

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

Dec. 7, 2020

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Virtual Meeting

## **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:** Supervisor Beliveau had two changes in New Business: Items H & I were to be tabled until the next meeting for document corrections. Moss made a motion to approve the agenda including the amendments. Second by Barnes

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:**

A) **Treasurer** –

B) **Clerk** – A copy of the check register would be in the wall files for the trustees.

C) **Superintendent** – Superintendent’s Report

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

A) **Jeff Moss – RAB Update**

Trustee Moss informed the board of a public hearing regarding PFAS on Wednesday at 4:30, which is being presented by the State of Michigan.

B) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update -**

Clerk Graham has been in contact with Emily Meyerson to put together general information required for the TAP Grant. The application is due in February.

C) **Sewer Project** – No new updates

D) **Water Project** – No new updates

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

A) **Introduction of Ordinance 121 -** The proposed ordinance, if subsequently adopted by the Township Board at a future meeting, will establish requirements, standards, and regulations for access to and use of public rights-of-way in the Township for small cell wireless facilities, and has been prepared in response to regulations imposed by Michigan Public Act No. 365 of 2018 (the Small Cell Wireless Communications Facilities Deployment Act) and federal statutes, regulations, rulings, reports, and orders. The proposed ordinance is presently posted on the Township’s website, [www.ausabletownship.net](http://www.ausabletownship.net). The proposed ordinance will be presented to the Township Board during a regular meeting on the **19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.**, and the Township Board will consider adopting the proposed ordinance at that time. If the Township Board adopts the ordinance at that time, the ordinance will take effect immediately upon publication of a notice of adoption of the ordinance as required by law.

No action required at this time.

**B) Introduction of Ordinance 120** – The proposed ordinance, if subsequently adopted by the Township Board at a future meeting, will amend Charter Township of AuSable Ordinance No. 42 (the Sewer Rules and Regulations Ordinance). The proposed ordinance is presently posted on the Township's website, [www.ausabletownship.net](http://www.ausabletownship.net). The proposed ordinance will be presented to the Township Board during a regular meeting on the **4<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021, at 5:00 p.m.**, and the Township Board will consider adopting the proposed ordinance at that time. If the Township Board adopts the ordinance at that time, the ordinance will take effect immediately upon publication of a notice of adoption of the ordinance as required by law. No action is required at this time.

**C) Introduction of Ordinance 119 – Recreational Marijuana** - Proposed ordinance (Charter Township of AuSable Ordinance No. 119 was introduced during a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of AuSable. The proposed ordinance, if subsequently adopted by the Township Board at a future meeting, will implement the provisions of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (MCL 333.27951 et seq.) and will authorize the type and number of marihuana establishments that may operate in the Township, including 1 class A marihuana grower, 1 marihuana processor, 1 marihuana retailer, 1 marihuana safety compliance facility, and 1 marihuana secure transporter. The proposed ordinance, if adopted, will also regulate marihuana establishments by requiring a permit and compliance with the requirements of the ordinance; provide penalties for violating the ordinance; provide for severability of the ordinance; provide an effective date of the ordinance; and partially repeal Charter Township of AuSable Ordinance No. 117 (the prohibition of marihuana establishments ordinance). The proposed ordinance is presently posted for public viewing at the Charter Township of AuSable website, [www.ausabletownship.net](http://www.ausabletownship.net). The proposed ordinance will be presented to the Township Board during a regular meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021, at 5:00 p.m., and the Township Board will consider adopting the proposed ordinance at that time. If the Township Board adopts the ordinance at that time, the ordinance will take effect immediately upon publication of a notice of adoption of the ordinance as required by law. No action required at this time.

**D) Introduction of Ordinance 122 – Amendment to 114** – Take Notice that on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020, a proposed ordinance (Charter Township of AuSable Ordinance No. 122 was introduced during a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of AuSable. The proposed ordinance, if subsequently adopted by the Township Board at a future meeting, will amend the Charter Township of AuSable Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 114) by addressing the zoning requirements for marihuana establishments that are allowed to operate in the Township pursuant to the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (MCL 333.27951 et seq.) and the ordinance adopted by the Township pursuant to the Act. The proposed ordinance is presently posted for public viewing at on the Township's website, [www.ausabletownship.net](http://www.ausabletownship.net). The proposed ordinance will be presented to the Township Board during a regular meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021, at 5:00 p.m., and the Township Board will consider adopting the proposed ordinance at that time. If the Township Board adopts the ordinance at that time, the ordinance will take effect immediately upon publication of a notice of adoption of the ordinance as required by law. No action is required at this time.

**E) Consideration of Resolution 2020-18** - These amendments represent an increase of \$2,656.00 over the approved budget due to an increase in membership fees and meeting compensation. Motion was made Moss to accept Resolution 2020-18. Second by Janis  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried

**F) Consideration of Resolution 2020-19** - This resolution pertains to Cemetery Funds and has an increase of \$246.00 over the approved budget due to a miscalculation. Motion was made by Samotis to adopt Resolution 2020-19. Second by Moss  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried

**G) STING 2019 Report** – Included in the packet is the 2019 report from STING. They have recently gone thru a reconfiguration of staff and as a result of that, restrictions we're seeing with Covid-19, the administration was unable to convey the activities and invoice for 2019. The appointed Lieutenant will be attending the first meeting in January to give us an update on the status of STING and also introduce himself to the board. Motion was made by Janis to pay the 2019 invoice for STING in the amount of \$2865.00. Second by Samotis  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried

- H) **Consideration of Addendum to Contract for Police Service** - Tabled until the next meeting  
I) **Consideration of Addendum to Contract for Fire Service** – Tabled until the next meeting

J) **Consideration of HRUSA 2021 Budget** - At the last meeting of the Huron Shores Regional Utility Authority, the board proposed a 2021 Budget. It is being presented to you for consideration of approval as a member municipality. According to the budget, AuSable township will realize an increase of \$9,725.00 over 2020. Moss made the motion to approve the 2021 HSRUA Budget. Second by Ramsdell  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

**K) Introduction of Ordinance 83 Amendment (Sewer) -**

As order of protocol, Ordinance 83 is being presented for introduction to the Board of Trustees for review. Ordinance Amendment 83 will be presented at the next Regular Board meeting for consideration of adoption and implementation effective February 1, 2021. No action was taken at this time

**L) Introduction of Ordinance 84 Amendment (Water) -** As order of protocol, Ordinance 84 is being presented for introduction to the Board of Trustees for review. Ordinance Amendment 84 will be presented at the next Regular Board meeting for consideration of adoption and implementation effective February 1, 2021.

**M) Hilltop, AuSable Point, to Gowen Road Water Extension -** This project was not forecasted with the Capital Improvement process; however, we were contacted regarding the potential of having this project scheduled. This project would provide much needed fire protection to the homes in that area, include water for an additional five homes and will be a beginning phase of a loop which also would be needed for that area. Vacant property owners would be contacted to inquire if they would like leads installed for future use. The current estimate for this project is \$158,942. Motion was made to approve the Water Extension project for Hilltop, AuSable Point, to Gowen Road for the amount of \$158,942.00 by Moss. Second by Janis

Yeas – Moss, Janis, Barnes, Beliveau, Ramsdell, Graham

Nays - Samotis

Motion Carried

**BOARD COMMENTS:** Trustee Moss inquired about an update on the Sewer Extension.

Superintendent Sutton responded that she hoped the to get information regarding the amendment to the contract with Oscoda Township after their next board meeting. This is a requirement by the USDA to meet their regulations. Letters also have been mailed to all of the property owners that either have vacant property or residences that are farther than the 200' right of way limit, asking them if they want leads.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Ms. Avord, from the Oscoda Press, inquired about the closure of the township hall. Superintendent Sutton informed the trustees that Governor and the State Health Dept. had extended their restrictions regarding Covid until the 20<sup>th</sup> of December and the township would follow the current protocol to that time.

Trustee Moss announced that this would be his last meeting and wanted to thank everyone for letting him voice his opinions and greatly appreciated his opportunity to serve the community. The board also expressed their appreciation for his contributions to the board and community and he will be missed on the township board.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Moss

Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm

Submitted By:  
Susie Olpere  
Recording Secretary

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Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor  
Charter Township of AuSable