

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

April 1, 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, Yvette Ramsdell, 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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Superintendent Strayer requested an addition to New Business - Item F. Bike Path Ordinance. Motion by Graham to approve the agenda. 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 Janis
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS:

- A) **Treasurer** – Cash Report
- B) **Clerk** – Accounts Payable
- C) **Superintendent** – Superintendent’s Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update -**

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) **Oscoda School Letter of Support** - Included in the board packet is a letter of support for the school’s upcoming millage proposal. Graham made a motion to authorize Superintendent Strayer to sign and submit the letter. Second by Ramsdell
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried
- B) **Enclosed Entry Bid** – Superintendent Strayer provided a copy of a bid for the construction of an enclosed entry way on the North end on the township hall. The bid was considered to be too high and the trustees agreed to seek more bids. No further action was taken.
- C) **Firewall Bid** – There has been some problems with the computers in the office and the tech support was notified. VC3 suggested installing a new firewall to keep our systems from being infiltrated by hackers. There are only 2 years left before our existing firewall will be outdated. Their estimate came to \$3,110.00 which includes: Network, Security/Firewall appliance, licensing, installation, and configuration. Janis made the motion to approve the purchase of the firewall from VC3 in the amount of \$3,110,00. Second by Graham
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

- D) Ford F-350** – At the request of the DPW, a copy of a quote for a new F-350 truck was received from Zubek’s Ford in Oscoda. The current 2010 truck is rusting out and should be replaced. With a new plow and the truck, the quote came in at \$68,328.00. Another bid from Lasco Ford came in at \$300.00 less than Zubeks. This issue was tabled for further inspection of the old truck.
- E) Letter to State for Repayment of the General Fund from Mosquito Fund** – Chelsea Meeder, a township accountant, put together a resolution for a requirement from the State of Michigan. This is a requirement to pay back the General Fund for the money used for Mosquito prevention for the first year. This was caused by an incorrect date of the millage. This deficit will be paid back in a year or two. Motion was made by Ramsdell to approve Resolution 2024-03.
Second by Janis
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- F) Bike Path Ordinance** - Superintendent Strayer worked with Attorney Tim Gulden on an ordinance involving the Losco Exploration Trail. One of the restrictions will define the type of motorized vehicles that will have access bike path. A copy of the ordinance was given to the board and will be introduced at the next board meeting. No action needed at this time.

BOARD COMMENTS: Clerk Graham provided information for candidates interested in running for a township office. The deadline for filing is April 23, 2024 for partisan filing and qualifying deadline is July 18, 2024. Supervisor Beliveau announced that he was not running for re-election in November.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Pam Loveless, CEO of PKL Cares, a nonprofit business located in our area. She is focused on affordable housing, childcare and addressing food deficiencies. She is currently working on a childcare facility for infants and toddlers. The board thanked her for the goals she is planning for our community.

Jeff Linderman announced his efforts to be elected to the Oscoda Township Board of Trustees. He believes in cooperating with AuSable and having better communication between the two townships. He knows that AuSable residents will not be able to vote for him, but would appreciate their support.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by London
Second by Janis
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried
Meeting adjourned at 5:44 pm

Submitted By:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor
Charter Township of AuSable