

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

Aug. 19, 2024

“approved”

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Beliveau at 5:00 pm

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Alanda Barnes

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

Press Coverage: Manuela Kress

Pledge of Allegiance recited

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ramsdell made the motion to approve the agenda. Second by Janis. Trustee London made a correction to the agenda that the meetings listed were not “Special Meetings” but regular board meetings.

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items: None

Approval of Consent Agenda: Ramsdell made the motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. London made a correction to the minutes of July 15th, under New Business, Item B. it states “revenue bods” and should be “revenue Bonds”. Second by Cinquino

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** – nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) **Setting Rates for the Trailhead Marketplace** – Included in tonight’s packet is an email from LEO (Labor and Economic Opportunity) who is responsible for the grant we received for the Trailhead Marketplace. It states that we may charge a fee and/or a security deposit when events are held there. These fees will be collected for cleanup and maintenance. This item will be discussed further at the next meeting. No action needed
- B) **Scouts Requested to Clean the Cemetery** - Miranda Roiter has approached the township to clean up the historical cemetery as a project to help her make Eagle Scout. She has submitted a plan on the things she would like to work on for her project and will work with the DPW to make it happen. Janis made the motion to approve Ms. Roiter’s request to work on the cleaning of the historical cemetery. Second by Graham
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried

- C) Resolution 2024-13** – This resolution is a budget resolution regarding the Trailhead Marketplace. Since we will own the building, the auditors want Superintendent Strayer to budget for the revenues and expenditures. This amendment is for the grant itself for \$768,000. Motion was made by Ramsdell to approve Resolution 2024-13 to amend the 2024 Budget. Second by Cinquino
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- D) Resolution 2024-14** – As stated previously, the auditors want us to account for the Trailhead Marketplace project. This budget amendment will show the price or total capital outlay for the Trailhead Marketplace which is \$949,316. Ramsdell made the motion to approve Resolution 2024-14 to amend the 2024 Budget. Second by Graham
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- E) Resolution 2024-15** – This resolution shows the balance of the Trailhead Marketplace that will need to come from the General Fund. We were using \$100,000. (police, fire, and cemetery) and with the new project it will total a increase the total amount from General Fund to \$281,316. Motion was made by Ramsdell to approve Resolution 2024-15 to amend the 2024 Budget. Second by Janis
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- F) Resolution 2024-16** – This resolution is a budget amendment that increases the amount of the Publishing account by \$3,000. This is due to the publishing of the bond notice in the Oscoda Press at a cost of \$2,000. Reimbursement will come from the DWSRF (Drinking Water State Revolving Fund) when the bond is completed. Motion by Ramsdell to approve Resolution 2024-16 to amend the 2024 Budget. Second by Janis
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- G) DWSRF** – On Aug. 9, 2024. Superintendent Strayer signed the paperwork to initiate the DWSRF. The load of \$4,495,000. of which \$3,601,705. will be forgiving. That will leave \$893,295 remaining to be paid by the Township over a 30-year period at 2.00%. This will not only pay for new water meters but take care of everything on the CIP list except one project. This is informational and requires no action.
- H) Police Millage** – Superintendent Strayer reported the our police millage passed at the election on Aug. 6th, 2024. He is working out what this might mean for the Township as Oscoda Township is already looking at an increase of rates at a minimum of 25% for the year 2025. He will have more information at the upcoming budget meeting. No action needed
- I) CIP** – A copy of the Capital Improvement Plan has been provided for the trustee’s review. Superintendent Strayer updated the plan according to the requests at the last CIP meeting. Another issue which may effect on this plan is a conversation with Baldwin Township. There is a small section between where our bike path begins and theirs ends that need to be addressed by both townships. Further information will be discussed at the next CIP meeting which is scheduled on Sept. 12th. No action needed

BOARD COMMENTS: Ms. Kathleen Devereaux from 2264 N. US 23, asked if the future board meetings could be accessed by Zoom for residents who are leaving. Her concern was regarding action taken by the board regarding short term rentals. Supervisor Beliveau responded that Zoom meetings were provided under special circumstances and those have expired. He added that her suggestion will be taken under advisement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Submitted By:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor
Charter Township of AuSable