

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

June 5, 2023

“unapproved”

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: Motion was made by Barnes to approve the agenda for June 5, 2023.

Second by Ramsdell

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items: None

Approval of Consent Agenda: London requested the following corrections to the minutes:

a) in the Consent Agenda, Under Action - Item B. Approval of AuSable Charter Township “Special” Board Meeting minutes of May 24, 2024. (“Special” being the addition)

B) and in the minutes of May 24th, Trustee Barnes made the motion to approve the consent Agenda not Ramsdell.

Motion was made by Ramsdell to the amended Consent Agenda for June 5th. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS:

A) **Treasurer** – Bank Balance Report

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

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

B) **Sewer Project** – Superintendent Strayer said they’re getting close to the final bill that we have been waiting for.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) **2022 Audit Results** - A annual audit report was presented by Nicholas Cordes from Strayley, Lamp, and Kraenzlein, the Township’s certified public accountants. The outcome of the 2022 audit was an “unmodified” result, which is the best type of opinion that can be issued. Contents of the audit have been included in the packet of record. No action was necessary.

- B) Right of Refusal** - The board packet included a list of Tax Foreclosed properties that the Township has the ability to purchase at the "fair market value". Superintendent Strayer requested our assessor to make a description page of the properties for the trustee's review. It is the Assessor's opinion that none of these properties are particularly valuable to the Township.
No action was taken by the board
- C) Pay Application #1 C2R2 Grant** – The C2R2 Grant was established to provide assistance to drinking water systems to remove or reduce PFAS or other contaminations. Our first payment request from Fleis & Vandenbrink is for professional services rendered April 2 to April 29, 2023. The amount of the invoice comes to \$4,576.75. Samotis made the motion to approve the pay application. Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- D) Bike Path Bid Rejection** – Superintendent Strayer received a letter from MDOT that explained a misunderstanding on the specs for part of the Bike Path Project. It was their decision to reject all the bids received and begin the process with corrected information and the process will begin again in August.
No action required
- E) Resolution 2023-10** – Due to our membership dues of \$2,000.00 that were paid to Develop losco, it has forced our Dues/Publishing/ and Fees Budget to need adjustment. This resolution increased this budget item by \$2,000.00 from \$5,000.00 to \$7,000.00. Barnes made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-10. Second by Ramsdell
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- F) Community Newsletter** – A copy was brought before the board for their review, which will be sent along with 2023 Summer Taxes. Clerk Graham suggested a correction be made to the wording regarding the Bike Path donations. Motion by Samotis to approve the newsletter as amended.
Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried
- G) Letter of Support for Michigan Fire Department Grant** – Superintendent Strayer provide a copy of the letter of support for Oscoda Township to request a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 that will help reimburse them for equipment used for the Fire Department. Barnes made the motion to approve the Michigan Fire Department Grant letter. Second by Graham
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried
- H) Capital Improvement Plan Meeting Reschedule** – Superintendent Strayer requested to have two CIP meetings to discuss what the status of what we know and don't know going into the budgeting process for June 12th and 26th at 4:00 pm. Ramsdell made the motion to approve both dates for our CIP meetings. Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried

BOARD COMMENTS: Superintendent Strayer informed the trustees of a Consumers Energy Meeting on June 13th at 3:30 pm at Warrior Pavillion. Its regarding dam closures and township shouldering some of the costs for maintenance of the dams.

Trustee Barnes asked when the Saturday Farmers Market would start and the reply was June 17th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Manuela Kress from the Oscoda Press, inquired about the date of the next meeting due to the Juneteenth holiday. Superintendent Strayer said it would be moved to Tuesday, June 20th at 5:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Barnes
Second by London
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm

Submitted By:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor
Charter Township of AuSable