

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

October 3, 2022

“approved”

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kevin Beliveau at 5:03 pm

ROLL CALL:

Present: Yvette Ramsdell, Kelly Graham, Kevin Beliveau, Mary Jo Samotis,
Alanda Barnes, Gina Cinquino

Absent: Diana London

Staff Present: Eric Strayer, Superintendent, Susie Olpere, Recording Secretary

Press Coverage: Manuela Kress

Pledge of Allegiance recited

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Barnes made the motion to approve the agenda for Oct. 3, 2022.

Second by Ramsdell

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items: None

Approval of Consent Agenda: Ramsdell made the motion 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:

- A) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update** - Spicer Group and a new engineer were here to take a look at any changes that were made to the topography of the sewer extension. There are some issues in the reports for the Tap Grant, which are being addressed.
- B) **Sewer Project** – Superintendent Strayer confirmed that the contractors are finished with the project, but we are still waiting for generators for the pump stations. There are still some landscaping and driveway repairs to be finished.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) **Resolution 2022-25** – This resolution extends the lease for the Senior Center between Oscoda and AuSable for another 20 years. The document was prepared by Tim Gulden (Township Attorney) and has already been approved by Oscoda Township. Ramsdell made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-25 Lease for the Senior Center. Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- B) **Presentation by Benjamin Seago on the Mosquito Control Season** – Mr. Blake Crane gave the results of the first year for mosquito control in AuSable Township. He informed the board of the types on treatments such as fogging and treating standing water. Mr. Crane reassured the board that their work has been successful. Renewal of their service will depend on the results from the millage proposal in November.

- C) Resolution 2022-26** – The State of Michigan required our township to create a new Chart of Accounts. For this reason, we had unforeseen charges that we had to pay our accountants. This resolution would increase the Administrative Overhead Contract Services from \$8,000.00 to \$9,000.00. Ramsdell made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-26 To Amend the 2022 Budget. Second by Samotis
 Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
 Motion Carried
- D) Resolution 2022-27** - This resolution increases the budgeted use of Fund Balance from \$104,575.00 to \$105,575.00. The resolution will be needed to balance the 2022 budget. Motion was made by Ramsdell to approve Resolution 2022-27 To Amend the 2022 Budget.
 Second by Graham
 Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
 Motion Carried
- E) Future of Dam Operations** - On September 28th, Superintendent Strayer attended a meeting with Consumers Energy as a stakeholder in the future of hydroelectric dams in our County and the State of Michigan. The website that Consumers Energy is giving the public for comment and information is www.consumersenergy.com/hydrofuture . We will also post this web information on our website www.ausabletownship.net to provide a forum for residents to give their view on the future of the dams in our area.
 No action was required by the board
- F) Saturday Farmers Market** – Father Tim Doublestein and Karen Coyle from Hope Anglican Chapel gave a presentation on their ideas for a Saturday Farmer’s Market, to be located at the township. The goals would include having the market on a day when more people would be able to attend, to have produce but may also invite arts and crafts, family activities, kid’s games and music. They asked for the township board’s support of the Saturday Market to continue to develop this idea for the community. Supervisor Beliveau’s response was that the concept was favorable and their packet of information would be forwarded to the township attorney for review. Further communication will be made after receiving the attorney’s recommendation.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Trustee Cinquino mentioned that the Historic Cemetery (on 5th St. and Pierce) has never looked better. She said the DPW did a great job removing logs and downed trees. Mrs. Cinquino asked appreciation for the work of the DPW be passed on to them.
 Trustee Barnes asked if there had been any communication from Oscoda Township regarding rates for sewer, police, fire, and cemetery contracts? Superintendent Strayer had made a call today and was told the figures weren’t ready.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Cinquino
 Second by Barnes
 Unanimous – Voice Vote
 Motion Carried.
 Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm

Submitted By:
 Susie Olpere
 Recording Secretary

Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor
 Charter Township of AuSable