

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

Aug. 7, 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: Barnes made the motion to approve the agenda for Aug. 7, 2023.

Second by Cinquina

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items: None

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Ramsdell to approve the Consent Agenda.

Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS:

A) **Treasurer** –

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

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

Superintendent Strayer attended a budget meeting with Oscoda Township and has received some preliminary numbers for police and fire contracts and will have a discission on how we want to proceed.

OLD BUSINESS:

A) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update** - Clerk Graham informed the trustees that the bid letting is scheduled for Sept. 1st.

B) **Sewer Project** – None

NEW BUSINESS:

A) **Ordinance #136 Reintroduction** – This is the third introduction of Ordinance #136, which replaces Ordinance #41. It refreshed the Grass & Weed Ordinance that is in place for the township with one that is more enforceable and current with the State statutes. The board suggested some changes such as: changing the time to respond to the violations from 120 hrs. to 60 days, to define the word “Nuisance” and to which zones this would be applicable. The Trustees came to an agreement on these items, but no action was taken.

B) **Saturday Market Check-in** - A letter was provided by Caryn Coyle to provided them with the current situation with the market. She said there was an increase in venders, starting to serve food, and are still continuing as planned. No action required

- C) Application For Parking Lot Use** - An application for use of the parking lot was submitted by Sand Castle Resort. They are hosting an event which requires more room than their parking lot would handle and wished to use the lot just south of the Township Hall for extra room for some of their guests to park their cars. This parking would be short lived, and the guests would be shuttled to the resort. Superintendent Beliveau made a motion to approve the application for the Sand Castle Resort without a fee. Second by Samotis
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- D) Pay Application #3** – A copy of Pay Application #3 from Fleis and Vandenbrink for \$6,589.04 for engineering on the C2R2 Grant project from May 28,2023 to July 1, 2023. Ramsdell made the motion to approve Pay Application #3 from Fleis and Vandenbrink for \$6,589.04.
Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- E) MI Hope Grant** – There is a letter provided for the trustees which is in support of Phase 4 of the MI Hope Grant. The board has approved prior letters of support for various phases of the MI Hope Grant. This grant gives our residents the chance to do home improvements that increases their energy efficiency. Motion was made by Ramsdell to approve the support letter for Phase 4 of the MI Hope Grant. Second by Graham
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motin Carried
- F) Resolution 2023-13** – This Resolution 2023-13 raises the revenue category for Reimbursements from Water and Sewer to General from \$15,000.00 to \$40,000.00 as approved by the Board at the Aug. 17th, 2023 meeting. Graham made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-13 to increase reimbursements from Water and Sewer in the amount of 25,000.00. Second by Cinquino
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- G) Resolution 2023-14** – This resolution raises the expenditure fund of Community Promotion from \$7,700.00 to \$12,000.00 due to \$5,200.00 charge to pay Oscoda Township our portion of the firework display for the 4th of July. Motion was made by Ramsdell to approve Resolution 2023-14 to amend the 2023 budget. Second by Cinquino
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- H) Resolution 2023-15** – This resolution supports the submittal of an application for the Michigan Community Center Grant for the Trailhead Market Place. Ramsdell made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-15 to submit an application for the MI Community Center Grant program.
Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- I) Resolution 2023-16** – This resolution would raise the budget amount of Repair and Maintenance account in Building and Grounds from \$5,000.00 to \$7,000.00. This is due to the increase in hardware prices and hardware purchases done on the dock at the river launch project. Ramsdell made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-16 to amend the 2023 Budget. Second by Graham
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
- J) Resolution 2023-17** – This resolution is to raise the budget amount of Contract Services from \$8,000.00 to \$10,500.00. The increase is due to an increase in contract services accounting services related to the Chart of Accounts. Motion was made by Ramsdell to approve Resolution 2023-17 to amend the budget for Contract Services. Second by Samotis
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

BOARD COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. and Mrs. Dave Deveraux of 2064 N. US 23 expressed concern regarding homes near their property being advertised online for weekly rentals (such as Airbnb homes) for the past several years. Homes that are housing many people at a time and are not respectful of current ordinances such as noise or fireworks. They suggested making changes to the ordinance such as licensing and require weekly rentals to be located in commercial areas. Superintendent Strayer said he had researched it before and the State of Michigan was in the process of putting together some legislation pertaining to the short-term rentals.

Mr. Tom Wdowik thanked the board for the sewer installation that was done along U.S. 23. He is the owner of Sand Castle Resort and said it saved him a lot of headaches and sleepless nights. He added that he has had zero problems this year.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Ramsdell
Second by Samotis
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm

Submitted By:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Kelly Graham, Clerk
Charter Township of AuSable