

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

March 4, 2024

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## **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

## **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Diana London, Shayne Janis, Kelly Graham, Kevin Beliveau, Yvette Ramsdell,  
Alanda Barnes,

Absent: Gina Cinquino

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

Press Coverage: Manuela Kress

Pledge of Allegiance recited

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Superintendent Strayer made an addition to New Business, Item G. Ordinance #131 Violation Letter. Graham made the motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items:** None

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Barnes 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 & Expenditures, Balance Sheet

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

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update** - At the last meeting Clerk Graham briefed the board on some issues that a resident along the bike path had complained about. Mostly it was regarding the property along the right-of-way. She has now arranged for a meeting with concerned parties on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A) **Mosquito Control** – Superintendent Strayer included in the board packet the Mosquito Control Program for 2024. In approximately 4 weeks, ground crews will begin treating standing water. Further information about treatments and times will be forthcoming.

- B) **PKL Cares Letter of Support** – Pamela Loveless has formed a non-profit organization called PKL Cares. She is requesting a Letter of Support for her organization from the township as she begins the process of getting grant funds to deal with housing and childcare issues in the community. Ms. Loveless was unable to attend tonight’s meeting but would appreciate the support. Barnes made the motion to approve a Letter of Support for PKL Cares. Second from Graham

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

**C) Consumers Energy Hydro Stakeholders Group** – Consumers Energy is looking for Township participation in the form of someone attending the Community Stakeholders Group meetings. It will probably be headed by the County and may be quarterly.

**D) Michigan Community Center Grants Award** – Last August, with the help of Manuela Kress a grant writer working with Develop Iosco, Superintendent Strayer and Ms. Kress completed the Michigan Community Center Grant application. Recently they were notified that AuSable Township was rewarded \$750,000. to go toward building the Trailhead Marketplace. It was exciting to be one of a hundred awards in the State of Michigan out of over 1,000 total applicants. Superintendent Strayer will be coming up with a workable budget based on the award and looking at ways of making the Trailhead Marketplace a reality. Fleis & Vandenbrink and Spicer Group have been enlisted to come up with a proposal to be the engineers of the project.  
No action needed by the board.

**E) Technical, Managerial, & Financial Grant Award** – Superintendent Strayer was notified that we should be getting reimbursed for the \$107,000 that was spent on the DSMI (Distribution, Systems, Materials Inventory) work last year from EGLE. He submitted additional information for the award, and is waiting for further communication of the final award. No action needed by the board.

**F) Ordinance #137** – A copy of Ordinance #137 was presented to the trustees. This ordinance was a change to the **Section 3.15 Recreational Vehicle Storage Ordinance**. It will change **Item A**. to read: *The recreational vehicle must be currently registered and licensed with the owner of the lot upon which said recreational vehicle is stored, fully operational, and kept in good repair.*”

**Section E.** *Recreational vehicles which are stored shall not be connected to water, sewer, or electricity.*

After a public hearing by the Planning Commission, it was moved that the ordinance be taken to the Township Board for approval. Ramsdell made the motion to approve Ordinance #137 of 2024. Second by Janis

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried

**G) Notice of Violation for Sewer Hook-up** – The deadline of March 13<sup>th</sup> coming up for the Phase II & Phase III of the sewer hook-up. Of the 540 days that has been offered, we have about 20 residents currently that have no activity or intention of connecting to the sewer line. Superintendent Strayer wanted to let the trustees review the letter approved by Attorney Tim Gulden. Motion was made by Barnes to this letter to be sent to residents in violation of deadline.

Second by Graham  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried

**BOARD COMMENTS:** Clerk Graham said she will be meeting with Wendy Hoin from Baldwin Township to exchange information regarding grants pertaining to the Iron Belle bike trails and connecting the Baldwin and AuSable Townships.  
Trustee Barnes asked to verify meeting dates of March 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of March at 5:00 pm. These two meetings would be pertaining to the upcoming Police Millage.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by London  
Second by Barnes  
Unanimous – Voice Vote  
Motion Carried  
Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm

Submitted By:  
Susie Olpere  
Recording Secretary

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Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor of  
Charter Township of AuSable