

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

Nov. 1, 2021

“approved”

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kevin Beliveau at 5:05 pm

## **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Diana London, Kelly Graham, Kevin Beliveau, Mary Jo Samotis, Alanda Barnes

Absent: Yvette Ramsdell

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

Press Coverage: Patricia Alvord

Pledge of Allegiance recited

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** London made the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Second by Samotis

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items:** None

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Motion by Barnes 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** – Clerk Graham attended a meeting with MDOT and learned MDOT is wanting to move the alignment of a small part of the bike trail in the AuSable Township section. Another meeting is scheduled with the engineers to take another look at the drawings.

B) **Sewer Project** – Terry Travis, from the DPW, gave the current number as of Friday: Elmers had the underground bore for the 6” directional of 3894’ done, the 6” short laterals were 1,860 linear ft., 23” PVC main has 3,232’ done, and 10 manhole structures in place. The main pipe is at the address of 3598 N. US 23 and the lateral bore was at 3595 N. US 23. The concrete company was a “no show” on Friday, which may delay their work until Spring.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

A) **Township Schedule** – Motion was made by Graham to approve the 2022 Township Schedule.

Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

B) **Consideration of Resolution 2021-29** – Superintendent Strayer explained Form 4029 is required to be turned into the County regarding what mileages will be used for the tax bills. After submitting Form 4029, it was discovered that the millage on that form for fire, would be at 1.4654, which was approved by the voters. The millage for Fire last year was .9995.

Treasurer Samotis explained that even though the voters had approved the mileage rate for Fire at 1.4654 last election, the township didn't necessarily need to collect that amount this year. She suggested the board discuss an optimum rate for this year. The trustees came to a consensus that 1.1 mills would be sufficient. Motion was made by Samotis to levy a 1.1 mileage for 2021 Fire.

Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

**C) Public Hearing - 2020 General Appropriations Act and Budget –**

Samotis made the motion to suspend the regular meeting and open the public hearing.

Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

Time: 5:27

No public comments were made nor correspondence received pertaining this matter.

Motion to close the public hearing and reconvene the regular meeting by Graham.

Second by London

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

**D) Consideration of Adoption Appropriation Act & 2022 Budget –** Supervisor Beliveau made corrections to Section 5: last years 1.4654 changed to 1.1 mills, and Section 6: from 7.2988 to 6.9334.

Barnes made the motion to approve the 2022 General Appropriation Act & Budget (as corrected).

Second by Graham

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

**E) Consideration of Resolution 2021-22 –** Samotis made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-22 To Establish Clerk's Salary for 2022. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

**F) Consideration of Resolution 2021-23 –** Graham made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-23 To Establish Treasurer's Salary for 2022. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

**G) Consideration of Resolution 2021-24 -** London made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-24 To Establish Trustee's Salary for 2022. Second by Graham

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

**H) Consideration of Resolution 2021-25 –** Barnes made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-25 To Establish Supervisor's Salary for 2022. Second by London

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

**I) Consideration of Resolution 2021-26 –** Samotis made the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-26 To Establish Staff Compensation Rates. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

**J) Consideration of Resolution 2021-27 -** Superintendent Strayer explained that the Master Plan is required to be updated every 5 years. This assists AuSable Township in obtaining grants and other considerations with the state of projects. The Master Plan is compliant with the MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) Best Practices. Once approved the Master Plan will be linked to our website and distributed to neighboring communities. Barnes made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-27 2021 Charter Township of AuSable Master Plan. Second by Graham

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

- K) Consideration of Resolution 2021-28** - Annually AuSable Township is required to sign a resolution with MDOT to permit use of the State highway right of way. Motion by Graham to approve Resolution 2021-28 Performance Resolution for Municipalities. Second by Barnes  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried
- L) Zoning Administration Program** – Superintendent Strayer requests approval of a \$550.00 fee for the expenditures of the 2022 ZAC program for educational certification. Samotis made the Motion to authorize Superintendent Strayer to attend the ZAC Seminar and appropriate 1 night lodging, mileage, meals and the fee for the program. Second by Barnes  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried
- M) Ordinance #126** – Superintendent Strayer explained if the Ordinance was adopted, it would change the amount of Class C permits allowed from 1 to 5 permits in the marihuana grower classification. Motion was made by Barnes to approve Ordinance #126 to change from 1 to 5 permits.  
Second by London  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried
- N) Ordinance #83** – As an order of protocol, Ordinance #83 is being presented for introduction to the Board of Trustees for review. This represents a 3% increase in the sewer rate, and no increase the water. The Ordinance will be considered for adoption at the next regular meeting and implemented as of Feb. 1, 2022.  
No action needed at this time.
- O) Trustee Position** – Two letters of interest were received for the vacancy on the Township Board of Trustees. The correspondence was included in the board packet for the trustee’s examination. The applicants were Mrs. Gina Cinquino and Mr. Shayne Janis, each of them were in attendance and gave a statement. This position will last until the next mid-term election after which the chosen replacement would have to run and be voted in by the residents. Barnes made the motion to select Gina Cinquino for the trustee position. Second by Samotis  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried

Supervisor Beliveau recommended Shayne Janis for the open seat on the Planning Commission. This term would be until May 1, 2022.

- P) Appointed Boards and Commission** - Trustees were given a copy of the expiration dates for boards and an update on the committees of the township. Some vacancies remain on each.  
No action was needed.
- Q) DPW Assistant** – Supervisor Beliveau explained the necessity of advertising for a position at the DPW as an assistant/trainee at the Dept. of Public Works. This has become an issue since one of our employees was injured, and additional work with the sewer extension project being under construction. He recommended adding a full-time position to the DPW. Barnes made the motion to advertise for a full-time position for the Department of Public Works. Second by Graham  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried
- R) Donation of Memorial Bench at Shoreline Park** – Supervisor Beliveau received correspondence from Mr. Donald Newport regarding a \$1500.00 donation to purchase a memorial bench for Shoreline Park in remembrance of Molly Newport. It was the consensus of the board to allow the donation for a memorial bench to be placed along the pathway at Shoreline.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Patricia Alvord, reporter from the Press, asked the following:  
When the next ZBA meeting will be held? Supervisor Beliveau confirmed Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021.  
She asked how many seats were on the Planning Commission? The Planning Commission  
has 5 seats total.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by London  
Second by Samotis  
Unanimous – Voice Vote  
Motion Carried  
Meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm

Submitted By:  
Susie Olpere  
Recording Secretary

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Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor  
Charter Township of AuSable