

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

Sept. 7, 2021

“approved”

## **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, Ron Janis

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

Press Coverage: Patricia Alvord

Pledge of Allegiance recited

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Supervisor Beliveau made an addition to New Business, Item B.

Consideration of a Water Write-Off. Motion by Ramsdell to approve the agenda as amended.

Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items:** None

## **Approval of Consent Agenda:** Motion by Janis to approve the consent agenda. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

A) **Treasurer** –

B) **Clerk** – Accounts Payable

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

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

D) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update** - Clerk Graham made the announcement that we had received notification from MDOT of a “Conditional Commitment” for their grant in the amount of \$1,854,355.00. This amount has been increased because construction costs have gone up. The township will be responsible for approximately \$130,000.00.

E) **Sewer Project** – Cal Taylor, Manager of the DPW, gave a summary of the Sewer Extension Project. As of today’s date, they have put over 950 ft. of sewer line in, 2 manholes, and 13 services (8 short lateral on lake side and 5 long directional on west side of US 23). This phase will continue to Johnson Road which has been a bit slow because of the dewatering. A few homes do not have city water, therefore they will need to have a meter install or a flat rate charged to them.

Mr. Taylor informed the board that he is expecting the internet service to be installed at the DPW building in approx. 2 weeks.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

A) **Consideration of Pay Application No. 1** - Payments for the sewer extension from Elmer’s Crane and Dozer in the amount of \$190,163.51, Bendzinski & Company Municipal Finance in the amount of \$20,500.00 and F & V Engineering in the amount of \$16,969.65. If authorized by the township Board of Trustees, the Clerk will initiate payment & reimbursement from USDA. Ramsdell made the motion to authorize and initiate the payment in the amount of \$277,633.16. Second by Samotis

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

**B) Consideration of Water Write Off** – Supervisor Beliveau explained that the location for the delinquent water amount was at 3071 N. US 23 Unit #1 that contained an affidavit that the lessor is not liable. The document required a \$200.00 water deposit and any delinquent amount consumed over that would not be the responsibility of the lessor. A recommendation was made to change the amount from \$200.00 to \$300.00 for the water deposit to keep in line with the increasing water and sewer rates compared to when the policy originated. Motion was made by Ramsdell to approve the write off in the amount of \$135.02 as it relates to the address of 3710 N. US 23 Unit #1. Second by Barnes  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried

Increasing the Rental Water Deposit amount was tabled to a later date.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** Supervisor Beliveau commended the job being done by Elmer’s crew and our DPW for being involved with the project on a daily basis. The trustees agreed the project seemed to be moving along smoothly.

Trustee Barnes inquired if we had received any applications for the Superintendent’s position. Clerk Graham had received one application at this date and would continue to collect them until Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. The township Personnel Committee would meet that evening to review submissions and then would make their recommendation to the board.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Barnes  
Second by Janis  
Unanimous – Voice Vote  
Motion Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm

Submitted By:  
Susie Olpere  
Recording Secretary

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Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor  
Charter Township of AuSable