

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

Aug 21, 2023

“approved”

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kevin Beliveau at 5:03 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:** Clerk Graham did not have the biweekly reports ready for her presentation but will have them for the next meeting. Ramsdell made the motion to approve the agenda. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items:** None

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Superintendent Strayer requested moving the 2 letters of correspondence (under Receive and File) to Correspondence. Motion by Ramsdell to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

A) Treasurer –

B) Clerk –

C) Superintendent – Superintendent’s Report

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

A) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update** - Clerk Graham had nothing new to report, but is anxiously awaiting bids to be opened on Sept. 1, 2023.

B) **Sewer Project** – Superintendent reported that we are still waiting for final billing.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

A) **Terry Dutcher Update on County Business** - Commissioner Dutcher gave a synopsis from Northern Michigan Counties Association and (MAC) Michigan Association of Counties.

### **Legislative Reports:**

- Early Presidential Primary – Activity will begin in October for Township Clerks
- Labor Laws – Employee scheduling issue
- Township Zoning – State might take over aggregate mining
- Statewide Septic Code – Revamping Michigan State Code
- Budget Forecasting over the next 10 years
- MI Hope Grant – applications and Contractor Communications for lower income housing

- B) Ordinance #136 Reintroduction** - This is a reintroduction of the ordinance due to changes to the verbiage suggested by the board. It was initially introduced to refurbish the grass and weed ordinance and make it more enforceable for violations. Superintendent Strayer has taken out the portion regarding dead tree removal and have put in wording from the original Ordinance #41 which would include updated penalties. The consensus of the trustees was to continue with the adoption procedure of Ordinance #136.
- C) Mosquito Update** – Correspondence was reviewed from APM Mosquito Control giving an update of their work of the following: 48 resident calls were fielded to date, 230 miles of roadways fogged, 303 lbs. of BTI used for standing water treatments this season, and the ULV truck will continue throughout the remainder of the summer.
- D) Resolution 2023-18** – This resolution spells out an agreement with Iosco County Road Commission and AuSable Township regarding the finances of the continuation of the Iosco Exploration Bike Trail. It also breaks down what our responsibility as a Township would be with the bid coming in at the engineers estimate. Ramsdell made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-18, an agreement between Iosco County Road Commission and AuSable Township. Second by Graham  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried
- E) Police and Fire Discussion** – Superintendent Strayer provided the board with preliminary calculations of the Police and Fire Budget from Oscoda Township. The decision to approve the shared services contract will be in January when the final numbers are given. No action was made at this time.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Trustee Cinquino was concerned over the maintenance and landscaping of the AuSable Historical Cemetery.  
Superintendent Strayer informed the board that the bank has taken possession of the Aspen Hotel and paid the water bill in full.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Barnes  
Second by Cinquino  
Unanimous – Voice Vote  
Motion Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm

Submitted By:  
Susie Olpere  
Recording Secretary

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Supervisor Kevin Beliveau  
Charter Township of AuSable