

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

June 3, 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, Gina Cinquino

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

Press Coverage:

Pledge of Allegiance recited

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Superintendent Strayer requested the addition of Item H. Chamber Letter and Item I. Capital Improvement Date. Barnes made the motion to approve the amended agenda.

Second by Cinquino

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items:** A resident suggested that the board packets be posted on the website, so people could get more information prior to meetings.

**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** – Accounts Payable, Revenue and Expenditures, Balance Sheet

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

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

A) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update** - Construction is underway and has great cooperation with the contractors answering questions for the property owners.

At this point Supervisor Beliveau asked Ms. Devereaux if she had questions to ask about the Bike Path. Ms. Devereaux asked why E-bikes and scooters are allowed on the path. Supervisor Beliveau replied that the scooters were not allowed or any E-bikes in a Class 3 category (which are rated by speed and power source). Anything with excessive speed or powered by fuel is what is trying to be kept from using the trail.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

A) **Newsletter** - A copy of the 2024 Summer Newsletter will be included in the envelope with property taxes being mailed out the first of July. If approved by the board, the letters will be sent to the printer and folded. Graham made the motion to approve the 2024 Summer Newsletter.

Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

**B) Certificate of Appreciation to the Girl Scouts –**

The board and AuSable Township would like to give a Certificate of Appreciation to Girl Scout Troop #50414 for work they performed at Children’s Park with clean up and the beautiful new mural. Justines Alderete was in attendance to accept the certificate on behalf of the Girl Scout Troop #50414. No action needed

**C) Iosco County Recycling Information -** Last board meeting, Josh Sutton, Scott Moore, and Terry Dutcher did a presentation regarding the goal to get recycling for the County. They gave an informational packet to the board to explain the priority of recycling, which is cost effective, convenient, and comprehensive. Superintendent Strayer asked the board to review the information and the requirement of PA #138 that would have all residents pay \$25.00 per year for recycling. The resolution will be put before the board at their next meeting. No action was required.

**D) Assessing Information Program for 2025 -** Ms. Jessica Landry was at the last board meeting to recommend this program which would assist in keeping current property information per State of Michigan requirements. Superintendent Strayer suggested she might add a “termination clause” to the contract to give the AuSable Township or the Assessor the ability to end the contract within a 6-month notice. It will go into effect Jan 1, 2025. Barnes made the motion to approve the New Assessing Information Program. Second by Janis  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried

**E) Annual Report from Planning Commission –** Superintendent Strayer provided the Annual Report for the Planning Commission for the year 2023. It included board membership, permits granted, enforcement activities, and board training. This report is comprised for the Township Board’s examination. No action was required

**F) Estimate For Removal of Dead Trees at the AuSable Township Cemetery -** Two estimates were received for the falling of a couple trees and removal of debris throughout the cemetery. Due to safety concerns the job, professionals were asked for proposals. The estimates came in at \$3,500. and the other was for \$2,000. Motion was made by Barnes to approve the bid from Terry Dutcher Builder, LLC to remove the dead trees and remove debris at the AuSable Township Cemetery. Second by Janis  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried

**G) Bid Opening for Farmer’s Market –** Two proposals were submitted for the construction of the Trailhead Marketplace. B & B Construction came in at \$1,166,000., which was the lowest bid. The other estimate came in at \$1,286,500. Fleis and Vandenbrink, the engineers for the project, made their recommendation to award B & B Construction based on the contingencies that this project cost savings are going to meet the project funding amounts. Ramsdell made the motion that we accept B & B General Contracting bid to build the Trailhead Marketplace for \$1,166,000. contingent upon:

\*The contractor’s concurrence of the project cost savings to mee the project funding amounts.

\*The award concurrence from the Michigan Community Center Grant Program.

\*Receipt of the anticipated grant funding from Michigan Community Center Grant Program.

Second by Janis

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

**H) Chamber Letter –** Director George Samra spoke to the trustees regarding the closure of roads for the AuSable Canoe Marathon on the Sunday of the Canoe Marathon weekend. Closures will begin at Lake Street and ending at Evergreen to efficiently reroute traffic. They would like to close US 23 to have a celebration atmosphere for the finish of the race. The goal is also to make it a destination place from the standpoint of the Commerce to remember to come to this area for end of the race as well as the beginning. The roads will be closed from 9:00am to 3:00pm for that Sunday only. The rental for the signage is \$6,000., which the race committee has already committed to spending \$2,000. Included in this price is the set up and dismantle of the signage by the company “Give Em a Brake Safety”, which is the company that is recommended by MDOT.

Graham made the motion that AuSable Township commit \$2,000. (for the rental of signage) contingent upon Oscoda Township doing the same. Second by Barnes  
After further discussion, Barnes withdrew her Second and Graham withdrew her motion and restated the new motion.

Graham made the motion to that AuSable Township will commit \$2,000. toward the rental of barricades as required by MDOT, for the AuSable River Canoe Marathon. Second by Barnes  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried

- I) CIP Workshop Date** - Superintendent Strayer requested a date to be chosen for the next Capital Improvement Workshop. Trustees came to a consensus of Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** Trustee Janis requested a township email. Superintendent Strayer explained that we were recently notified that we should get new emails. Due to the costs quoted for that process to be done, we are going to look for other options.

Trustee Janis also wanted to know who to contact regarding potholes. Superintendent Strayer referred him to the County Road Commission.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Kathleen Devereaux resident at 2264 N. US 23 commented on the enactment or an ordinance regarding short term rentals. She attended a meeting on this matter last summer and would like the board to hold another session or public hearing to gage the extent of interest township wide.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Barnes  
Second by Janis  
Unanimous – Voice Vote  
Motion Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:14pm

Submitted By:  
Susie Olpere  
Recording Secretary

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Kelly Graham, Clerk  
Charter Township of AuSable