

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

May 20, 2024

“approved”

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,
Alanda Barnes, Gina Cinquino

Absent: Yvette Ramsdell

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

Press Coverage: Manuela Kress

Pledge of Allegiance recited

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Barnes made the motion to approve the agenda for May 20, 2024.

Second by Janis

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 Cinquino

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS:

- A) **Treasurer** – Bank Fund Balances
- B) **Clerk** – Accounts Payable
- C) **Superintendent** – Superintendent’s Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update** - Clerk Graham did report that she received a call from Wendy Hoin and she is working on the Baldwin Bike Path.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) **Iosco County Recycling Advisory Board Presentation** – Josh Sutton, Oscoda Township Clerk, Scott Moore, Superintendent of Oscoda Schools, Terry Dutcher, Iosco Board Commissioner were in attendance to present the project of recycling to our community. This is a project which is mandated through the State of Michigan. They provided a packet with information for the board to review. Iosco County is responsible to solicit townships to participate and to find convenient drop locations. No action was taken.
- B) **STING** – Superintendent Strayer included a copy of the invoice received by STING for 2024. The invoice total is \$2,865.80, which is similar to the total for last years’ service. Janis made the motion to pay the STING invoice #202 in the amount of \$2,865.80. Second by London
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

- C) Grand Marshal for July 4th Parade** – Trustee Barnes nominated Kirk and Laura Franklin, and Dan Phippen and posthumously Diane Phippen. They have volunteered for many years fund raising, coaching teams, choral boosters and much more. Second by London
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried
- D) Assessing Inspection Program for 2025** – Jessica Landry, (AuSable Township Assessor), recommended a new assessing program to keep current for State requirements. The Assessing Inspection Program is used by other communities to get their properties evaluated and is a common practice. The cost to the Township is an additional \$16,230.00. This is an informational introduction and will be brought before the board at the next meeting. No action taken.
- E) Bigfoot Bash Banner** – Superintendent Strayer included in the packet a copy of the proposed Bigfoot Bash Banner that the Chamber of Commerce requested to hang over US 23 at the location near Mama’s Kitchen. It will be hung with the assistance of Gregg’s Tree Service and any liability for the banner rests with our Township as we are the MDOT permit holder. Motion was made by Graham to approve the Bigfoot Bash Banner/MDOT permit. Second by Janis
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- F) Resolution 2024-07** – This resolution is to Amend the 2024 Budget which increases the Phase IV Bike Trail from \$250,000. To \$3,309,534. When the budget was completed, it was assumed that we had to account for what the Township was contributing, but the auditors said we have to budget for the full amount of the Bike Trail. Graham made the motion to approve Resolution 2024-07 to amend the 2024 Budget for the Bike Trail. Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- G) Resolution 2024-08** – This resolution increases the Bike Trail MDOT Grant account from \$0 to \$2,021.882. As stated earlier, even though the money passes through the account, we as a Township have to account for it. Barnes made the amotion to approve Resolution 2023-08 to amend the budget from \$0 to \$2,031.882. Second by London
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- H) Resolution 2024-09** – This is a resolution that increases the Contributions and Donations Phase IV Bike Trail account from \$0 - \$43,000. As stated earlier, even though the money passes through this account, we as a Township have to account for it. Motion was made by Barnes to approve Resolution 2024-10 to amend the Budget from \$0 - \$43,000. Second by Cinquino
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- I) Ordinance #139** – This ordinance pertains to the restrictions of the Bike Trail. If passed as worded by the Board, the Clerk will post notification of adoption in the Oscoda Press. Barnes made the motion to approve Ordinance #139 as worded. Second by London
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

BOARD COMMENTS: Trustee Barnes announced that her daughter, Jamie Barnes Morgan, will be running for Supervisor for AuSable Township.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: County Commissioner Terry Dutcher had received complaints about not having access to the trails from McCuaig Park. He wondered why the gate to McCuaig was closed. Supervisor Beliveau responded that the trail at McCuaig was a snowmobile trail and that it was closed in the summer. There are summer activities going on at the park and did not want ORV’s driving through there at this time. He explained that ORV’s are allowed on roads and could easily get to town if necessary, as long as they follow the law when driving on them.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by London
Second by Janis
Unanimous –
Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 5:58pm

Submitted By:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor
Charter Township of AuSable