

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

Jan. 16, 2024

“approved”

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kevin Beliveau at 5:05 pm

ROLL CALL:

Present: Diana London, Kelly Graham, Kevin Beliveau, Yvette Ramsdell, Gina Cinquino

Absent: Alanda Barnes

Staff Present: Eric Strayer, Superintendent, Susie Olpere, Recording Secretary

Press Coverage:

Pledge of Allegiance recited

PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Superintendent Strayer requested the addition of Item D. Finance Committee Appointment under New Business. Ramsdell suggested including the Resolution 2023-32 as Item B. under Old Business. The minutes of Dec. 18, 2023 needed to be corrected to include this resolution. Ramsdell made the motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Second by Graham

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

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

Second by Cinquino

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS:

A) **Treasurer** –

B) **Clerk** – Check Register

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

OLD BUSINESS:

A) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update** - Clerk Graham had received a couple of concerns regarding some landscaping changes that might be caused by the bike path and information about the right-of-way for US 23.

B) **Resolution 2023-32** - This action is to amend the meeting minutes of Dec. 18, 2023 to include the Resolution 2023-32, which is to appoint Yvette Ramsdell as Treasurer as of Jan. 1, 2024.

So moved by Graham Second by London

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

A) **Resolution 2024-01 Fee Schedule** – Superintendent Strayer provided a copy of the suggested changes for the 2024 Fee Schedule. The updates of rates are to water and sewer rates that have been approved, rates related to the backhoe to make them uniform, and also change permit fees due to increased fees associated with newspaper requirements and post office increases.

Motion made by Ramsdell to approve Resolution 2024-01 Fee Schedule. Second by Graham

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

B) Resolution 2024-02 Notice of Intent and Declaring Intent to Reimburse – The purpose of this resolution is two fold:

- 1) It authorizes the publication of a notice of intent to issue bonds in the local paper. The notice states the Township’s intent to issue revenue bonds in a maximum amount of \$6,000,000 payable in not more than 40 years to finance improvements to the Township’s water supply system. Following the receipt of the bids, we will present a bond authorizing ordinance to the Township Board for consideration.
- 2) It states that the Township’s intention to reimburse itself from bond proceeds for any project costs paid prior to the bond proceeds being available. The Township is not required to reimburse for any costs paid prior to the bonds being issued, but this preserves the ability to do so.

Even though the resolution states \$6 million in bonds, if the bids come in at over the \$5.1 million for the project, the Board can at that time decide to reduce the scope of the project to reflect the \$5.1 million dollar amount.

Ramsdell made the motion to approve Resolution 2024-02 Notice of Intent and Declaring To Reimburse. Second by Graham

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

C) Letter of Intent – A copy of a letter of support was requested by Baldwin Township’s Recreational Plan. Graham made the motion to approve this letter of support for Baldwin Township.

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

D) Finance Committee Appointment – Superintendent Strayer explained that with Yvette Ramsdell moving to the Treasurer’s position we would need someone from the board to take over on the Finance Committee. This job reviews the details of invoices and matching payments made by the township twice a month. Ramsdell made the motion to appoint Trustee Gina Cinquino to the Finance Committee. Second by Graham

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

BOARD COMMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Cinquino

Second by Ramsdell

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:28 pm

Submitted By:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Kevin Beliveau , Supervisor
Charter Township of AuSable