

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

June 21, 2022

“approved”

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Diana London, Kelly Graham, Kevin Beliveau, Mary Jo Samotis,
Gina Cinquino

Absent: Alanda Barnes Later Arrival: Yvette Ramsdell

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

Press Coverage: Manuela Kress

Pledge of Allegiance recited

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Graham for the June 21, 2022 agenda.

Second by Samotis

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items: None

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

Second by Samotis

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS:

A) **Treasurer** – Bank Balance Report

B) **Clerk** – Accounts Payable

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

OLD BUSINESS:

A) Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update -

Joe Wright, from Spicer Group, informed Clerk Graham that they have begun the redesign of the trail. They’ll be working on the redesign through late August – mid September. They expect the remainder of the sewer project will be done and will allow them to survey the second half of the redesign. Some of the delay was due to a permit that needed to be submitted to EGLE for wetlands.

B) Sewer Project –

Superintendent Strayer relayed the progress of the project which included the completion of the mechanical part of Huron Street lift station and are working on fixing the grounds surrounding the station and will pour concrete in that area. The rest of the project continues laying lines to work their way south.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) **Audit Presentation** – Ms. Chelsea McConnell, Audit Manager from Strayley Lamp & Kraenzlein, presented the board with the 2021 Annual Independent Report for the township. Ms. McConnell explained a change in the scope of the audit process due to a single audit which was required in addition to the regular audit. The Single audit was required when you expense \$750,000.00 or more of federal funds which pertained to the sewer project. She reviewed the Opinion report

which showed the township was issued an “unmodified opinion” which is the best type of opinion you can receive. It means the auditors do believe the financial statements are presented fairly in

all material respects. She continued to explain other portions of the audit which needed to be covered for the trustees and thanked the staff for their cooperation.

- B) Letter of Intent** – Presented for the board’s consideration was a letter from Terry Birkenbach of 415 Sycamore St., who wished to purchase Lot 3 & 4 of Block 29 Whittemore’s Addition to the Village of AuSable, for the sum of \$500.00. Supervisor Beliveau was not willing to accept the terms of the letter and made a couple of suggestions to modify the agreement. No action was needed from the board.
- C) Pay Application #12** - The trustees were presented invoices from Fleis & Vandenbrink in the amounts of (\$5,105.50, \$8,207.52, \$23,791.99, & \$28,268.41) and Elmer’s (\$893,871.45). The grand total for the application came to \$959,244.87. Ramsdell made the motion that we authorize the Clerk to pay Application #12 in the amount of \$959,244.87. Second by Graham
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- D) Omega Signs - (Industrial Park)** – Based on an email with Omega signs regarding examples of their work. Further options were discussed and will be explored to bring back to the board for discussion.
- E) Gas Service to the DPW** – Superintendent Strayer was informed by DTE that due to the lack of interest from the residents along Lamrock Way, that the cost of the gas services has increased \$12,000.00. The trustees had already approved a \$5,500. but decided not to take any further action.
- F) Budget Resolution 2022-08** – This resolution adds \$1,000.00 to the Dues/Publications/Fees in the budget. This increase is due to both the Chamber of Commerce and Michigan Township Association membership fees. Graham made the motion to change the budget from \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00 for Dues/Publications/Fees. Second by Samotis
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

BOARD COMMENTS: Trustee London said she had received a complaint regarding the poor condition at the Aspen. Superintendent Strayer explained that there is a legal procedure that has to be followed and we are in the process right now.

Superintendent Strayer informed the board of the installation of a second memorial bench, bike racks and a dog waste station that had been added to Shoreline Park.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Ramsdell
Second by Samotis
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried
Meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm

Submitted By:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor
Charter Township of AuSable