

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

February 6, 2023

“approved”

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kevin Beliveau at 5:00 pm

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Gina Cinquino

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

Press Coverage: Manuela Kress

Pledge of Allegiance recited

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ramsdell made the motion to approve the agenda for Feb. 6, 2023.

Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Voice 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:

A) **Treasurer** – Bank Balance Report

B) **Clerk** – Accounts Payable, Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expenditures

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

OLD BUSINESS:

A) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update –**

B) **Sewer Project** – Superintendent Strayer informed the board that Elmer’s will be submitting another bill for the grinder pump and fixing the sewer grates on the lift stations.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) **Tobacco Free Outdoor Spaces** - At the last meeting, we had a presentation from Mr. Scott Izzo (District Health Dept.) regarding an ordinance to make our Township Parks and Outdoor Spaces tobacco free. After some discussion, Supervisor appreciated the information, but thought it might be impractical and unenforceable by the township. Signage was suggested to say that tobacco would not be condoned at public areas. The board came to the consensus that there would be no changes made at this time but would remain a consideration if the subject worsened.

B) **Resolution 2023-04** - This resolution explains the cost factors of the bike path. It also shows an updated price that could be charged to the Township if the bids from contractors come in up to 10% over the Engineer’s Opinion of Probable costs. This amount could be a figure up to \$305,071.99 that the Township would have to pay, depending on the bids received. The resolution was a stipulation that has been included in different phases of the trail. Barnes made motion to approve Resolution 2023-04. Second by Ramsdell

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

- C) Engagement Letter from Straley, Lamp & Kraenzlein** - Included in the board packet is an explanation of cost and possible extra fees based on additional accounting procedures that are required by the Government. The cost of the audit this year is \$12,500.00 but does not include out of pocket expenses for report production, word processing, postage, travel, copies, telephone, plus, an hourly rate required to complete government reporting on leases. Samotis made the motion to authorize going ahead with the audit as proposed. Second by Graham
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- D) Capital Improvement Plan and Budget Dates** – Superintendent Strayer has included the memorandum which was given to the trustees on Jan. 17, 2023. There is also a timetable of events within the CIP process. Trustees agreed to the following dates for these sessions: May 8th and 22nd, then in September it will be the 11th and 25th which are all on Mondays at 4:00pm

BOARD COMMENTS: Clerk Graham relayed that we should have a response to our grant application for McCuaig Park by the end of this week.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Gaylynn Brenoel, Interim Director from the Chamber of Commerce, was in attendance to introduce herself to the board and thank the township for supporting the Community Directory Book. She also thanked Trustee Samotis for her participation in organizing the Northern Lights Parade.

Manuella Kress was in favor of having smoke free parks and public areas. She contributed her discomfort of smoke helped cause health issues to herself. Trustees expressed their gratitude for her input on the subject.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Graham
Second by Barnes
Unanimous – All in Favor
Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm

Submitted By:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor
Charter Township of AuSable