

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

July 15, 2024

“approved”

as amended

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: Clerk Graham made an adjustment to Presentations: regarding Item B) Accounts Payable should be changed to Invoice Register. Motion by Ramsdell to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Janis
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items: Ms. Palma Leonatti introduced herself as the new director at the Chamber of Commerce. She offered to assist the township in any capacity she could through the Chamber. The trustees welcomed Ms. Leonatti to her new position.

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 Balance Report
- B) **Clerk** – Invoice Register
- C) **Superintendent** – Superintendent’s Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update** - Clerk Graham said path construction was moving along quite rapidly.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) **Baker Tilly on Rate Study Analysis for DWSRF** – Cecilia Mende from Baker Tilly presented their results of the water rate study that was performed for the DWSRF. The study was based on a cost of \$5.1 Million, per Fleis and Vandenbrink engineers. According to the calculations, a 3% increase in water rates will be necessary to payback DWSRF for 30 years. No action was required, just information regarding the upcoming decision on the DWSRF Bond issuance.
- B) **Ordinance #142** – If approved this ordinance authorizes the issuance of a series of junior lien revenue bonds in the maximum amount of \$5.1 million. The final amount of the bonds will be decided by EGLE pursuant to its approval. That would be the reason the exact amount has been left blank, and the amount will be determined by the numbers given to us from F&V and EGLE. Motion was made to approve Ordinance #142 by Ramsdell in the amount not to exceed \$5.1 million. Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

- C) Anavon References** – Superintendent Strayer included in your packet the reference received by Anavon. It was verified that they were not responsible for the Traverse City I.T. hack. Supervisor Beliveau requested a new quote to clarify some of the charges. He also suggested that the I.T. bid be tabled. The trustees agreed to table the issue.
- D) Water Meter Discussion** – At the last meeting the trustees asked for information to clarify the differences between the radio read and cellular water meters. Gary Bartow from Fleis & Vandenbrink gave some explanation of the pros and cons of real time data meters. In rural areas there is a disadvantage with service availability and the higher price to operate. Supervisor Beliveau reminded the board that they had already taken action at a previous meeting to move forward with the lowest bidder. The board decided no further action was needed.
- E) CIP Meeting** - Superintendent Strayer requested that the board decide on a time and date for the next Capital Improvement meeting. The board's consensus was Aug. 12th at 4:00 pm.

BOARD COMMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Graham
Second by Cinquino
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 5:26 pm

Submitted By:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor
Charter Township of AuSable