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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

Dec. 18, 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, Gina Cinquino

Absent: Mary Jo Samotis, Alanda Barnes

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

Press Coverage: Manuela Kress

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Ramsdell for the Dec. 18, 2023 agenda.

Second by Graham

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items: None

Approval of Consent Agenda: Supervisor Beliveau made a correction to the date of the minutes from 2026 to 2023. Motion was made by Ramsdell to approve the consent agenda as amended. Second by Graham

Unanimous- Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS:

A) **Treasurer** –

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

A) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update** - Nothing new to report for now. Work will begin in the Spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) **Addendum for Police Service** – This contract increases the cost of Police Services from Oscoda Township was \$453,936.80 in 2023 to \$508,524.46 in 2024 at an increase of 12%. According to Trustee Ramsdell most of the increase is due to wages. London made the motion to approve the Police Services Contract.

Second by Ramsdell

Roll Call Vote - Cinquino – yes, London – yes, Ramsdell – yes, Graham – no, Beliveau – yes

Motion Carried

B) **Addendum for Fire & Cemetery Services** - Superintendent Strayer also provided a copy 2024 Fire and Cemetery Contract with Oscoda Township. The increase of costs went from \$71,943.00 in 2023 to \$150,872.00 in 2024 at an increase of 110% from last year. The cemetery services went from \$25,231.86 to \$25,321.83 an increase of \$89.97. Superintendent Strayer explained that the jump in Fire was mostly due to wages for firefighters. Supervisor Beliveau said the millages for Police, Fire, and Cemetery would have to be adjusted or change the level of service and not keep taking from the General Fund Balance. Motion made to approve the addendum for Fire & Cemetery Services for 2024.

Second by Beliveau

Roll Call Vote - Cinquino – no, London – yes, Ramsdell – yes, Graham – no, Beliveau – yes

Motion Carried

C) Resolution 2023 – 33 - Superintendent Strayer requested a raise in the budgeted amount to the Deputy Treasurer Wages, by the amount of \$5,000.00. Currently the amount is \$3,866.00 and if approved it will be \$8,866.00. This will be used for additional training for the acting Treasurer and the retiring Treasurer. Graham made the motion to approve the increase to the Deputy Treasurer account. Second by London
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

BOARD COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Ramsdell
Second by London
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried
Meeting adjourned at 5:26 pm

Submitted By:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor
Charter Township of AuSable