

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

Oct. 17, 2022

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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, Mary Jo Samotis,
Alanda Barnes, Gina Cinquino

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

Press Coverage: Manuela Kress

Pledge of Allegiance recited

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Supervisor Beliveau added to New Business: Item F – Payment Application #16 and item G – Resolution 2022-30. Ramsdell made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items: None

Approval of Consent Agenda: Barnes made the motion to approve the consent agenda.

Second by Cinquino

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS:

A) **Treasurer** – Bank Balance

B) **Clerk** – Accounts Payable, also included is an updated Summary of Funds for the Bike Path

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

OLD BUSINESS:

A) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update** - Still waiting for new maps from the resurveying of the path. Phase IV (Oscoda to Old Orchard Park), bids came in quite a bit lower than expected, so that may be a good sign for our section when we get bids.

B) **Sewer Project** – Superintendent Strayer’s update included 40 residents had connected to the new sewer extension. All phases are operational and ready for residents to connect.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) **Resolution 2022-28** - This resolution is a Budget Amendment to increase Dues/Publications/ Fees by \$1,000.00 due to a \$1,054.00 bill for membership to North Eastern Council of Government. Samotis made the motion to amend the budget with Resolution 2022-28.

Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

B) **Resolution 2022-29** - This resolution would increase the Budgeted Use of Fund Balance from \$105,575.00 to \$106,575.00 in accordance with the passing of Resolution 2022-28. Ramsdell made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-29 to Amend the 2022 Budget.

Second by Cinquino

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

- C) Winter Newsletter** - Superintendent Strayer included a copy of the Winter Newsletter for the board's review. Treasurer Samotis brought attention to the fact that the township would no longer be issuing dog licenses to residents. The County will be issuing the dog licenses, in person, at their offices, through online access or by mail. Letters have been sent to previous dog owners who have gotten their tags with the township. Motion by Cinquino to approve the 2022 Winter Newsletter and send it. Second by Ramsdell
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried
- D) Letter from the Township on Dam Support** – After the last board meeting, there was an interest in creating a letter from the Board to be given or included in the information that will be presented to Consumers Energy by the County. The letter pertains to the support of the future of the hydroelectric dams in our area and their impact on our community. Graham made the motion to submit the letter to the County. Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Voice Vote
- E) APM Mosquito Control Refund** – At the last board meeting on Oct. 3, 2022, it was brought to the attention of the Superintendent that our APM invoice showed a significant shortfall in services performed compared to billing. Upon discussion between Superintendent Strayer and Benjamin Seago, it was decided that the Township would be receiving a refund of \$20,000.00. APM expressed that the contract should have been drawn up as a commodity type based on services performed for the first year instead of a lump sum contract. They have agreed to refund \$20,000.00 to the Township. No further action was needed.
- F) Pay Application #16** – Pay Application #1 is regarding two bills pertaining to the sewer project. One is for a publication of Ordinance #131 with the Oscoda Press in the amount of \$122.50. The other is a bill from our attorney on the Sewer Permit for the Sewer Project in the amount of \$200.00. This pay application is for \$322.50 total. If passed this amount will be requested for Reimbursement from USDA. Graham made the motion to approve Pay Application #16 for a total of \$322.50. Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- G) Resolution 2022-30** – This resolution is an annual resolution regarding the use of the Right-of-Way from MDOT. This permit is required to be done with MDOT to continue use of the right-of-way for utility purposes for the next year. Motion was made by Ramsdell to approve Resolution 2022-30 Performance Resolution for Municipalities. Second by Cinquino
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

BOARD COMMENTS:

Trustee Barnes asked if there was any information received regarding new sewer rates or costs for shared services from Oscoda? Superintendent Strayer was notified that we would get the information (at least the shared service amount) by this Friday. So he wanted to schedule a budget meeting for next week. Cinquino made the motion to schedule a work session for Oct. 24th at 5:00. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Superintendent Strayer included that Gary Bartow is working on a grant that could possibly give the Township some money for further infrastructure improvements on water.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Cinquino

Second by Samotis

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm

Submitted By:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor
Charter Township of AuSable