

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

June 6, 2022

“approved”

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

## **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Yvette Ramsdell, Kelly Graham, Kevin Beliveau, Mary Jo Samotis,  
Alanda Barnes, Gina Cinquino

Absent: Diana London

Staff Present: Eric Strayer, Superintendent, Susie Olpere, Recording Secretary

Press Coverage: Manuela Kress

Pledge of Allegiance recited

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion was made by Ramsdell for the June 6, 2022 agenda.

Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items:** None

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Ramsdell made the motion to approve the consent agenda.

Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

A) **Treasurer** –

B) **Clerk** – Accounts Payable, Revenue & Expenditure report, Balance Sheet

C) **Superintendent** – Superintendent’s Report

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

A) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update** – Nothing to report at this date

B) **Sewer Project** – Superintendent Strayer reported that work was being done at the Huron lift station and the work at the Lake St. life station has been completed. There are inspections to be done on Phase II to get to operational status. According to Mr. Gary Bartow, completion date is estimated to be August 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

A) **Iosco County Operating Millage Presentation by Jamie Soboleski** – Mrs. Soboleski, (Iosco County Controller/Financial Director) started by introducing Mr. Scott Frank, (County Sheriff), James Bacarella (Prosecuting Attorney) and Mr. Mike Eller, (Director of Emergency Services). An Iosco County Operating Millage Fact sheet was provided to the board. Each representative was in attendance to describe the current status of their departments and why this millage was so important. They were particularly concerned about the county job positions that were still vacant due to lower wages offered by Iosco County compared to similar surrounding areas. Prosecuting Attorney Bacarella cited a very heavy trial load, which would likely exceed his trial budget. The millage request will be on the Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot.

- B) Ordinance #128** – This ordinance, if approved, would allow Pet Services Facilities as a special use in zone R-N (Residential/Natural Resource & C-2 General Business). It also sets the performance standard for such facilities. Samotis made the motion to implement Ordinance #128 of 2022. Second by Barnes  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried
- C) Ordinance #129** – The purpose of this ordinance is to designate Iosco County to discharge the responsibility of the Charter Township of AuSable regarding flood plain management, & to designate regulated flood hazard areas. Barnes made the motion to adopt Ordinance #129. Second by Cinquino  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried
- D) Snowmobile/ORV Trail Agreement** – Annually we are asked to renew the Snowmobile Agreement with the Iosco County Parks & Recreation. The letter remains the same as previous agreements except for the dates. Motion made by Graham to authorize the Superintendent to execute the Snowmobile Agreement letter for Iosco County Parks & Recreation. Second by Samotis  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried
- E) Resolution 2022-07** – Superintendent Strayer explained that with the rise of inflation and to help retain our hourly employees he proposed a \$2.00 increase in wages for the Township hourly employees. This raise is based on a 40 hour week for 6 employees and will result in an increase to the township of \$24,960.00 for a 52 week per year. Barnes made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-07 To Establish Compensation Rates for 2022. Second by Cinquino  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried
- F) DTE Gas Service for DPW** – DTE has offered to extend the gas main to the DPW building at 4280 Lamrock Way for approximately \$5,500.00. They are also in the process of contacting other businesses in that area to see if they are interested in connecting to natural gas, which may alter the estimated according to the results they get from the others. Motion was made by Barnes to authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$5,500.00 for the installation of natural gas to service the DPW. Second by Ramsdell  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried
- G) HSRUA Water Quality Report** – Included in this meeting's packet is a report on water quality for our Township. This information was sent to the Oscoda Press, and is also published on our website. Copies may be requested at the Township Hall if anyone would like to review it.  
No action needed by the board
- H) Summer Newsletter** – Superintendent Strayer requested the boards approval to be included with the Summer property tax statements being mailed to residents in July. Clerk Graham suggested adding information for residents to replace their signs from the sewer project, but they may want to wait until she receives the new survey for the bike path. Information will be added to the newsletter. Motion was made by Graham to approve the summer newsletter with the addition of information on the bike path. Second by Ramsdell  
Unanimous – Voice Vote  
Motion Carried
- I) Water Main Extension AuSable Point to Gowen Rd.** – This project was scheduled on the Capital Improvement Plan this year for \$159,000.00, which was done in 2020. Superintendent Strayer requested an updated quote and the estimate came out at \$246,520.00. Cinquino made a motion to proceed with the project for this year. Second by Ramsdell  
Unanimous - Roll Call Vote  
Yea – Barnes, Cinquino, Ramsdell, Graham, Beliveau  
Nay – Mary Jo Samotis  
Motion Carried

- J) ARPA Plan Discussion** – Superintendent Strayer requests discussion on the best process to make decision on the ARPA fund usage. The trustees came to agreement that the board would have a special work session.  
No further action needed
- K) Industrial Park Signing** – Omega Signing out of Alpena was contacted to draw up a proposal to replace two signs that a currently at both ends of the Industrial Park. The signs would be aluminum with wood uprights. Cost of the signing would come out of the Industrial Fund which has a balance of over \$13,000.00. Clerk Graham requested a picture of a sign that has been erected which would be similar to the one Omega has quoted for this job.
- L) Resolution 2022-06** – This resolution is a budget amendment which adds \$56,150.00 to our Economic Development Fund in 2022 budget. This amount was agreed upon by the Board as a payment to APM Mosquito Control for the 2022 season and to be paid out of General Fund. Ramsdell made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-06 General Fund Budget. Second by Samotis  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried
- M) Grand Marshall for AuSable Township Fourth of July Parade** - The Chamber of Commerce has requested a candidate for the Fourth of July Parade. The board members were asked to come up with suggestions for this nomination by next meeting.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** Superintendent Strayer reminded the trustees of the Hazard Mitigation Survey which is available on our website or a copy can be found here at the township hall.

Supervisor Beliveau inquired about the number of property owners that have returned an Opt Out Form for the Mosquito Control Program. To date there has been approximately 25 forms returned.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Cinquino  
Second by Graham  
Unanimous – Voice Vote  
Motion Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm

Submitted By:  
Susie Olpere  
Recording Secretary

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Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor  
Charter Township of AuSable