

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

June 15, 2020

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Virtual/Person to Person Meeting

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kevin Beliveau at 5:03 pm

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jeffrey Moss, Yvette Ramsdell, Kelly Graham, Kevin Beliveau, Mary Jo Samotis, Alanda Barnes,
Ron Janis by Zoom

Staff Present: Leisa Sutton, Superintendent, Susie Olpere, Recording Secretary

Press Coverage: Patricia Alvord

Pledge of Allegiance recited

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Supervisor Beliveau added to the following items to New Business:

F) CIP Schedule and G) Fishing Tournament. Ramsdell made the motion to approve the amended agenda for June 15, 2020. Second by Moss

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items: None

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

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS:

- A) Treasurer –
- B) Clerk – Accounts Payable
- C) Superintendent – Superintendent’s Report

PUBLIC HEARING: None

OLD BUSINESS:

A) Jeff Moss – RAB Update

Senators Peters and Kildee have raised attention in Congress regarding the \$13.5 million allocated to the Air Force with the concern of how it was going to be spent. Recently the Air Force had a press release stating they would be doing some clean-up at Wurtsmith Air Base. Trustee Moss dropped off a copy of an article which has been printed by the Detroit Free Press claiming the DNR was reporting on the contamination of wildlife at Clark’s Marsh, which concerned Trustee Moss and the effects it would have on hunting and fishing in the area.

B) Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update -

Clerk Graham has submitted the paperwork to be reimbursed for the purchase of property at the south end of the township. This is part of the grant requirement for the township.

C) Road Project – No Update

- D) **Sewer Project** – No Update
- E) **Water Project** - No Update
- F) **Trailhead Market Place** – Trustee Samotis informed the board that the bill for engineering and design had just been paid (which will be mostly repaid by grant money) but will be put on hold until the budget stabilizes from the shutdown. She would suggest that structure be reevaluated before moving forward with the project. Supervisor Beliveau and Trustee Moss agreed that it would be a good idea to take a second look.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) **Allocation Changes** - Staff, services and equipment are often split between funds in order to properly attribute the costs to the appropriate fund expenses. A copy of the recommended allocation changes made by the Treasurer and Clerk was included in the meeting packet for board review. The changes will be a better representation of how the duties are split and to preserve the proper fund balance. Motion was made by Ramsdell to approve the new wage allocations as recommended. Second by Moss
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- B) **Retired Police Vehicles** – Superintendent Sutton supplied a copy of the letter to Oscoda township regarding the purchase of one of their retiring police vehicles. This correspondence declines the offer to purchase a vehicle at this time but asks Oscoda Township to defer this option to a future date. Motion was made by Barnes to send the letter to Oscoda Township declining the purchase of a retiring police vehicle. Second by Moss
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried
- C) **Fireworks** – On June 8th, the Oscoda Township board discussed the annual 4th of July fireworks show. They would like to clarify if AuSable would still contribute to the cost of the fireworks if they decide to host the show. Beliveau made a motion to let Oscoda know that we would contribute our percentage as long as it doesn't conflict with any specific executive order to the contrary. Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- D) **Medical Marijuana Facilities** – In March 2018, the Board of Trustees approved the Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Medical Marijuana allowable district locations according to the type of medical marijuana and the quantity of each type of facility being permitted. It was the decision of the board to revisit this topic annually for discussion of possible adjustment of the allowed facilities within Township boundaries. The recommendation from the board was no changes will be made to the numbers which have already been established.
- E) **Snowmobile/ORV Trail Operating Agreement** - Annually we provide Iosco County with a signed Snowmobile/ORV Trail Operating Agreement. A copy was provided for the board's review. Nothing has been changed except the dates to bring the agreement current. Moss made the motion to approve the trail agreement with Iosco County.
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried
- F) **CIP Schedule** – Superintendent Sutton requested a time to schedule a work session for the Capital Improvement Plan. The date chosen is July 7th at 4:00 pm.
- G) **Fishing Tournament** – Trustee Moss shared that Bass Pro and Cabella's have put Oscoda on their Walleye Tournament Circuit. This will be held July 17th & 18th and have approximately 80 boats participating. The tournament spans from Harrisville down to AuGres, with launch and weigh in being held at the AuSable DNR boat ramp.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Superintendent Sutton updated trustees regarding an update they will be receiving on the monthly water and sewer usage. These reports are generated to see spikes in usage and alert us to potential issues. She also added that letters have been sent to remind sewer customers that it is illegal to hook up their pumps to the sewer line to rid their property of excess water. The DPW employees located situations that added to the percentage of loss. Unfortunately, there's no way to distinguish the large amount of rainwater we recently experienced for treatment by Oscoda Township's system. We have asked if we could be charged in the same manner as the residents of their township. We have not received a reply as of this date.

Trustee Ramsdell inquired about the date of observance for the 4th of July since it falls on a Saturday. Superintendent Sutton said the township would be closed on Friday, July 3rd, and that it would not interfere with the board meeting on July 6th.

Trustee Janis asked for more information and a possible timeline for the sewer project to start. Supervisor Beliveau replied that at this point we are waiting for the terms of financing to be received from the USDA.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Janis
Second by Ramsdell
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm

Submitted By:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor
Charter Township of AuSable