

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

July 6, 2020

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Virtual Attendance Available for this Meeting

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kevin Beliveau at 5:00 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:** Janis made the motion to approve the agenda for July 4, 2020.

Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items:** None

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

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

A) Treasurer –

B) Clerk – Accounts Payable – report is available to trustees in their wall file.

C) Superintendent – Superintendent’s Report

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**A) Jeff Moss – RAB Update**

The RAB is meeting on July 22<sup>nd</sup> by video conference at 5:00 pm

**B) Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update -**

Clerk Graham informed the board that we have received our reimbursement check for the property that was purchased for a trailhead. Next step is to apply for the TAP Grant from MDOT. That process has been slowed because of the State freeze on funds due to the Covid – 19 pandemic.

**C) Road Project – No Update**

**D) Sewer Projects –** Fleis and Vanderbrink have submitted the application to the National Office of USDA to extend the sewer system in AuSable Township. They also recommended that AuSable would qualify for a 75% loan. Superintendent Sutton said no one has given her a date for response.

**E) Water Project - No Update**

**F) Trailhead Market Place - No Update**

Supervisor Beliveau wanted to add his appreciation for the mowing and clean-up that has been done on the vacant lot.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A) Audit Presentation** – Mr. Don Brannan, CPA from Stephenson & Company, PC, present the 2019 Annual Independent Report. Mr. Brannan explained this format has remained the same for approximately the last 5 years. The report will cover General Fund, Water and Sewer and comments on Police and Fire Funds. He informed the board that the township received a “non-qualified” opinion, which is best report we could receive. The report has already been sent in to the state for their review.

**B) Employee Health Benefits** – A copy of the expected changes to the BCS Health coverage for employees was submitted in the board packet. The current plan is due to expire on Sept. 1, 2020. Three options were suggested:

1. A straight up renewal will result in a 5.07% increase in cost.
2. Option 1 increases the deductible from \$500 to \$1000 per person with an increase in cost of 2.75% with a 1/3 reduction to the employees in co-insurance.
3. Option 2 which increases the employee deductible from \$500 to \$1500, reduces the coinsurance significantly as well as a decrease in the annual out of pocket cost, copays and prescription drugs would see an increase from the current plan of 5.69%
4. The optical and dental renewal plans have a reduced in cost.

Another quote was sought by the superintendent and it turned out to be a higher price in comparison with our current plan. Ramsdell made the motion to approve Option # 1 of Security First Benefits Corp for employee medical insurance. Second by Barnes  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Superintendent Sutton reminded the board of the Capital Improvement Meeting being held tomorrow at 4:00 pm

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Scott Frank introduced himself as a Republican Candidate for Iosco County Sheriff. He reviewed his educational qualifications and familiarized the board of his job experiences.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Janis  
Second by Barnes  
Unanimous – Voice Vote  
Motion Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm

Submitted By:  
Susie Olpere  
Recording Secretary

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Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor  
Charter Township of AuSable