

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

Feb. 1, 2021

“approved”

Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Diana London, Yvette Ramsdell, Kelly Graham, Kevin Beliveau, Mary Jo Samotis,
Alanda Barnes, Ron Janis

Staff Present: Leisa Sutton, Superintendent, Susie Olpere, Recording Secretary

Press Coverage: Patricia Alvord

Pledge of Allegiance recited

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Janis made the motion to approve the agenda for Feb. 1, 2021. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items: Oscoda Press reporter, Patricia Alvord wanted to confirm the township office would be closed to the public until Feb. 21, 2021. Superintendent Sutton said that date was correct.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Ramsdell made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Second by London

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS:

A) **Treasurer –**

B) **Clerk –** Accounts Payable

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

OLD BUSINESS:

A) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update** - Clerk Graham announced that just prior to the meeting she received a new total for the project cost which would include the parking area at the south terminus. The total is now estimated to be \$2,778,600.00. The following are grants which are part of the funds to accomplish this total:

1) TAP Grant (MDOT) -	\$1,768,200.00
2) RTP Grant (Recreational Trails Program)	535,000.00
3) MNRTF (Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund)	300,000.00
4) Iron Belle Trail Foundation Fund	60,400.00
5) AuSable Township Recreational Fund	125,000.00

Samotis made a motion to authorize Clerk Graham to apply for the Iron Belle Foundation Grant in the amount of \$60,400.00. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

- B) Sewer Project** – Superintendent Sutton is awaiting information regarding the contract from Oscoda Township to finish paperwork required by USDA for loan.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Walk-In Tax Payments – Treasurer Samotis has received multiple calls and requests by residents to come into the hall to make their winter tax payment and some would like to get their dog licenses at that time. To accommodate this issue, Treasurer Samotis proposed to have specific times allocated to allow property owners to come in and pay in person. Only one person would be allowed to come into the service area and all people entering would have to wear a mask. Anyone waiting to their turn to pay would have to wait in the center hallway with seating spaced for social distancing.

B) Review Compliance Information for the USDA – Superintendent Sutton included in the board packet; information required by the USDA for their review. Necessary components are being submitted with the trustee's approval. Graham made the motion to submit the Compliance Information to the USDA. Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

C) Resolution 2021-04 Regarding PFAS Contamination - Mr. Mark Henry, co-chairman of the C-RAB (Community Restoration Advisory Board) was in attendance to ask AuSable Township for support by resolution. This resolution requests that USAF change the policies to C-RAB and other community stakeholders, in conjunction with the State of Michigan, in the decision-making process; and to solicit input on the front-end of each phase of cleanup and to provide adequate opportunity for these stakeholders to review and comment on plans and report before they are finalized and provided to the public in USAF's information repository. Motion was made by Barnes to approve Resolution 2021-04. Second by Janis

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

Supervisor Beliveau and the board commended Mr. Henry for his diligence in this matter.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Clerk Graham made arrangements with Mrs. Ramsdell and Mrs. Barnes to renew the oath of office.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Barnes

Second by Janis

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:49 pm

Submitted By:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor
Charter Township of AuSable