

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

Aug. 3, 2020

“approved”

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kevin Beliveau at 5:04 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: Moss made the motion to approve the agenda for Aug. 3, 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

Moss

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS:

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

PUBLIC HEARING: None

OLD BUSINESS:

A) Jeff Moss – RAB Update -

A virtual town hall meeting was held last Tuesday night by the State of Michigan. They gave a presentation on water flow and contamination. Wednesday was presentation to the Air Force explaining where the next phase of the remedial investigation was going to go and how they were going to start investigating Clark’s Marsh and Van Ettan Lake. A \$13.5 Million budget was allocated by Congress and \$5.5 Million of it was going for remedial clean-up of Van Ettan Lake and Clark’s Marsh. In October the Air Force will give a timeline of when clean-up will begin.

B) Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update -

Still waiting for help from NEMCOG to apply for the TAP Grant, which has been delayed to the shut down by the State.

C) Road Projects – All three of the road projects are close to being completed. Third St. and Industrial Park have been graveled. Cameron is next for gravel.

- D) **Sewer Project** - The project had been submitted to the USDA and Superintendent Sutton received notification today that they have made the township an offer. The information has been printed and added to the packet for review.
- E) **Water Project** – No Update
- F) **Trailhead Market Place** – No Update

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) **Proposal To Purchase** – An offer to purchase township Lots 18 & 19 of Supervisor's Plan of Chevalier Heights was received in the amount of \$500.00. According to the township Assessor, she estimates the land value of \$7,027.00 for both lots and sees no obstacles for the sale. Barnes made the motion to allow Mr. Andy Griffin to purchase Parcel #021-C10-000-018-00 (which includes both lots) in the amount of \$500.00 and added to the tax roll. Second by Janis
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- B) **Resolution 2020-04 (06)** – This amendment represents an increase of \$6,000.00 over the approved budget for Building and Grounds line item for the cost of the Iosco County Equalization that was approved in CIP for 2018. Moss made the motion to approve Resolution 2020-04 (06) To Amend and increase to \$8,000.00. Second by Ramsdell
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- C) **Resolution 2020-05** -This amendment represents an increase of \$250.00 over the approved budget item due to the reconfiguration of health insurance allocation of the administrative assistant position. Motion made by Ramsdell to approve Resolution 2020-05 To Amend the 2020 General Fund Budget with correct verbiage.
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- D) **The Walleye Federation** – Superintendent Sutton received correspondence from Jeff Kelm, the Field Event Coordinator from the Walleye Tournament that was held at the mouth of the AuSable River, expressing their satisfaction with the site and the cordial treatment they experienced while they were here. They are now in the process of applications to hold the 2021 Bass Pro Shops/Cabela's National Team Championship here in AuSable Township. It will be a contest of approximately 200 boats from all over the country. The board consensus was to redefine the agreement and to extend full support of the tournament.
- E) **Sewer/Water Accountability** – As requested, the June 2020 Sewer & Water Report. In June, the percentage of unaccounted in the sewer dropped to 12%. An outstanding report after the May report of 64%. This is largely accounted to no catastrophic rain events and the attention of the DPW to seal all of the manholes believed to have taken on water during that catastrophic rain event. Oscoda Township Board did agree to provide a onetime discount which was credited to our sewer treatment account for that event. The credited amount saved the sewer fund \$4,924.92.
- F) **CIP Meeting** – Superintendent Sutton asked to hold a second CIP meeting to address the upcoming water projects and to tie up any loose ends. The meeting will be held Tuesday, Aug. 11th, at 4:00pm
- G) **Dumpster Days** – We have been using the backhoe during the operation of Dumpster Days has allowed us to compact more items into the dumpster in a more efficient manner. We have two people working Dumpster Days, one backhoe operator and one assistant checking permits and such. Prior to the backhoe, both positions were paid the same amount. However, operating a backhoe is a special skill set and I am proposing a different pay rate. Dumpster Days is now occurring two times a year. Barnes made the motion to approve pay for the Dumpster Day backhoe operator \$125.00 per date. Second by Janis
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

H) Adult Marihuana Use -

The marihuana committee met on Tuesday July 28th to discuss Adult Marihuana Use. This committee was comprised of a Planning Commission member, a Zoning Board of Appeal member and a Board Trustee. The result of that meeting was a concurrence to present to the Board of Trustees the recommendation of the following.

The reduction of medical marihuana facilities:

1. Medical Marihuana Grower from 3 to 2
2. Medical Marihuana Processor from 3 to 2
3. Medical Marihuana Secure Transporter from 3 to 2
4. Medical Marihuana Safety Compliance Facility from 3 to 2
5. Provisioning Center remaining at 1

The addition of Adult Use (Recreational) marihuana facilities:

1. Adult Use Grower - 1
2. Adult Use Processor - 1
3. Adult Use Secure Transporter - 1
4. Adult Use Safety Compliance Facility - 1
5. Marihuana Retailer – 1

The Trustees agreed to have Superintendent Sutton proceed with the process of allowing Adult Marihuana Use in AuSable Township. That way the residents of the community may voice their opinions on this matter before it is enacted during a Public Hearing.

- I) Place Holder – Amendment to Ordinance #113 –** Ordinance #113 is the ordinance which pertains to Medical Marihuana in the township. This new copy will show changes for Adult Use Marihuana as it will also be included in the Medical Marihuana ordinance. This is an introduction to the ordinance for the board’s review and no action will be taken. It will also be revisited at the next scheduled board meeting.

J) USDA – Sewer Project –

- a) Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions –** USDA made an offer to the township for the extension of sewer lines going south on US 23. The offer is 75% Grant and the balance would be a loan from the USDA. Superintendent Sutton requested authorization to execute this document, which indicated there would be a \$4.7 Million grant, plus a \$1.5 Million loan to complete the sewer extension. This is to reserve the funds and not commit the township at this point. Ramsdell made the motion to authorize Superintendent Sutton to execute the Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions. Second by Graham
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- b) Request for Obligation of Funds –** This agreement secures the amount of the loan which the township will be seeking (\$1,589,000.00) at the rate of 1.125% over a 40 year term and the amount of the grant (\$4,670,000.00) from USDA. Motion was made by Ramsdell to authorize Superintendent Sutton to execute the Request for Obligation of Funds and Certification Approval. Second by Graham
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- c) Letter of Conditions –** This letter establishes condition which must be understood and agreed to by the township before further consideration may be given to the application. The loan and grant will be administered on behalf of the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) by the State and Area Staff of USDA, Rural Development. There were corrections to be made to this document and then would be emailed back to Superintendent Sutton. Ramsdell made the motion to execute the amended Letter of Conditions. Second by Graham
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

- K) Letter of Engagement – Financial Advisor –** Bendzinski & Co. Municipal Finance Advisors is looking to work with the AuSable Township on the proposed Revenue Bonds. The letter sent to the Superintendent describes the services their company will provide in relation to the issuance of bonds through the Rural Development Program of the United States Department of Agriculture and confirm the terms of engagement. Motion made by Ramsdell to execute the Letter of Engagement for the Financial Advisor. Second by Graham
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- L) Letter of Engagement – Bond Attorney –** Miller Canfield sent a letter regarding the opportunity to act as bond counsel in connection with the proposed issuance of revenue bonds to finance the cost of the Township’s sewer system project. Ramsdell made the motion to execute the Letter of Engagement for the Bond Attorney. Second by Janis
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- M) Request to Place Bench -** Mr. Brian Seeholzer wrote a letter to the board for permission to put a memorial bench at Shoreline Park for his wife Linda Witalec Seeholzer. Supervisor Belliveau suggested the board pick options of benches to set a standard for the park instead of putting in a variety of styles. Moss made the motion to allow said party to put a memorial bench at the park. Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried

BOARD COMMENTS:

Trustee Janis asked about the start date for the Sewer Project. Supervisor Beliveau thought they were on track for this fall. If all requirements are met in a smooth manner.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Janis
Second by Samotis
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm

Submitted By:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor
Charter Township of AuSable