

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

July 18, 2022

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## **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

## **ROLL CALL:**

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

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

Press Coverage: Manuela Kress

Pledge of Allegiance recited

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Superintendent Strayer requested the addition of Item I and Item J, Resolutions 2022-9 and 2022-10 under New Business, which are both budget amendments. Motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Ramsdell. Second was made by Samotis  
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 and Expenditures, Balance Sheet

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

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

A) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update** - No update

B) **Sewer Project** – Superintendent Strayer informed the board of a meeting held today with Elmers and F&V. They are continuing work on the lift stations. They are coating the wet wells for Pump 1 & 2, Huron St. & Lake St. lift stations are up and running. Consumers Energy must do some work & add another transformer to handle the electrical load. Elmer’s is still on track for finishing construction in the middle of August.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

A) **Senior Center Board Presentation** – Members of the Senior Center Board would like to present an update on the status of the Senior Center and request the board approval for a lease renewal in September of 2022. President Linda Hock and Secretary Janice Wilbur summarized the numerous benefits the Senior Center provides for the community including: educational opportunities, social activities, holiday celebrations, food delivery programs and a place for group meeting and more. They are requesting a renewal of their lease as of September.  
No action was needed at this time.

- B) Park Reservation for McCuaig Park** – Superintendent Strayer received a permit application from Rick Eberhardt to host a Corn Hole Tournament at McCuaig Park in July 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. The tournament is being held to raise money for Cancer Patients. Barnes made a motion to approve the permit and to waive \$200.00 park fee.  
Second by London  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried
- C) CIP 2023 – 2028** – Superintendent Strayer provided a copy of the Capital Improvement Plan for 2023 thru 2028. The board has made the decision on the use of ARPA Funds received by the township in the amount of \$207,655.30. An amount of \$107,588.75 will pay for our portion of road repairs in 2023. The balance of \$100,066.55 will help with the Township’s obligations regarding the losco Exploration Trail. Motion was made by Barnes to approve the Capital Improvement Plan for 2023- 2028.  
Second by Ramsdell  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried
- D) Donation Request from losco County Fair** - Provided in the packet is correspondence from losco County Agricultural Society requesting a donation from AuSable Township. Supervisor Beliveau responded that the township is not allowed to make donations & maybe we would be able to help in some other way. No action was taken at this time.
- E) Request for Pay Increase for Seasonal Workers** – Currently with Resolution 2022-07 passed by the board, our seasonal worker rate was raised to \$15.37 an hour. It is requested to increase the rate by 63 cents to make it \$16.00 per hour. This will make it competitive for our area. Barnes made the motion to approve \$16.00 per hour for the seasonal workers’ effective pay of July 24, 2022.  
Second by Ramsdell  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried
- F) Health Care Insurance Renewal** – A copy of Health Care rates for the upcoming year was provided to the trustees for review. The rates for Vision increases 40 cents a month, and Dental increases \$36.18 a month. If the Township continues with the same coverage, our insurance would go up \$12,981.00 per year. Other alternatives were also provided for the boards review. Motion by London to renew the Health Care Insurance.  
Second by Ramsdell  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried
- G) Payment Application #13** - Pay Application #13 is a bill for Elmer’s Contracting for \$678,341.85. This bill is a part of the ongoing US 23 Sewer Project. If approved, the Clerk will initiate reimbursement from the USDA and issue payment. Motion made by Ramsdell to approve the Payment Application #13 in the amount of \$678,341.85.  
Second by Graham  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried
- H) Letter of Intent** – Terry Birkenback revamped a letter of intent to request the trustees to accept an offer on Lots 3 & 4, Block 29, Whittemore Addition to the Villages of AuSable. Mr. Birkenback is offering \$500.00 for both lots and covering all costs of the property transfer as a Quit Claim deed. Cinquino made the motion to accept the offer of \$500.00 for both lots, and with Mr. Birkenback covering all costs of the property transfer.  
Second by Samotis  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried

- I) **Resolution 2022-09** - This resolution adds the \$74,000.00 expense for Spicer to do the reengineering of the bike path, to the Contract Services Recreation Account. Ramsdell made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-09 To Amend the 2022 Budget.  
Second by Cinquino  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried
- J) **Resolution 2022-10** - This resolution transfers the \$74,000.00 from the General Fund to revenues in the budget under Budgeted Use of Fund Balance to account for the increase expense for the reengineering of the bike path. Motion was made by Ramsdell to approve Resolution 2022-10 To Amend the 2022 Budget.  
Second by London  
Unanimous – Roll Call Bote  
Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Linda Hock** asked the township if they would remove some trees from the walk path at the Senior Center for fear of someone getting hurt. Superintendent Strayer said he would have the DPW take care of it.

**Dennis Roy** had concerns over the \*Aspen Motel regarding the blight and health issues that have developed over the summer months. He suggested the board review the blight ordinance to see if this problem could be avoided in the future. \*He also included the furnishing which have been put out on the river side of the old Charboneau's property as it pertains to a blight issue. \*Mr. Roy asked if taxpayer's money supports cell phone towers for cell phone services.

**Barbara Pielack** is concerned about the residents who are required to hook up to the sewer line, and may not be able to afford, but have a working septic system. Superintendent Strayer asked for those who need assistance to leave their contact information with him. He has contacted Rep. Stamas for more information on low interest loans.

**Greg Wenn** asked board when the sewer project would be finished and when payment for hook up would begin.

**Lisa Wenn** inquired about an extension because of contractor pricing at this busy time.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Ramsdell

Second by Barnes

Unanimous –

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm

Submitted By:  
Susie Olpere  
Recording Secretary

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Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor  
Charter Township of AuSable