

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

Dec. 5, 2022

“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 addition of Item Q – Res. 2022-38, Item R – Res. 2022-39, Item S – Res. 2022-40, and Item T – Building Authority Alternative Board Member. Ramsdell made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items: None

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Ramsdell to approve the Consent Agenda.
Second by Cinquino
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS:

- A) **Treasurer** – Bank Balance Report (October)
- B) **Clerk** – Accounts Payable, Balance Sheet, Revenue & Expenditure Report
- C) **Superintendent** – Superintendent’s Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update** – Clerk Graham briefed the trustees on a general information meeting which was held last week with MDOT, the utility companies and engineer. They wanted to review the final draft of the engineers drawing for the path since the sewer extension is complete.
- B) **Sewer Project** – Superintendent Strayer said the generators had been installed for the lift stations and will be tested on Dec. 8th.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) **2023 Township Schedule** - Corrections were made to the days of the Regular Board Meetings. Motion was made by Barnes to approve the amended township schedule for 2023. Second by Cinquino
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried
- B) **Township of AuSable General Appropriations & Budget for 2023** – Motion was made by Ramsdell to approve the adoption of Charter of AuSable General Appropriations Act & Budget for 2023. Second by Samotis
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

- C) Resolution 2022-31 Clerk's Salary for 2023** – Samotis made the motion of the adoption of Resolution 2022-31 To Establish Clerk's Salary for 2023. Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- D) Resolution 2022-32 Treasurer's Salary for 2023** – Graham made the motion of the adoption of Resolution 2022-31 To Establish the Treasurer's Salary for 2023.
Second by Cinquino
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- E) Resolution 2022-33 Supervisor's Salary for 2023** - Motion was made by Ramsdell to approve Resolution 2022-33 To Establish Supervisor's Salary for 2023. Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- F) Resolution 2022-34 Trustees' Salary for 2023** - Graham made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-34 To Establish Trustees Salary for 2023. Second by Samotis
Graham – Yay, Samotis – Yay, Barnes – Nay, Cinquino – Yay, London – Yay, Ramsdell – Yay
Beliveau – Yay
Motion Carried
- G) Resolution 2022-35 Compensation Rates for 2023** – Motion made by Ramsdell to approve Resolution 2022-35 To Establish Compensation Rates for the year 2023. Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- H) Resolution 2022-36 Support for SPARK Grant** – This resolution is to show support for application for the SPARK Grant by AuSable Township for improvements to McCuaig Park. Ramsdell made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-36 To Support the SPARKS Grant. Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- I) Resolution 2022-37 Superintendent's Salary for 2023** - Barnes made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-37 To Establish Superintendent's Salary for 2023. Second by Cinquino
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- J) Sewer Rate Amendment** – 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. Ordinance #83 will be presented at the January 3rd Regular Board meeting for consideration of adoption and implementation effective February 1, 2023. No action is needed at this time.
- K) Water Rate Amendment** - As order of protocol, Ordinance #84 is being presented for introduction to the Board of Trustees for review. We are requesting a 3 percent increase in the water rate. Ordinance Amendment #84 will be presented at the January 3rd Regular Board meeting for consideration of adoption and implementation effective February 1, 2023. No action is needed at this time. No action is needed at this time.
- L) Pay Application #18** – This pay application is for work performed by Elmer's from 9/7/22 thru 10/31/22 and 10/31/22 thru 10/29/22 by Fleis & Vandenbrink. The invoice from Elmer's is \$171,404.31 and \$6,466.40 from Fleis & Vandenbrink. If approved the clerk will initiate the total payment of \$177,870.71 from the USDA. Graham made the motion to accept Payment Application #18 for the total of \$177,870.71 from USDA. Second by London
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

- M) Cost of Fire Truck** – On the original Capital Improvement Plan, our cost of the replacement of the Fire Truck was given as \$135,000. Per discussions addressed during the last Budget Meeting, our share of the Fire Truck has increased to \$199,144.00. We have enough to cover this increase in the Fire Fund, but it must be approved by the Board because of the increase in cost. Supervisor Beliveau advised the board that our share of this truck was almost a 50% increase than was estimated not that long ago. Treasurer Samotis requested a recap of expenditures for the fire truck and any other pertinent costs. Supervisor Beliveau asked for a face-to-face meeting with Oscoda Township. Ramsdell made the motion to table this issue until we get more answers. Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried
- N) Ordinance #132** – At the last board meeting, this ordinance had been introduced and the board requested that it included a section on fees to be included depending on the circumstance of use for the township facilities and property. The copy of the ordinance is now the formal copy as amended. If it is approved, it will be presented to the board on Jan. 3rd for consideration and adoption. No action will be required.
- O) Addendum for Police Services** – Superintendent Strayer briefed the trustees that annually sends us an addendum to update the original 1983 police contract. This year Oscoda is going to bill us \$453,937.16. This represents a roughly 14% increase from last year. We pay 22.6 % of the Oscoda Police budget based on our populations, number of complaints, and taxable value. Superintendent Strayer is trying to initiate a meeting with the Chief of Police. Motion was made by Graham to table this until the next meeting on the 19th. Second by Samotis
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried
- P) Addendum For Fire and Cemetery** – An annual addendum is also sent to us from Oscoda regarding fire and cemetery contracts. The Fire contract is \$71,943.00 an increase of 9% over last year and the Cemetery contract is \$25,231.86 and increase of 21% over last year. London made the motion to table the contracts for further clarification. Second by Ramsdell
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- Q) Resolution 2022-38** – This resolution is a Budget Amendment that represents an increase of \$1500.00 to the township board wages, due to the number of budget and board meetings. Ramsdell made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-38 To Amend the 2022 Budget.
Second by Samotis
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- R) Resolution 2022-39** – This resolution is an amendment representing an increase of \$500.00 to the Election Miscellaneous. Extra expense was due to charges from Election Source for the November election. Samotis made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-39. Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- S) Resolution 2022-40** – This resolution is a budget amendment representing an increase of \$2,000.00 to the budgeted use of fund balance to account for Resolution 2022-38 & 2022-39. Ramsdell made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-40 To Amend the 2022 Budget.
Second by Cinquino
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- T) Building Authority Alternate** – Treasurer Samotis explained that the Building Authority consists of 5 trustees, 3 of those are from Oscoda and 2 from AuSable. An alternate is needed and Mr. Allen Neeley has agreed to fill that position starting Jan. 1st for 3 years. Samotis made the motion to approve Mr. Allen Neeley as the alternate for the Building Authority. Second by Ramsdell
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

BOARD COMMENTS: Clerk Graham asked the board to agree to pay AuSable Hardware by a percentage rate (water, sewer, and general) instead of having to break it down by every individual item purchased. The division she is suggesting would be 47% to water, general fund 42%, and 11% to sewer. We do figure percentages for most of our bills now only with a slightly different split. There was a consensus by the board that this split would be acceptable.

Treasurer Samotis hoped that the board was able to attend the Northern Lights Parade and enjoyed the floats and music. It was good to see the participation and how well it was attended by the community.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Ramsdell
Second by Cinquino
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried
Meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm

Submitted By:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor
Charter Township of AuSable