

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

June 17, 2024

“approved”

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Clerk Graham at 5:01 pm

ROLL CALL:

Present: Diana London, Shayne Janis, Kelly Graham, Yvette Ramsdell Gina Cinquino

Absent: Kevin Beliveau, Alanda Barnes

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

Press Coverage:

Pledge of Allegiance recited

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by London to approve the June 17th, 2024 agenda.

Second by Janis

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** – Bank Balance Report

B) **Clerk** – Accounts Payable

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

OLD BUSINESS:

A) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update** - Clerk Graham reported the construction was making good progress. And the contractors were working well with property owners.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) **Audit Results** – The annual audit report was presented by Chelsea McConnell from Straley, Lamp, Kraenzlein, the Township’s Certified Public Accountants. The outcome of the 2023 audit was an “unmodified” result, which is the best type of opinion that can be issued. Contents of the Audit Synopsis has been included in the packet for record. No action is necessary
- B) **VC3 Email Proposal** – VC3 (current IT support) proposed that we purchase a new more secure email system. This will come at a cost of \$310.50 per month (based on a per user fee) or \$3,726. per year. To complete this task, we must pay VC3 a fee for project management of \$4,049. to configure our email system and to migrate all of our email history to access it in the future. Our existing email contract will expire in August 2024. The board came to the consensus to table the email proposal and see if we can find other options.

- C) losco County Recycling Program** – Superintendent Strayer planned on presenting a resolution in front of the Board for PA 138 regarding the losco County Recycling Program. After a discussion with the losco Country Finance Director, Mrs. Soboleski recommended tabling the discussion until more information is gathered on another possible avenue for payment is investigated.
No action was needed
- D) Mosquito Control Report** - Included in the board packet is a copy of the status of the Mosquito Control Program. Currently we are at a cost of \$10,395. With a total budget for the year of \$45,900. This is merely informational, no action needed.
- E) Letter of Support** - Pam Loveless is looking for a letter of support for the food pantry that she is trying to get grant money. Graham made the motion that we approve a letter of support for the food pantry. Second by Cinquino
Unanimous – Voice Vote
- F) Letter of Support for Road Closure** – The Chamber of Commerce requests a letter stating that our Township approves the closure of US 23 on July 28th. Chamber Director George Samra briefed the trustees about concern from MDOT regarding trucks using River Road and rerouting traffic before they get to town. He said Chief Bolen, Oscoda Police Chief, is willing to assume any problems from congestion of traffic that might occur from River Road. He is collecting the letters of support from Oscoda and AuSable including Chief Bolen’s correspondence to forward to MDOT, which should satisfy their concerns. London made the motion to approve the letter of support for closure of US 23 and side roads. Second by Janis
Unanimous – Voice Vote

BOARD COMMENTS: Capital Improvement Workshop meeting next Monday, at 4:30pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: April Johnson introduced herself from losco County Treasurer and is running for the Treasurer’s position. The current treasurer is retiring, and Ms. Johnson has been the deputy treasurer for 4 ½ years and has been with losco County for 20 years.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Janis
Second by Ramsdell
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm

Submitted By:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor
Charter Township of AuSable