

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

Jan. 17, 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: Superintendent Strayer requested the following additions: Under Receive and File - the monthly Police report, under New Business – Item L) Resolution 2023-02 and Item M) Resolution 2023-03. Motion by Ramsdell to approve the agenda as amended.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

A) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update** - Clerk Graham relayed that township had received a grant permit from EGLE for the construction of the trail. There will be a resolution regarding funding at the next township meeting.

B) **Sewer Project** – The grading for some of the lift stations has been fixed and the landscaping for the stations along US 23 will be finished in the Spring. Consumers Energy will have work to do on the transformers when materials are received in April.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) **Presentation by District Health Dept on Smoke Free Parks** – Mr. Scott Izzo from District Health Department gave a presentation and passed printed materials regarding making our Township Parks a non-smoking environment. No action was taken at this time.

B) **Pay Application #18** – Provided in the boards packet is a bill for \$1,831.01 from Fleis and Vandenbrink for work performed from Oct. 30, 2022 thru Nov. 26, 2022 on the sewer project. If approved the clerk will send the bill to the USDA for reimbursement. Barnes made the motion to pay Application #18 in the amount of \$1,831.01. Second by Cinquino
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

- C) APM Mosquito Control Proposal** – Superintendent Strayer reiterated that in the last election, a millage for Mosquito Control was passed by residents of AuSable Township which will collect an approximate amount of \$56,000, annually for the next three years. A contract with APM Mosquito Control for the 2023 - 2024 season would state 5 monthly payments of \$6,885.00 for a total of \$34,425.00 with a 6th payment adjusted for work completed at the end of the season. Cinquino made the motion to accept the mosquito control proposal not to exceed \$45,900. Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Barnes – Yay, Cinquino – Yay, London – Yay, Ramsdell – Yay, Graham – Yay, Samotis – Nay, Beliveau - Yay
Motion Carried
- D) Resolution 2023-01** - This resolution pertains to the updating of the Fee Schedule for the township. All the changes will get us current with other municipalities, and the true cost of services. Ramsdell made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-01. Second by Samotis
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- E) Hilltop Water Extension Bill** – Presented to the board is the first bill received for the Hilltop (Road) Water Extension in the amount of \$233,882.00. The contract with Fleis and Vandenberg was approved by the Board for \$246,521.00 on June 6th, 2022. A final bill is expected sometime this month. Samotis made the motion to pay the invoice for Hilltop Water Extension in the amount of \$233,882.00. Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- F) Website Progress** – Superintendent Strayer wanted to report that there is progress being made with the new website. He asked for input on changes or improvements that the board may have to contribute.
- G) Ordinance #133** - This ordinance is being introduced to update the Blight Ordinance #99 from 2007. It has been drafted by the township attorney from similar work he has completed for other townships and used in court cases. Ordinance #133 will replace Ordinance #99 and will be presented to the board for adoption on February 21, 2023.
No further action was needed.
- H) Fire Truck Part Deux** – It was explained by Superintendent Strayer that because of the last meeting and the date of the original contract for the fire truck, a new agreement had to be drafted with a new amount for the fire truck. The new price for it has been increased to \$900,605.00 minus the prepay discount of \$49,412.00 which equal \$851,193.00. The portion of our cost is 23.5% of that amount and we are being requested to pay \$200,030.36. That is an increase of \$886.36. Motion was made by Ramsdell that we approve the purchase agreement for the new fire truck in the amount of \$200,030.36. Second by Samotis
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- I) MI-Hope Grant Letter** – On Aug. 1, 2022, the board approved a letter supporting Iosco County applying for the MI-Hope Grant. The Grant provides money for lower income residents to complete needed home repairs and improvements. Iosco County is re-applying after not getting in the first round of grants and needs another letter of support from the township board. These grants are allocated by the federal ARPA program. Samotis made the motion to support the MI-Hope Grant again with another letter. Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried
- J) Ryan King – Discussion on Water Charge** – Mr. King was in attendance to describe his Discrepancy with the water department's charges regarding an amount of over 400,000 gallons of usage. The townships position was represented by Superintendent Strayer and Supervisor Beliveau. No resolution was made at this meeting.

K) C2R2 Grant - Due to testing of private wells in AuSable Township which have shown unhealthy concentration of PFAS in certain areas of our Township, EGLE has authorized a grant for a municipal water project for our Township. This project will extend the AuSable water distribution system along Pine Street, Chester Road, O'Toole Street, and 4th & 5th Streets, looping back along Mayberry St. & Farnsworth Street. This 1.4 million dollar grant will also pay for the hook-up to the residents' homes for municipal water, with no matching funds required. The condition for this grant includes the abandonment of the resident's private wells. Ramsdell made the motion to approve Project #c2-017 and authorize the Superintendent to approach the residents and sign pertaining documents. Second by Samotis

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

L) Resolution 2023-02 – This resolution is a budget amendment to increase budgeted use of fund balance for the Fire Truck. Motion by Ramsdell to approve Resolution 2023-02 To Amend the 2023 Budget. Second by Samotis

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

M) Resolution 2023-3 – This is a budget amendment to increase capital outlay for the purchase of the Fire Truck. Graham made the motion approve the Resolution 2023-03 as resolution to Amend 2023-03 Budget. Second by Ramsdell

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

BOARD COMMENTS: Trustee Cinquino had a couple question on the meter reading by the DPW.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by London

Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm

Submitted By:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor
Charter Township of AuSable