

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

Oct. 18, 2021

“approved”

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Diana London, Yvette Ramsdell, Kelly Graham, Kevin Beliveau, Mary Jo Samotis,

Absent: Alanda Barnes

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

Press Coverage: Patricia Alvord

Pledge of Allegiance recited

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Ramsdell to approve agenda for Oct. 18, 2021.

Second by Graham

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items: Mr. Michael Kovach, President of Surf N Sands Condominium Assoc., was in attendance to express his concern regarding the connection cost to the sewer extension. He relayed an estimate that he was given to be \$57,000. for the work to be done for the condo property. This would result in a cost to each of the owners of approx. \$1700.00. He was also interested in the amount that would be charged to other property owners. Supervisor Beliveau assured the attendees that township had examined the costs of installations and had compared them with other townships. Connecting to the sewer does fall on the responsibility of the property owner and the township could not negotiate of their behalf. He also met with the contractors of the project to relay the estimate cost of Surf N Sands and the contractor suggested that they get another quote. He also added that it should be substantially less than what was quoted.

Ms. Alana Fitzgerald inquired about the correct address of where the sewer line was going to end.

Supervisor Beliveau confirmed the sewer extension would end at the address of 3008 N. US 23.

Approval of Consent Agenda: There was a correction to be made in the last meeting minutes regarding the dollar amount of Pay Application #4. Supervisor Beliveau deleted from the consent agenda Item B) regarding minutes for October 4, 2021 township meeting and will move it to New Business – Item D). Ramsdell made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Second by Samotis

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS:

A) **Treasurer** – Fund Balance Report

B) **Clerk** – Accounts Payable

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

OLD BUSINESS:

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

B) **Sewer Project** – Terry Travis reported the progress as of Friday, Oct. 15th – They have 3,134 ft. of directional bores finished, the 6” short laterals were at 1,301 ft. of pipe, for the 12” main they have 2,507 ft done, and 8 manhole structures put in. Mr. Travis was also told there was a possibility they would have a crew here by the end of the week to start repairs of concrete curbs that they had taken out, sidewalk and a couple of driveways. But the asphalt will be at least 2 weeks out before they could be here to take a look.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Ordinance #126** – Superintendent Strayer explained Ordinance #126 changes the number of Class C permits that can be issued by the township from one (1) permit to five (5) permits. The increase of permit allows for an increase in revenue for the township of \$5,000.00 for each permit. These will be renewable and collected annually. Ramsdell made the motion that the AuSable Township Clerk comply with the Charter Township Act by publishing the complete texts of the proposed ordinance as it was introduced. Second by London
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- B) Consideration of Pay Application #4** - Superintendent Strayer presented application for payment of \$270.00 to our legal counsel for tasks related to the sewer extension project. Also included is three bills submitted by F & V in the amount of \$70,432.19 and another invoice from Elmers for \$621,934.66 for work performed on the sewer extension. These items total \$692,636.85 which will be reimbursed by the USDA if authorized for payment. London made the motion to initiate payment in the amount of \$70,702.19 and \$621,934.66 for the total of \$692,636.85. Second by Ramsdell
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- C) Consideration of Winter Newsletter** – Presented to the board is a copy of the winter newsletter, which will be mailed out with the 2021 Winter Tax Statements. Corrections to be made to the newsletter:
Correction of Zip Code
Correction of election pole workers – A qualified & registered elector of the State of Michigan Working at the Poles – Working begins at 6:00 am and ends at approximately 10:00 pm or until all closing procedures are completed
Graham made the motion to approve the Winter Newsletter as amended. Second by Ramsdell
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried
- D) Consideration of Approval of AuSable Charter Township Regular Board Meeting minutes of Oct. 4th, 2021** – Supervisor Beliveau noted for the record that we are striking Item B) Consideration of Pay Application #4 (removal from the minutes). Ramsdell made the motion to approve the AuSable Charter Township Regular Board Minutes of Oct. 4th, 2021 as amended. Second by Graham
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

BOARD COMMENTS: Trustee Ramsdell announced her absence for the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Phil Burkheart and partners introduced themselves as the new owners of 4614 Industrial Row. Their intention for the building is to produce cannabis and provide 40-60 good paying jobs, and source out as much of the building expansion to local business and to support the local charities.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Ramsdell
Second by Samotis
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm

Submitted By:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor
Charter Township of AuSable