

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

Sept. 20, 2021

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## **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, Alanda Barnes  
Ron Janis

Absent: Mary Jo Samotis

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

Press Coverage: Patricia Alvord

Pledge of Allegiance recited

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Supervisor Beliveau reviewed the updated agenda with the new additions made under New Business – Item E: Consideration of Resolution 2021-20 & Item F: Interlocal Agreement. He removed #4 from the Consent Agenda and moved it to New Business as Item G: ARPA Agreement and he also added Item H. Extension of Superintendent Benefits.

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items:** None

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

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

- A) **Treasurer** – Bank Balance Report
- B) **Clerk** – Accounts Payable
- C) **Superintendent** – Superintendent's Report

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

A) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update** –

B) **Cal Taylor – Sewer Extension Update** – Mr. Taylor provided the current status of phase I: the sewer new line has begun just past Lakeside and it's completed south to Johnson Rd. This consists of 12-inch sewer main, which is 1,678 ft, also laterals going to the west side of US 23 (1,895 ft.) and east side (1,089 ft.) and includes 6 manhole structures. There is still work to do on the manholes and eventually the installation of cameras with the inspection of the sewer main. If everything is satisfactory, the first section will be able to start hook-ups. This section is gravity fed and is connected to a existing line which then continues to the sewer treatment facility.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

A) **Superintendent's Position** – Supervisor Beliveau briefed the board on the 2 resumes that had submitted for the position. The Personnel Committee met and reviewed the content of the applications. (Both applicants requested that their names be held in confidentiality.) Trustee Barnes determined that both candidates were extremely good. Barnes made the motion to hire Resume 1. Barnes explained that her decision was partly made by the fact that this person was a long-time resident of the area and would be more likely to stay. Second was made by Janis

One of the applicants was in attendance and was asked questions by the board regarding experience and education.

The board proceeded with the vote for the Superintendents position as made by Barnes and supported by Janis.

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

Mr. Eric Strayer was welcomed to the position by the board. Training and starting dates were discussed, according to Superintendent Sutton and Mr. Strayer's availability.

**B) Dumpster Days** – Superintendent Sutton initiated talks with Travis Sanitation to discuss alternative options to hosting dumpster days at the DPW facility. The trustees agreed to continue the event as previously done and would revisit the options next year.

No action was taken

**C) Consideration of Ordinance #119 Amendment** – In 2020, Ordinance #119 (Adult Use Marihuana) was presented, considered, and adopted. Currently the ordinance states that there can be (1) one application permitted for a Class A Grow Permit in the Industrial District.

(Class A = 100 plants, Class B = 500 plants, and Class C = 2000)

A company has approached the staff requesting a change in the ordinance which would allow them to increase production and processing while stacking the medical and adult use permits and taking advantage of the size of the facility they are in the process of purchasing. The Superintendent requests authorization for the Supervisor to initiate the introduction of the amended Ordinance # 119 and changing from a Class A to a Class C (Ordinance #124 Amended). Supervisor Beliveau made the motion that AuSable Township Clerk comply with the Charter Township Act by publishing the complete text of the proposed ordinance as it was introduced. Second by Ramsdell

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

**D) Consideration of Ordinance #90** – This ordinance pertains to the requirement of a cash water deposit as security payment for water and/or sewer service. The Utility Billing Dept. has become concerned that the current amount of deposit is not adequate to cover unpaid water/sewer bills by renters. Superintendent Sutton requests authorization for the Supervisor to initiate the introduction of Ordinance #124 which amends Ordinance #90 and changes the deposit amount from \$200.00 to \$300.00. Supervisor Beliveau made a motion that the AuSable Township Clerk comply with the Charter Township Act by publishing the complete text of the proposed ordinance as it was introduced.

Second by London

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

**E) Consideration of Resolution 2021-20** – Clerk Graham outlined this resolution and explained that it would replace Resolution 2021- 09 that was passed in March of 2021. MDOT has said there will be An increase in total cost of the Iron Belle project from \$2,778,000 to \$2,913,840 due to prices of materials going up. According to the prior Resolution 2021-09, AuSable Township agreed to pay \$107,000.00 toward construction of the bike path. Since the project total has increase and the township did not receive the \$100,000.00 from the Iron Belle Trust Fund, we are now looking at \$224,505.00. The township will make application for the trust fund grant again next year. When the project is closer to being shovel ready, the request will be more carefully considered. Actual construction is planned to begin in 2023. Ramsdell made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-20 AuSable Township Iron Belle Trail Application Submission. Second by Janis

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

**F) Interlocal Agreement** – The Iron Belle Trust Fund has reviewed our application and has questioned the part regarding maintenance of the trail. The Interlocal Agreement is between AuSable Township, Oscoda Township, and Plainfield in conjunction with the Iosco Exploration Trail Committee. The committee has taken responsibility for the maintenance of the trail. There will be no funds obligated by this agreement. A project narrative explaining the maintenance plan has been drafted and will be approved by the three townships and submitted to the Iron Belle Trust Fund.

Motion was made by Janis to approve the Interlocal Agreement. Second by Barnes  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried

**G) ARPA Agreement (American Rescue Plan Act)** – The Michigan Dept. of Treasury sent correspondence via email to notify the township of its current award of \$103,000.00. This amount was arrived at by the population and the cap calculation of the Non-Entitlement Unit. The first payment of 50% of total is required to be confirmed when it has been received by the township.

**H) Extension of Superintendent Position** – Superintendent Sutton has offered to extend her employment until the 15<sup>th</sup> of October. Her suggested compensation for that time would be 1 week of gross pay (\$945.63) and to extend her health care (\$790.56) for the month of October. Motion by Janis to approve compensation of one week of gross pay and one month of health insurance. Second by Barnes  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Trustee Barnes inquired about motorized bicycles being allowed on the bike path. Supervisor Beliveau believes that this issue is being challenged and a resolution would be coming.

Welcome aboard to Eric Strayer!

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Patricia Alvord asked why the ordinance #'s have to be changed when it's just being amended. Superintendent explained it's a legal requirement when the original document is altered.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Barnes  
Second by Janis  
Unanimous – Voice Vote  
Motion Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:11pm

Submitted By:  
Susie Olpere  
Recording Secretary

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Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor  
Charter Township of AuSable