

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

Jan. 2, 2024

“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, Alanda Barnes, Gina Cinquino

Absent: Yvette Ramsdell

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 for the Jan. 2, 2024 agenda.

Second by Cinquino

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items:** None

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

Second by Graham

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

A) **Treasurer** –

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

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

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

A) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update** - Clerk Graham reported that she has received a few complaints regarding tree removal along the bike path. She informed the residents that we will have money in the budget so at the end of this project, there will be some tree replacements.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

A) **Ordinance #83** – This ordinance was introduced during the Dec. 4, 2023 Board meeting. Ordinance #83 will raise our Sewer Ready to Serve and our Commodity rates by 3%. If approved, these changes will go into effect Feb. 1, 2024. This reflects and is due to a 2% raise in our rates for Sewer treatment by Oscoda Township (from \$12.35 to \$1258 per 1,000 gallons). Currently the rates paid by Oscoda residents are \$5.25 and will increase to \$5.36 per 1,000 gallons. Trustees discussed the stalemate of getting any answers from Oscoda on why they are charging so much more to AuSable. No further attempt has been made from Oscoda, only the increase of next years’ service. Supervisor Beliveau explained that the alternatives are not cheap and not quick. Graham made the motion to adopt Ordinance #83 To Amend the Sewer Service Rates. Second by London  
Roll Call Vote – Cinquino – NO, London – YES, Graham – YES, Barnes – NO, Beliveau – YES  
Motion Carried

B) **Ordinance #84** – This Ordinance #84 was also introduced during the Dec. 4, 2023 Board meeting. It will raise our Water Ready to Serve and our Commodity rate by 2%. If approved, this will go into effect Feb. 1, 2024. The Ready to Serve for water will be \$32.82 and \$3.38 per 1,000 gallons, and sewer will be \$64.73 and \$6.35 for the commodity charge according to a residential 3/4” connection. Barnes made the motion to approve Ordinance #84. Second by Graham

Roll Call Vote – London – YES, Graham – YES, Barnes – YES, Cinquino – NO, Beliveau – YES  
Motion Carried

**C) Miller Canfield Letter of Intent** – Superintendent Strayer provided a copy of the letter explaining the cost of performing as Bond Counsel for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Grant. The grant is for \$5.1 million with \$4.3 million of the grant will be forgiven, leaving the Township to cover approximately \$800,000. As stated in the letter, Bond Counsel will cost \$27,500. This fee would be paid by the proceeds of the Bonds. Motion was made by Barnes to approve the Letter of Intent from Miller Canfield. Second by Cinquino  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried

**BOARD COMMENTS:** Clerk Graham wanted to Thank everyone for approving her request for the exterior holiday hall decorations. Positive comments were received by some of the trustees.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Barnes  
Second by Cinquino  
Unanimous – Voice Vote  
Motion Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 5:19 pm

Submitted By:  
Susie Olpere  
Recording Secretary

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Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor  
Charter Township of AuSable