**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE**

Regular Board Meeting

Nov. 5, 2018

“approved”

**CALL TO ORDER**:

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

**ROLL CALL**:

Present: Jeffrey Moss, Yvette Ramsdell, Kelly Graham, Kevin Beliveau, Mary Jo Samotis, Alanda Barnes,

Ron Janis

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

Press Coverage: Patricia Alvord

Pledge of Allegiance recited

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Supervisor Beliveau removed Item K – A Place Holder for Contamination Issues from the agenda. There is no information currently to discuss. Ramsdell made the motion to approve the agenda as amended for Nov. 5, 2018. Second by Moss

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items**: None

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Janis made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Treasurer –
2. Clerk – Accounts Payable
3. Superintendent –

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Resolution 2018-10** – This resolution pertains to the creation of a dedicated fund for the purpose of the recent passage of the Police Millage. Motion was made by Ramsdell to approve Resolution 2018-10 Create Fund to Account for Police Service. Second by Samotis  
   Unanimous - Roll Call Vote  
   Motion Carried
2. **Ordinance #115** - This resolution was introduced at a board meeting held on Sept. 17, 2018 as required. Moss made the motion to approve Ordinance #115 Public Safety and Fire Emergency  
   Response Cost Recovery Ordinance. Second by Janis  
   Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
   Motion Carried
3. **Children’s Park Fitness Equipment** – In 2016 AuSable Township was awarded a Michigan Passport Recreation Grant for equal to 75% of Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred dollars ($13,500.00) which is the total eligible cost of construction for the project facilities, but not to exceed Ten Thousand Three Hundred ($10,300.00). Superintendent Sutton requested approval to purchase the fitness equipment stations for Children’s Park. The township funding of this project will be provided from General Fund, which was authorized under the Capital Improvement process. Motion was made by Janis to move forward with the Fitness Equipment for Children’s Park in the amount of $9,539.00. Second by Graham  
   Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
   Motion Carried
4. **Senate Bill 396** – A resolution of opposition to Senate Bill 396 was brought before the board by the county road commission. The bill passed on Sept. 6, 2018 and allows exemptions from season weight restrictions (aka “frost laws”) to the forest product industry during the spring thaw, when roads are most vulnerable to damage from heavy loads. Commissioner Cal McClarren, from the road commission was in attendance to answer any questions. Barnes made the motion to approve Resolution 2018-11 Opposition of Senate Bill 396 as amended with corrections to AuSable Township’s copy. Second by Janis  
   Unanimous – Roll Call Vote   
   Motion Carried
5. **Dumpster Days** – 2018 Dumpster Day stats were provided by Superintendent Sutton to compare to the previous year’s activity and revenue collected. A $2600.00 savings was recognized for 2018, with the largest part of the savings due to a reduction in the number of dumpsters used for the season. This did not interrupt satisfactory service for the residents.
6. **New Hall** – A financial summary was provided for the trustee’s review, anticipating the closure of the New Hall Construction Fund. Details of the costs were broken down between General Fund, Water and Sewer Funds. The total paid out for bond creation and furnishing of the new hall totaled $719,023.77. The amount is $58,376.73 below the initial construction estimate and additions, and $70,976.73 below the original USDA estimate. Samotis made the motion to approve the closing of the New Hall Construction fund at Chemical Bank. Second by Graham  
   Unanimous - Roll Call Vote  
   Motion Carried
7. **2019 Calendars** – Staff has generated the 2019 Township Schedules for Township Board and Planning Commission meetings, Holiday schedule, and Dumpster dates. Motion was made by Janis to approve the 2019 Calendar Schedule for the township as amended. Second by Ramsdell  
   Unanimous – Voice Vote  
   Motion Carried
8. **Newsletter** – Superintendent Sutton presented a draft of the winter newsletter which will be mailed out on Dec. 1st with the winter bills. After review from the trustees, a couple of corrections were made to the copy. Ramsdell made the motion to approve the submitted community letter as amended. Second by Janis  
   Unanimous – Voice Vote  
   Motion Carried
9. **Shoreline Park Holiday Tree** – Cal Taylor, DPW Manager suggested the possibility of hosting a  
   Holiday Tree Adoption for our path at Shoreline Park**.** Rules and registration for the event have been compiled for participants. The intent of this event is not only to celebrate the holidays, but to be part of the creation of a hub the activity and development around AuSable Township Hall. Supervisor Beliveau suggested an Item 7 to be added to the regulations stating that the decorations be non-denominational. Moss made a motion to approve the Holiday Tree Event as amended. Second by Ramsdell  
   Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
   Motion Carried
10. **Township Wide Garage Sale** - Another annual event was proposed by Superintendent Sutton regarding a Township Wide Garage Sale in AuSable. Residents would fill out a permit to participate, which would not count against the two that are allowed per year. By filling out the permit they are providing us with information necessary to add them to a map that will be distributed from the hall and other AuSable township locations. The second weekend in June is the time recommended and would incorporate Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Moss made the motion to approve the Township Wide Garage Sale scheduled for June 7th, 8th, and 9th, 2019. Second by Barnes  
    Unanimous – Voice Vote  
    Motion Carried

**BOARD COMMENTS:**   
 A) Jeff Moss – RAB Update - Trustee Moss informed the board that there is another RAB meeting   
 scheduled for Dec. 5th.  
 B) Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update - Clerk Graham relayed that the committee is still waiting   
 for the report from Spicer Group, which is expected in the first part of December.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. McClarren, Commissioner from Iosco County Road Commission further explained the resolution against the Senate Bill 396, and why they decided to seek support from the local townships.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Janis

Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:39 pm

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Susie Olpere Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor

Recording Secretary Charter Township of AuSable