

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

Oct. 4, 2021

“approved”

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kevin Beliveau at 5:01 pm

ROLL CALL:

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

Staff Present: Eric Strayer, 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 G: Superintendent Training. Ramsdell made the motion to approve the amended agenda. Second by Janis
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
Graham

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS:

A) **Treasurer** –

B) **Clerk** – Accounts Payable, Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expenditure Report

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

OLD BUSINESS:

A) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update** - Next week on Oct. 13, there is a meeting with MDOT to start organizing plans for Iron Belle. The Iron Belle Trust Fund Grant has been resubmitted. Emily, the grant coordinator, said she’s got opportunities lined up for more grants.

B) **Sewer Project** – Terry Travis, from the DPW, updated the board with the current totals for the extension of the sewer. There are directional drills under US 23 of 3,134 ft. in, 12” sewer main itself at 1,734 linear ft, short laterals are at 1,136 ft in, manhole structures are now at 7, and the First Phase has had restoration and hydroseeding on that section.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) **Superintendent Employee Agreement** - A revised version of the contract between the township and Mr. Eric Strayer was provided to the trustees before the meeting. One change was made in Section 3 – where it relates to Blue Cross Health Insurance. Mr. Strayer’s insurance will become effective upon the employees first day of employment or first available activation date by insurance provider. Another item was in regard to additional vacation days that were normally accrued will be granted at the 6-month period. Barnes made the motion to approve the Superintendent’s Employee Agreement. Second by Ramsdell
Unanimous – RCV
Motion Carried

B) Consideration of Pay Application No. 4 – Presented for consideration is an application for payment of \$70,732.19 by F&V Engineering for professional services rendered. If authorized by the Board of Trustees, the Clerk will initiate payment and reimbursement from the USDA. Motion by Ramsdell to give authorization to initiate the payment of \$70,732.19. Second by Janis

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

**After this motion was made, an error was found in the total amount of the bills. (\$70,432.19)

C) Letter or Resignation – A letter of resignation was received from Trustee Ron Janis which he requested to be effective immediately. Supervisor Beliveau expressed appreciation for Trustee Janis's years of service and what a great an ambassador he has been for the community. Barnes made the motion to approve Ron Janis's letter of resignation. Second by Ramsdell

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

Ramsdell also made the motion to post the available trustee's seat in the Oscoda Press for one (1) week. Second by Graham

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

D) Consideration of Ordinance #124 – In 2020, Ordinance #119 (Adult Use Marihuana) was presented, considered, and adopted. Since that time, we have had numerous inquiries but no follow through due to the Grow Class attributed to the Adult Use ordinance. Currently the ordinance States that there is one (1) application permitted for Class A Grow Permit in the Industrial District.

Classes A through C allow different amounts of plants to be grown:

Class A = 100 plants Class B = 500 plants Class C = 2000 plants

There is a property for sale in the industrial district that has drawn much attention for a Medical/ Adult Use of Marihuana Grow Facility. Ramsdell made the motion to adopt Ordinance #124.

Second by Janis

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

E) Consideration of Ordinance #125 – This ordinance pertains to the requirement of a cash deposit as security payment of water and/or sewer service. The Utility Billing Dept. has become concerned that the current required deposit is not adequate to cover unpaid water/sewer bills by renters. Adoption of this ordinance would change the required deposit from \$200.00 to \$300.00. Janis made a motion to approve Ordinance #125. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

F) Medical/Adult Use Marihuana Permits – Superintendent Strayer shared a discussion with the prospective buyer of an industrial district property, he would like to be in a position to secure the following permits from AuSable Township for the property on Industrial Drive:

5 (five) Class A Adult Use Grow permits (currently we have 1)

1 (one) Adult Use Processor permit (current limit)

2 (two) Medical/MMFLA Class C Grow permits (current limit)

1 (one) Medical/ MMFAL Processor permit (current limit)

(Total: 9)

At an annual permit fee of \$5,000.00 each, this would provide revenue of an additional \$45,000.00 to the Township's fund, while keeping all licensed marihuana activity at the one address/building. Motion was made by Ramsdell to begin the process of changing Ordinance #124 to 5 (five) Class C Adult Use Grow permits. Second by Graham

Unanimous- Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

H) Superintendent Training – Superintendent Strayer requested \$275.00 for an online course offered through the Michigan State Extension Program. This course (Citizen Planner) is a pre-requisite for another zoning class he is planning to attend in January. Motion was made by Ramsdell to approve \$275.00 for the online training course. Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

BOARD COMMENTS: Trustee Janis expressed his thanks to the board members for the opportunity to serve on the township boards. The board also appreciated Mr. Janis and his service to the township.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Terry Dutcher, Vice Chairman of Develop Iosco Committee, presented an invitation to the trustees to attend a Webex meeting on October 19, at 8:30 am – 10:00 am for an annual meeting. The committee is reorganizing and pursuing the identity as the economic hub for the county. Their intent is to open communication between the governments of this area to get the best economic growth.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Janis
Second by Ramsdell
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm

Submitted By:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor
Charter Township of AuSable