

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

August 17, 2020

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## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kevin Beliveau at 5:06 pm

## **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Yvette Ramsdell, Kelly Graham, Kevin Beliveau, Mary Jo Samotis, Alanda Barnes, Ron Janis

Absent: Jeff Moss

Staff Present: Leisa Sutton, Superintendent, Susie Olpere, Recording Secretary

Press Coverage: Patricia Alvord

Pledge of Allegiance recited

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Supervisor Beliveau made a couple changes - under New Business, Item E) Introduction of Ord. 42 Amendment (nothing to discuss at this time) will be changed to Item E) Letter to Residents on US 23 Effected by Sewer Line Extension. Ramsdell made the motion to approve the amended agenda for Aug. 17, 2020. Second by Samotis

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items:** None

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Motion made by Ramsdell to approve the Consent Agenda.

Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

- A) Treasurer –
- B) Clerk – Accounts Payment Reports for last two meetings
- C) Superintendent – Superintendent’s Report

## **PUBLIC HEARING:**

- A) **Ordinance 113 Amendment** – Janis made the motion to suspend the Regular Meeting and open the Public Hearing. Second by Barnes  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Time: 5:11pm

No public comments were made since there were no members of the public signed in for the virtual meeting.

Barnes made the motion to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the Regular Board Meeting.

Second by Ramsdell

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Time: 5:12pm

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A) **Jeff Moss – RAB Update** - Due to Trustee Moss' absence, Superintendent Sutton informed the board they had attended a virtual RAB meeting. A new representative from the community was introduced and the committee answered questions and organizing. But there wasn't anything new to update.
- B) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update** - Clerk Graham is still attempting to contact someone for help with the TAP Grant.
- C) **Road Project** – Superintendent Sutton thought the only thing left to be done was the gravel along the mailboxes on Cameron St.
- D) **Sewer Project** – Information is being collected for Mr. Bartow, of F&V and legalities are being cleared up.
- E) **Water Project** – Superintendent Sutton was told the water project in the Silver Sands Subdivision (McNall Loop) would begin the week after Labor Day.
- F) **Trailhead Market Place** - No update at this time

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A) **Proposal for Demolition** – The former concession stand at McCuaig Park has been identified as a dangerous by staff. Removal of the concession stand will prevent further vandalism and remove liability issues. A proposal was received in the amount of \$4200.00. Trustee Janis wanted to let the board know there is a septic tank at that location. Supervisor Beliveau asked Superintendent Sutton to request a new proposal including the removal of the septic and table this issue until the next meeting.
- B) **COVID-19 Relief Senate Bill** - The trustees received a copy of a FAQ survey compiled by the MDHHS (Michigan Dept. of Health and Human Services) in regards to the Covid Water Payment Program. This correspondence was given to help the board in deciding on whether the township will participate in this project. The Bill would assist residents who meet specific criteria with delinquent water status during a time period set by the state. It was recommended by staff, after further research, not to participate.. Barnes made to the motion to opt-out of the COVID-19 Water Payment Program.  
Second by Samotis  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried
- C) **Land Survey** - Superintendent Sutton sought to get a Permanent Monument and Certified Surveys of the Shoreline Park property and the Trailhead Market property due to discrepancies found in the descriptions. The trustees felt that keeping the two parcels on separate surveys would be more beneficial to the township. An updated estimate will be brought before the board at the next meeting.
- D) **Budget Amendment** - A budget amendment of \$2000.00 for line item 101-100-810.00 was requested due to replacement of IT equipment and services required. The repair was made for an inoperable router. Ramsdell made the motion to approve Resolution 2020-07 to amend the 2020 General Fund Budget. Second by Barnes  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried
- E) **Letter to Residents along US 23 Effected by Sewer Line Extension** – Correspondence is being sent to property owners being affected by the new sewer line project. This letter will compile frequently asked questions and answers pertaining to all aspects of this issue. The trustees came to a consensus to approve the letter and have it mailed out to residents.
- F) **Consideration of Amending Ordinance 113** – At the Aug. 3, 2020 Regular Board Meeting, the amended ordinance was introduced to the trustees. This evening there has been a Public Hearing to give the residents of the township their chance to voice their opinions. There were no comments from the public. Motion was made by Ramsdell to approve the Amended Ordinance 113 Medical Marihuana Facilities. Second by Janis  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried

**BOARD COMMENTS:** Superintendent Sutton reminded the board that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020 due to Labor Day Holiday.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Janis

Second by Ramsdell

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 pm

Submitted By:  
Susie Olpere  
Recording Secretary

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Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor  
Charter Township of AuSable