

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

September 18, 2023

“approved”

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting was called to order by Clerk Kelly Graham at 5:01 pm

## **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Yvette Ramsdell, Kelly Graham, Mary Jo Samotis, Alanda Barnes, Gina Cinquino

Absent: Kevin Beliveau, Diana London

Staff Present: Eric Strayer, Superintendent, Susie Olpere, Recording Secretary, Jessica Landry, Assessor

Press Coverage: Manuela Kress

Pledge of Allegiance recited

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Ramsdell made the motion to approve the agenda for September 18,

2023. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items:** None

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Cinquino made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

A) Treasurer –

B) Clerk – Accounts Payable

C) Superintendent – Superintendent’s Report

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

A) Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update -

B) Sewer Project – No update to report.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

A) **Ordinance #136** - This is the third discussion regarding Ordinance #136 which is an updated version of Grass and Weed Ordinance #41 and will refresh Ordinance #41 with updated penalties.

Motion was made by Samotis to approve Ordinance #136. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

B) **Resolution Number 2023-19** – Discussion from Assessor Landry regarding Truth in Taxation.

Resolution 2023-19 is a resolution to a public hearing to discuss the Truth in Taxation and the wish of the Township to levy an additional millage rate of .2483 mills for the general fund which would restore its maximum allowable millage rate of 4.5458 mills. If Resolution 2023-19 is passed, we will

commence with a public hearing to discuss Truth in Taxation, the Township would have the opportunity to adopt the millage rate at the October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Board. Motion made by

Ramsdell to approve Resolution Number 2023-19. Second by Barnes.

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

**C) Resolution Number 2023-21** - Resolution 2023-21 is a resolution to agree to pay Spicer Group for the engineering of the Bike Path in the amount of \$353,000. The low bid for the Bike Path came in at \$2,956,333.70, which leads to the Township's portion to be \$349,672.07. Motion was made by Barnes to approve Resolution Number 2023-21. Second by Ramsdell.

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried

**D) Maintenance Program for Cummins Generators** – A Maintenance Program was presented for the Cummins Generators installed at our new lift stations. This is a 5-year contract that will cost \$3,387.37 per year for maintenance work done annually for the 4 generators. The Township will be charged after the maintenance work is completed every year. Samotis made the motion to accept the maintenance program. Second by Cinquino.

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried

**E) Election Agreement for Extended Voting** – Discussion from Clerk Graham regarding the agreement for extended voting within Iosco County. This agreement includes the 14 municipalities within the County. Because we are responsible for sending workers for one of the days of extended voting, there are some extra costs associated with the plan. Extra costs are estimated to be \$983.00 in supplies, and extra wages for election workers. No action was needed.

**F) DSMI** – Board was presented with three quotes for DSMI work required to be completed by October of next year. \$125,000 by FOCO Inc., \$384,000 from John Henry, \$133,000 by Underground Infrastructure Services. This work would include material verification 18 inches before and after the curb stop, restoration, and documentation of 242 locations for EGLE. Motion made by Barnes to approve the quote of \$125,000 by FOCO Inc. Second by Cinquino.

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried

**G) DWSRF Grant** - Superintendent informed the Board that our Township was notified by EGLE, that we received a grant for 85% of the cost of our water project submitted earlier this year. This amounts to the Township having to pay \$786,600 for over \$5,000,000 worth of water projects. More details will be forthcoming. No action was needed.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Truth in Taxation Public Hearing. Ramsdell made the motion to suspend the regular meeting and open the public hearing. Second by Barnes.

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried  
Time: 5:33pm

Assessor Landry was present to answer questions from the public and the Board regarding the millage rate. No comments or questions were asked. Motion was made by Ramsdell to close the public hearing and reconvene the regular meeting. Second by Cinquino.

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried  
Time: 5:34pm

**BOARD COMMENTS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Cinquino  
Second by Ramsdell  
Unanimous – Voice Vote  
Motion Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm

Submitted By:  
Susie Olpere  
Recording Secretary

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Clerk Kelly Graham  
Charter Township of AuSable