**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE**

Regular Board Meeting

August 5, 2019

“approved”

**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:** Motion was made by Janis to approve agenda for Aug. 5, 2019. Second by Ramsdell

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items**: None

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

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Treasurer – Bank Fund Balance Report
2. Clerk – Accounts Payable, Rev. & Exp., Balance Sheet
3. Superintendent – Superintendent’s Report

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Jeff Moss – RAB Update**
2. **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update -**  Clerk Graham informed board that she had not received the bids from Phase 1 – Mill Street which were expected the first Friday in August. An Iron Belle meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 1:00 with representatives from NEMCOG and MDOT. They will be taking a tour of the proposed route and receiving an update on activities regarding the bike path.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Budget Work Session –** Superintendent Sutton reminded the board of the scheduled session on Sept. 12th & 26th at 4:00 pm. She requested an additional meeting for the 22nd of August at 4:00 pm due to the number of items to be addressed. It was the consensus of the board to go ahead and add the third work session.
2. **Health Insurance –** The Township health insurance renewal is the first of September. The trustees were provided one renewal option and two alternative plans to consider. After review of the plans presented and keep up the level of coverage, the current plan renewal was favored. Moss made the motion to approve the renewal of the current plan. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried

1. **ZBA Letters of Interest -** Superintendent Sutton provided two letters of interest regarding the vacancy on the ZBA. Motion was made by Moss to nominate Gina Cinquino for the vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Second by Barnes  
   Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
   Motion Carried
2. **Trailhead Market Place Update –** The Trailhead Market Place committee met on July 31st with B& B Construction to examine the preliminary engineering. This drawing was presented for a starting point which will need some updates. The site will include a bicycle repair station, public restrooms, a building with 4 garage style doors, canopied walkways and separate bicycle and automotive access. The final cost estimate is being compiled and will be presented at a future date. No further action was needed.
3. **Mill Street Bridge Agreement –** After the reconstruction of Mill Street Bridge, it became apparent that the non-motorized portion seriously restricted pedestrian traffic due to numerous inches of snow. The County Road Commission informed the township that they do not have the equipment to clear the bike path portion. We requested permission to allow our DPW to maintain that particular section of the bridge. The Road Commission submitted an agreement and is ready for Township consideration. Trustees had questions over the verbiage regarding the maintenance of the walkway. Supervisor Beliveau asked for the agreement to be changed and clarify our maintenance responsibility to be snow removal only and to add an opt-out clause.
4. **Handicap Fishing Site -** Approximately 4 years ago, the township investigated opportunities to update/improve the handicap fishing site at the end of Farnsworth St. It was discovered the site belonged to the Iosco County Road Commission. Earlier this year, Superintendent Sutton contacted the Road Commission with concerns over the safety of the walkway. It has become a concern due to the high-water level and may be a danger to use. Supervisor Beliveau suggested postponing taking ownership of the walkway because of the condition, the liability, and the cost of repair.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** Treasurer Samotis encouraged the board members to visit the new Vietnam Memorial at the Veterans Park. It is a beautiful tribute to the veterans.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** A resident requested more information on the public meeting of July 10th regarding the Iron Belle Trail. Superintendent Sutton suggested coming in and talking to Clerk Graham to get answers to her questions.

Mr. McClaren asked if employees of the township paid any of the premiums for health insurance. Supervisor Beliveau said it was all paid by the township.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Janis

Second by Graham

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Susie Olpere Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor

Recording Secretary Charter Township of AuSable