

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Special Board Meeting

May 24, 2023

“approved”

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kevin Beliveau at 5:03 pm

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Yvette Ramsdell

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

Press Coverage: Manuela Kress

Pledge of Allegiance recited

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Barnes made the motion to approve the agenda of May 24, 2023.

Second by Cinquino

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items: None

Approval of Consent Agenda: Barnes made the motion to approve the consent agenda.

Second by Cinquino

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS:

A) Superintendent – Superintendents Report - Resolution 2023-10 Public Hearing

Superintendent Strayer included information for the DWSRF (Drinking Water State Revolving Fund) Grant which was provided by Fleis and Vandenbrink. Also, the resolution giving the Township permission to submit the grant application proposal. The exact dollar amount, if any, that will be awarded to the Township will be determined at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Resolution 2023-10 - Public Hearing

Motion was made by Samotis to suspend the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing. Second by Barnes.

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

Time: 5:08 pm

Mr. Gary Bartow, from Fleis & Vandenbrink, was in attendance to give an overview of the water project which would include:

DWSRF PROJECT FOR PUBLIC HEARING

- **Additional Watermains & Looping**
 - a) which would improve quality water in PFAS concentration areas
 - b) looping to eliminate dead ends, improve water quality & reliability.
- **Water Meters**
 - a) new water meters for better accuracy to what the residents are now using
- **Project Financing**

The Township qualifies as an Overburdened Community with the proposed project.

 - a) the annual payment would be \$251,900.00 per year for the \$5.1 million project based upon a 30 year loan at 2.75% interest.
 - b) with 1,301 REU's, each REU will pay approximately \$16.00 per month for the proposed project
 - c) this monthly REU cost could be reduced further depending on loan terms, interest rates, the availability of grant funding, principal forgiveness through DWSRF and any other State and Federal grants that may be available
- **Project Schedule**
 - a) the proposed project is expected to be on track quarter 4 of 2024:
Beginning Construction – May 2025 Construction Complete – Aug. 2026
- **Social and Environmental Impacts**
 - a) Environmental Impacts – None anticipated
 - b) Social Impacts – positive impacts, despite increased user costs, improved water quality with new water mains to deliver water for better accuracy

The meeting was opened for questions for Mr. Bartow. There were no questions.

Motion was made by Barnes to close the public meeting and reconvene the regular meeting.
Second by Cinquino
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
Time: 5:15 pm

Mr. Bartow explained that the resolution that was before the board authorizes the board to submit the project plan into the State so we can find out where we rank in points and where we're going to be on the intended use plan, and what potential loan and/or agreement for grant money we could get.

Barnes made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-10. Second by Graham
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

BOARD COMMENTS:

Trustee Barnes inquired about the mosquito spraying and asked if they have begun yet? Superintendent Strayer replied that they had started the backpack spraying, but wasn't sure if the truck fogging had happened.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Barnes

Second by Cinquino

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:27 pm

Submitted By:

Susie Olpere

Recording Secretary

Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor
Charter Township of AuSable