**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE**

Regular Board Meeting

Dec. 3, 2018

“approved”

**CALL TO ORDER**:

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kevin Beliveau at 5:00 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:** Motion by Janis to approve the agenda for Dec. 3, 2018. Second by Ramsdell  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items**: None

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Ramsdell 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:** **Consideration of the 2019 General Appropriations Act and Budget**Samotis made the motion to close the regular meeting and to open the public hearing. Second by Ramsdell  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried  
Time: 5:03

No comments were made, or correspondence received.  
  
Samotis made the motion to close the public meeting and reconvene the regular meeting. Second by Janis  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried  
Time: 5:04

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
 **A) Resolution 2018-14 Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies** – Superintendent

Sutton advised the trustees the performance resolution is required by the Michigan State of

Transportation for the purpose of issuing a municipality an “Individual Permit for Use of State

Highway Right of Way” or an “Annual Application and Permit for Miscellaneous Operations Within

State Highway Right of Way”. This is an annual resolution for the township for use by the DPW and

community parades. Motion was made by Ramsdell to approve Resolution 2018-14 Performance

Resolution for Governmental Agencies. Second by Moss

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

**B) Tax Foreclosed Property Title Transfer –** Correspondence was received by the township from

the state regarding parcel #021-W11-022-001-00 which had failed to be sold at two tax

foreclosure real property auctions. Now the property is being offered to the AuSable Township for

consideration. Title will be transferred to the township on Dec. 31, 2018 if no action is taken.  
 The board decided not to take action.

1. **Clean Drinking Water** - Superintendent Sutton drafted a letter, after meeting with Trustee Moss

and Trustee Samotis, to be sent to Congressman Kildee, Senator Gary Peters, Senator Debbie Stabenow, Senator Jim Stamas, Representative Sue Allor and Carol Isaacs from MPART. The correspondence is an attempt to express concern over lack of attention, budget and consideration it appears AuSable Township is receiving. A PFAS Township Hall Meeting is scheduled for Dec. 4th where the letter will be presented. Motion was made by Ramsdell to approve the letter regarding Clean Drinking Water and also approve its distribution. Second by Graham

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

1. **Fire Dept. Update** - Supervisor Weed informed Superintendent Sutton of the potential changes to the Cost Recovery Ordinance in the Oscoda Township. The changes are due to perceived excessive wait times for Consumers Energy to address downed lines while the volunteer firefighters are sitting on downed lines. She was also informed that the firefighters would not be answering down line calls effective Nov. 13, 2018. As of the time of this meeting, we have been 21 days without down line coverage, while Consumers Energy is en route. Supervisor Beliveau stated that the number one deliverable of this township is safety and that’s why we push so hard for our Police Dept., Fire Dept. and Rescue Team. He continued that this was a failure on the part of the Fire Dept. and its management to not inform AuSable township of discontinuing downline service immediately. He directed Superintendent Sutton to relay this message to the Fire Department and Oscoda Township. He added that if Consumers Energy has a slow response time, they need to fix a broken system. Superintendent Sutton will draft correspondence pertaining to this issue.
2. **Sewer System** – Due to some concerns of the AuSable Township Sewer Fund, Superintendent Sutton requested from the Oscoda Township Superintendent the methodology for the amount that AuSable Township is charged for sewer treatment. At this time they were unable to located the original methodology. Until this formula can be agreed upon, Superintendent Sutton has requested a hold be put on any charges being billed to AuSable for sewer treatment. No further action was taken by the board.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

1. Trustee Jeff Moss – RAB Meeting – Trustee Moss informed the board of a Community Meeting tomorrow night and invited the board to attend. The PFAS issue has become a big deal throughout the state because it has identified in so many places.
2. Clerk Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail - Clerk Graham acquainted the trustees with information regarding the Challenge Grant Fund which would pay for the engineering phase from the bridge to Baldwin township. Mr. Steve Schnell, from NEMCOG, drafted a sample application for the grant which was provided for the board to review. Graham made the motion to approve the grant application, not to exceed $200,000.00 from the Iron Belle Trail Challenge Grant Fund for engineering costs and to commit $80,000.00 of Township funding toward the eventual construction of the Iron Belle Trail section within AuSable Township from Baldwin Township line to Mill St. bridge. Second by Ramsdell  
   Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
   Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Janis

Second by Ramsdell

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm

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

Susie Olpere Kelly Graham, Clerk

Recording Secretary Charter Township of AuSable