were being met.

Clerk Graham explained that she had not heard anything from EGLE regarding the grant for Tire Clean UP. We will schedule the date once we have confirmation from them that have be awarded the grant.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Morgan Shevett inquired about the sewer project and who would be responsible for any overages that the contractor might realize above the contractors bid. He asked about the renewal millage which would be held in August and possibly in November. His other concern was regarding the agendas and minutes that were posted on the AuSable Township website were not up to date.

Ms. Patricia Alvord asked if the township would like advertising for the Dumpster Days put in the Oscoda Press.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Janis
Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 5:34 pm

Submitted By:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor
Charter Township of AuSable