

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

Nov. 15, 2021

“approved”

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kevin Beliveau at 5:04 pm

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Yvette Ramsdell

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

Press Coverage: Manuela Kress

Pledge of Allegiance recited

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by London to approve the agenda. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items: None

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Graham to approve the consent agenda. Second by

London

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS:

- A) **Treasurer** – Bank Balance Report
- B) **Clerk** – Accounts Payable
- C) **Superintendent** – Superintendent’s Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update** - Clerk Graham and representatives from MDOT and Spicer Group examined the physical area where the proposed pathway was engineered. MDOT would like to make some minor alterations to the original plans. These would be more vertical changes than horizontal. Another concern will be the finish time for the sewer extension which may cause a delay in the starting of the bike path.
- B) **Terry Travis Sewer Extension Update** – Mr. Travis began update as of Friday – 4,100’ of the 12” main was put in, 12 manhole structures, the directional pipe was at 4,494’ and short laterals had 2,377’ complete on Phase I. They have the asphalt driveways redone, and later this week they’ll fix the concrete driveways. Elmer’s has stopped laying the pipe for the year and will work on the lift stations.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) **Consideration of Building Authority Business** – Mr. Jack Barnes’ term as Chairman of the authority will expire as of Jan. 1, 2022. Mr. Barnes has indicated his desire to continue to remain involved with the Building Authority. The next term would end Jan. 1, 2025. Treasurer Samotis relayed how valuable he has been with his understanding of facilities management, maintenance and repairs. She highly recommended his reappointment. Samotis made the motion to reappoint Jack Barnes to the Building Authority board. Second by Graham
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

- B) Resolution 2021-21** – This resolution is in regard to the Schedule of Fees for AuSable residents. A section pertaining to fees and charges associated with the sewer extension along US 23 will be added. A few typographical errors were found and corrected. Samotis made the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-21 Fee Schedule as amended. Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- C) Resolution 2021-30** – This amendment represents an increase of \$7,000.00 over the approved budget for Superintendent wages due to staff changes and the extension of the previous superintendent's final day. Motion was made by Graham to accept Resolution 2021-30.
Second by Graham
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- D) Resolution 2021-31** – The resolution represents an increase of \$1500.00 above the approved budget for Township Board Salaries due to the number of meetings in 2021 and budget miscalculations. Motion was made by Samotis to adopt Resolution 2021-31. Second by Graham
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- E) Resolution 2021-32** – This amendment represents an increase of \$5,000.00 over the approved budget for Police Contract Services pertaining to the contract with Oscoda Township. London made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-32. Second by Cinquino
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- F) Resolutions 2021-33** – The resolution concerns the requirement that the township has and continues to have an escrow account to protect the township for costs of having to secure, repair, replace or removal of damaged structures which violate the Township's health and safety. Barnes made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-33. Second by Samotis
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- G) Correction of Resolution 2021-26** – Superintendent Strayer explained the correction that needed to be made was the pay for the Board of Review which was originally \$37.60 but the corrected amount is \$75.23. Samotis made the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-26 to make a correction in the pay rate for Board of Review. Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- H) Consideration of HSRUA 2022 Budget** – At the HSRUA's last meeting, the board proposed a 2022 budget. It is being presented to the township for consideration of approval as a member Municipality. AuSable Township will realize an increase of \$12,931.00 above 2021. Motion was made by Cinquino to approve the HSRUA 2022 Budget. Second by Samotis
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- I) Consideration of Pay Application #5** – Superintendent Strayer presented an application for Pay #5 in the amount of \$389,688.81. Included in this is a bill from F&V for \$46,998.05 and a bill from Elmer's for \$342,690.76 for work completed on the sewer expansion. If authorized by the Board of Trustees, the Clerk will initiate payment and reimbursement from the USDA. Samotis made the motion to approve the draw request as submitted by the engineer for Draw #5. Second by Graham
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- J) Letter from Iosco County Board of Commissioners** – Correspondence was received from Iosco County requesting \$1,356.00 for funding to keep the Iosco County Airport functioning. Superintendent Strayer is going to request a representative to attend a meeting to speak to the board.
No action was taken

K) Huron-Manistee ORV Pamphlet – Mr. Fred Lewis, Supervisor of Plainfield Township, is offering to have 5,000 ORV pamphlets printed at a cost of \$531.00. This amount would be split between three townships (Plainfield, AuSable and Oscoda), and the pamphlets will be distributed at the respective township halls. The ORV laws have changed in the Huron-Manistee Forest, and this pamphlet explains the changes. The cost for each township would amount to \$177.00. Graham made the motion to approve the expenditure of \$177.00 to print the Forest Service pamphlet. Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

BOARD COMMENTS:

Trustee Barnes asked for specifics regarding the sale of the blue dump truck which was sold by the township. Supervisor Beliveau said it was a sale-by-owner, with a listed price or best offer. It was sold to a bid for more than asking price.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A request had been received to put a memorial bench at Shoreline Park. Mr. Donald Newport has offered a donation to cover the costs of the bench and the cement pad. Once the donation has been received, it will be ordered and stored until Spring.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by London
Second by Cinquino
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried
Meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm

Submitted By:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor
Charter Township of AuSable