

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

February 5, 2024

“approved”

(amended)

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kevin Beliveau at 5:00 pm

ROLL CALL:

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

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

Press Coverage: Manuela Kress

Pledge of Allegiance recited

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Barnes to approve the agenda for Feb. 5, 2024.

Second by Ramsdell

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 Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS:

A) Treasurer –

B) Clerk – End of the Year Balance Sheet

C) Superintendent – Superintendent’s Report

OLD BUSINESS:

A) Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update - None

NEW BUSINESS:

A) **Police Report Presentation** – Officer Robert Clink gave a summary of 2023 Community Events in which the department participated, sharing totals regarding Traffic Stops, Complaints, Arrests, Civil Infractions, and Misdemeanors. They are offering classes to educate on citizen response for active shooters, fraud abuse for seniors, and protection for children on cyber space.

B) **Pay Application # 4** - Superintendent Strayers provided an invoice from Fleis and Vanderbrink for \$6,744.39 for work performed on the C2R2 Grant from Oct. 29th to Nov. 25th. Ramsdell made the motion to pay Application # 4. Second by Graham

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

C) **Trustee Position Letters** - Three “Letters of Interest” was received for the vacant position on the Township Board. This vacancy became available when Treasurer Mary Jo Samotis retired as of December 31, 2023. The applicants were Shayne Janis, Deirdre Honner, and Terri Adamson. Superintendent Strayer informed them they would be appointed and then must be voted in November’s election to remain on the board. London made the motion to hire Shayne Janis.

Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried (then amended)

**Motion to hire Shayne Janis was amended to be effective immediately.

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

- D) Planning Commission Letter** – Two residents showed interest in filling the vacancy on the Planning Commission. Supervisor Beliveau suggested that this issue be tabled to at least the next board meeting. Barnes made the motion to table the Planning Commission appointment and the letter of interest from Richel Kubik. Second by Graham
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried
- E) CIP and Budget Dates** – Superintendent Strayer provided a tentative budget schedule for Capital Improvement and Budget Workshop dates. There was a meeting scheduled for Monday, May 27th but was changed to Tuesday the 28th due to the Memorial Day holiday. London made the motion to approve the tentative budget schedule. Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried
- F) Workshop Date for Police Service Millage** – Superintendent Strayer requested setting up a date for a workshop to calculate a number to put on the ballot in August for Police Millage. This information is needed to turn into the County by May of this year. Dates that were chosen were the 7th and 21st of March at 5:00 pm.
- G) Audit Engagement Letter** – Correspondence was received from Straley Lamp & Kraenzlein explaining what has changed for the upcoming audit. The cost of the audit is expected to be less than last year due to finishing the Sewer Project, which required a separate audit. Our total cost from last year was \$19,805.54. Motion was made by Graham to approve the Audit Engagement Letter. Second by Ramsdell
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- H) Ordinance #138 Introduction** – Superintendent Strayer included a copy of the Ordinance #138 and a letter from our Utility Billing Clerk. This is an amendment to Ordinance #125. This would increase the amount required for renters' security deposit from \$300.00 to \$450.00. This is merely an introduction. The clerk will proceed with a publication if this is something the board would like to implement. It would then go in front of the Township Board to adopt on March 18th. Graham made the motion to proceed with what it takes to put this Ordinance #138 in the paper. Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

BOARD COMMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Shayne Janis thanked the trustees for his appointment to the Township Board.

County Commissioner Terry Dutcher updated the board on current issues such as:

*High Speed internet and that the grant had been denied, but that more money would be appropriated.

*Four potential sites have been picked for recycling, but they are waiting for confirmation from Oscoda Township where they might have it located.

*Oscoda Wurtsmith Airport Authority is still gathering information on the possibility of locating a facility for hypersonic testing out of the base. Working on an eco-system for debris collection.

*Received demographics on varying age groups, and the improvement of education opportunities for future generations.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Barnes
Second by London
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried
Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm

Submitted By:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor
Charter Township of AuSable