**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE**

Regular Board Meeting

Sept. 3, 2019

 “approved”

**CALL TO ORDER**:

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kevin Beliveau at 5:02 pm

**ROLL CALL**:

Present: Jeffrey Moss, Yvette Ramsdell, Kelly Graham, Kevin Beliveau, Mary Jo Samotis, Alanda Barnes,

 Ron Janis

Staff Present: Leisa Sutton, Superintendent

Press Coverage: Patricia Alvord

Pledge of Allegiance recited

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Supervisor Beliveau made an adjustment to cancel the Public Hearing under Item 8 due to the fact it was no longer necessary. Moss made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Ramsdell

Unanimous - Voice Vote

Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items**: None

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

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Treasurer –
2. Clerk – Accounts Payable
3. Superintendent – Superintendent’s Report

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Jeff Moss – RAB Update –** There will be a RAB meeting at the library o Sept. 11, 2019. At 4:00 there will be a chance for public inquiries for the Air Force and the meeting will begin at 5:00.
2. **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update -** Spicer Group is finishing the designing and engineering phase which must be completed by the end of this month to receive grant monies. The owner of the vacant property needed for a trailhead has been contacted regarding a purchase or lease of the parcel. No details have been determined. Phase 1 on Mill Street is supposed to open and assign bids at the first of the month.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Consideration of Acceptance of Resignation** - Mr. Bill Szuch expressed his intent to seek the consolidation of AuSable and Oscoda Townships. At the Aug. 28th Planning Commission meeting, Mr. Szuch announced he was planning to resign on his belief that it would be a conflict of interest, and provided the Chair a letter of resignation. Moss made the motion to accept Mr. Szuch’s resignation to the Planning Commission. Second by Barnes
Unanimous **–** Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
2. **Roads -** Superintendent Sutton contacted the County Road Commission regarding the cost of chip sealing Smith Rd. from US 23 to Pierce. Mr. Bolen provided information about the chip seal and ultra thin asphalt. These are the least expensive for road repair. His recommendation for Smith St. was the ultra thin asphalt due to the higher volume use in a residential area. Superintendent Sutton was asked to contact Mr. Bolen with some alternatives to this project, and **to** be discussed at the next budget work session.
3. **Quit Claim Deed -** Superintendent Sutton updated the board regarding the Handicap Fishing site at the end of north end of Farnsworth Road. She attended the Iosco County Parks and Rec. meeting to provide them with information about the site and determine if they would be interested in taking it over. They did vote to present the issue to the County Commissioners. Supervisor Beliveau summarized the process of turning the property over by quit claim deed from the County to the township and back to the County Parks and Rec. This subject will be tabled until necessary deeds are prepared and the entities can transfer ownership at the same time.
4. **AuSable River Walkway presented Mr. Bill Szuch –** Mr. Szuch was not present at the meeting, so Trustee Moss explained the project of taking the catwalk out to the pierhead and widening it. This would be authorized by the Army Corp. of Engineers. Mr. Szuch’s presentation would ask the township to take ownership and put money into it. Supervisor Beliveau expressed concern that the township does not have the resources to take on the maintenance of a Harbor of Refuge and it is not built as a recreational site. He continued that we would be happy to present a resolution of support if the Army Corp. or DNR decided to move forward with this project.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Janis

Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:34 pm

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

Susie Olpere Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor

Recording Secretary Charter Township of AuSable