

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

Dec. 6, 2021

“approved”

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kevin Beliveau at 5:02 pm

## **ROLL CALL:**

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

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

Press Coverage: Manuela Kress

Pledge of Allegiance recited

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion was made by Ramsdell to approve the agenda for Dec. 6, 2021.

Second by London

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items:** Residents from Huron Sands Condominium were in attendance to inquire about their utility bills and why they had increased at such a high rate. They also asked specifically about the sewer portion of the bills. Supervisor Beliveau explained that both water and sewer rates were set by Township Ordinance and were higher due to what we were being charged for waste water treatment by Oscoda Township. He added that board members had met and will continue to meet with Oscoda to try to negotiate to bring some relief to AuSable customers.

## **Approval of Consent Agenda:**

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 announced the approval of a \$300,000.00 grant which would be from the Iron Belle Trust Fund.

Clerk Graham

B) **Sewer Project** – Superintendent Strayer informed the board that the contractors had found 3 leaks, one which was in the main line and would need dewatering to repair.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

A) **Dump Truck Bid** – Unfortunately no bids were received for the truck by the end of the cut off date. Subsequently, Supervisor Beliveau got a verbal bid from Mark Poland of \$5,000.00 cash and told him he would bring it before the board. The trustees decided since the bid date had passed, they would consider Mr. Poland’s bid. Motion was made by London to accept the bid of \$5,000.00 cash. Second by Cinquino

Yays - Cinquino, London, Ramsdell, Beliveau

Nays – Samotis, Barnes, Graham

Motion Carried

**B) Ordinance #83 Introduction** – As order of protocol, Ordinance #83 is being presented for introduction to the Board of Trustees for review. We are requesting a 3 percent increase in the sewer rate, and no increase in the water rate of this time. Ordinance #83 will be presented at the next regular board meeting for consideration of adoption and implementation effective Feb. 1, 2022.

No action needed at this time.

**C) Consideration of Pay Application #6** - Superintendent Strayer presented for consideration an application for payment of \$27,120.55 to F & V for work completed on the sewer extension project. If authorized by the Board, the Clerk will initiate payment and reimbursement from the USDA. Graham made the motion to approve payment to Fleis & Vandenbrink, Payment #6 in the amount of \$27,120.55. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

### **BOARD COMMENTS:**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** A resident asked if the 3 percent increase in sewer charges were because of the amount being charged for waste treatment from Oscoda Township? Supervisor Beliveau's reply was "Yes."

Another resident wanted to know who watches over the water that is being pumped into the lake. Superintendent Strayer said EGLE, (a branch of the DNR) were the people to contact. He also said the contractors had gotten permits from them. The resident said she was referring to the water being drained from individual homes not the sewer project.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Ramsdell

Second by Samotis

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm

Submitted By:  
Susie Olpere  
Recording Secretary

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Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor  
Charter Township of AuSable