

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

April 3, 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, Gina Cinquino

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

Press Coverage: Manuela Kress

Pledge of Allegiance recited

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Superintendent Strayer requested an addition be made to New Business, Item I. Resolution 2023-09. Motion was made by Barnes to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Cinquino.

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** –

B) **Clerk** – Accounts Payable, Balance sheet, Revenue & Expenditures

C) **Superintendent** – Mr. Gary Bartow, from F & V, will be here in a couple of weeks to discuss the wrap-up of the sewer extension project.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

A) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update** – Clerk Graham informed the board of an Iosco Exploration Trail meeting which was held last Thursday. The engineer for the project explained the advertisement for bids was going out on April 7<sup>th</sup> and the letting will be done on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

B) **Sewer Project** – Superintendent Strayer

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

A) **Re-Appointment of Jeff Lamrock on the Planning Commission** – Mr. Lamrock’s term will expire the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. He has agreed to renew his term with the board’s approval. Barnes made the motion to approve Jeff Lamrock’s term on the Planning Commission for another 3 years (May 1, 2026). Second by Cinquino

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

B) **Re-Appointment of Mike Pardington on the Planning Commission** - Mr. Mike Pardington has been a member of the Planning Commission since 2019 and has generously agreed to renew again for another 3 years. Barnes made the motion to re-appoint Mike Pardington to the Planning Commission until May 1, 2026. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

- C) Re-Appointment of Gina Cinquino on Zoning Board of Appeals -** Mrs. Gina Cinquino was originally appointed to the ZBA on May 5, 2020. She has also agreed to stay on for another three years upon the board's approval. Barnes made the motion to re-appoint Gina Cinquino for the Zoning Board of Appeals until May 1, 2026. Second by London  
 Unanimous – Voice Vote  
 Motion Carried
- D) Re-Appointment of Gregory Romero on Zoning Board of Appeals –** Mr. Romero was originally appointed to the ZBA on Nov. 1, 2021. He has planned on staying on the ZBA for another term. Motion was made by Barnes to re-appoint Gregory Romero on the ZBA for another three years (May 1, 2026). Second by Cinquino  
 Unanimous – Voice Vote  
 Motion Carried
- D) Resolution 2023-07 –** During a previous Board meeting, Superintendent Strayer presented a draft letter that was submitted by Iosco County in reference to the Hope Grant they received. This grant was awarded to the County in the amount of \$500,000. This Resolution gives Iosco Housing Commission power and authority to provide services in AuSable Township so that people will be eligible for a portion of the funding. Barnes made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-07. Second by Ramsdell  
 Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
 Motion Carried
- E) Letter of Support –** Superintendent Strayer presented a letter of support, which was put together for Develop Iosco, and the Iosco Commission Improvement Grant. This grant will be used to fix the electrical service at the town park. This letter was at the request of the Oscoda/AuSable Chamber of Commerce. Ramsdell made this motion to approve the letter of support. Second by Barnes  
 Unanimous – Voice Vote  
 Motion Carried
- F) Request by Teresa Edelman –** Superintendent Strayer introduced a copy of a letter submitted to the township by Teresa Edelman regarding the delinquent water bill at the Aspen Motel. Her intention is to manage the Aspen until the redemption period is over which is which is Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>. The board came to the consensus that the township attorney would have to be informed of the details of the situation at the motel to get his opinion. Samotis made the motion to defer the shut-off at the Aspen Motel until April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to resolve some of the questions for the board. Second by Beliveau  
 Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
 Motion Carried
- G) Discussion of Magic Wrighter Fees -** Treasurer Samotis presented information regarding a payment option the township has offered residents for many years. Magic Wrighter offers a no charge service for customers that call their 800# to make their water payment. The company would charge the township per call and the township would also be charge by our bank. Over the years people are now using their debit and credit cards to make these payments, so usage of Magic Wrighter is going up and the people using this service has been going down. Treasurer Samotis suggested dissolving the relationship with Magic Wrighter and saving approx. \$50.00 a month from them and also saving approx. \$100.00 a month from the bank. Barnes made the motion to dissolve the relationship with Magic Wrighter as of May 31<sup>st</sup>. Second by Cinquino  
 Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
 Motion Carried
- H) Resolution 2023-08 –** This resolution is to set up a bank account to put money from the General Fund to pay APM for the first year of Mosquito Control due to the timing of the tax collection. This money will be paid back into this General Fund once the tax money is collected. London made the motion t approve Resolution 2023-08. Second by Barnes  
 Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
 Motion Carried

**I) Resolution 2023-09 Budget Amendment** – This resolution is a budget amendment to add \$4,800. to the overhead Capital Outlay Account for the purchase of the Minolta Copier/Printer from Miller Office Machines. Samotis moved to enact Resolution 2023-09. Second by London  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried

**BOARD COMMENTS:** Trustee London asked if the copier had been ordered yet? Superintendent Strayer said it had already been ordered, but has not been informed about its delivery.

Trustee London also commended Supervisor Beliveau and Treasurer Samotis for standing firm on their opinion regarding the situation with the delinquent water for the Aspen.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

A resident voiced her concern regarding the people being evicted from the Aspen Motel and what will happen to them since there is no homeless shelter in the area.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by London  
Second by Barnes  
Unanimous – Voice Vote  
Motion Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm

Submitted By:  
Susie Olpere  
Recording Secretary

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Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor  
Charter Township of AuSable