

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

June 1, 2020

“approved”

Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kevin Beliveau at 5:11 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: Items added to the agenda under New Business: C) Fireworks, D)

Resolution 2020-04 Consumers Energy.

Motion to approve amended agenda for June 1, 2020 was made by Moss. Second by Janis

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items: Patricia Alvord, report from Oscoda Press, asked if anyone had heard anything regarding a protest on Furtaw Field. None of the board had any information.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Moss made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS:

A) Treasurer –

B) Clerk – Accounts Payable were available to the trustees at the township hall for pick up.

C) Superintendent – Superintendent’s Report

PUBLIC HEARING: None

OLD BUSINESS:

A) Jeff Moss – RAB Update

There was an article printed from the Detroit Free Press regarding the contamination of wildlife at Clark’s Marsh. He wondered how that would affect the hunting and fishing because of the information given by the DNR.

B) Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update

A Iosco Exploration Trail meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 4th at 2:00 and will be done virtually.

C) Road Project - No Update

D) Sewer Project - Superintendent Sutton was please to inform the board that the SHPO was cleared and now were waiting for a decision from the USDA.

- E) **Water Project** - No Update
- F) **Trailhead Market Place** - No Update

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) **5G Presentation** – Mr. Mike Watza of KITCH Attorneys & Counselors gave a presentation to the trustees regarding regulations of cell towers and other wireless facilities which will be coming to our communities in the near future. He also gave a picture preview of cell towers and what they may look like and how their appearance may change as the communication industry expands. Mr. Watza suggested items which may be useful when composing a zoning ordinance to help regulate these small cells. He also explained the possible loss of revenue for the communities if the current legislation is not challenged.
- B) **Newsletter** – Superintendent Sutton provided a copy of the Summer Newsletter to be distributed along with property tax statements July 1st. A few adjustments were made and the Town-Wide Yard Sale was moved to August 7th thru the 9th. Janis made the motion to approve the 2020 Summer Newsletter as amended. Second by Graham
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried
- C) **Fireworks** – Oscoda Township contacted Superintendent Sutton to get the opinion from the AuSable Township board on their feeling regarding having a firework display for the 4th of July. The consensus from the board was they did not feel it was prudent to go forward with the display, but would reconsider if it was postponed to a later date.
- D) **Resolution 2020-04** – Clerk Graham revisited a previous conversation regarding a streetlight which had been requested on Mill St. Consumers agreed to put in a light for \$100.00 added to the inventory list agreed upon with the Township. Consumers also requested a resolution from the board before proceeding with the work.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Trustee Moss asked if it would be prudent for the township to investigate a fiber network for the area? After further discussion among board members, Supervisor Beliveau asked Superintendent Sutton to get more information from Mr. Watza and decide if it was worth continuing the subject.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Patricia Alvord asked about the Response and Preparedness Plan discussed at the last meeting and when the township hall may be open to the public? Supervisor Beliveau informed her that we were planning to open Thursday, June 4th.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Samotis
Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

Submitted By:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor
Charter Township of AuSable