

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

June 7, 2021

“approved”

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kevin Beliveau at 5:02 pm

## **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Kelly Graham, Kevin Beliveau, MaryJo Samotis, Alanda Barnes, Ron Janis

Absent: Diana London and Yvette Ramsdell

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

Press Coverage: Patricia Alvord

Pledge of Allegiance recited

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Supervisor Beliveau had a change for agenda: under New Business, Item A – Audit will be changed to Bench. The audit has been postponed to the next scheduled board meeting.

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items:** None

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Motion by Janis to approve the consent agenda. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

- A) **Treasurer** – Treasurer Samotis had received a portion of insurance funds for a residence that had major fire damage. This State program ensures that the funds will be held in escrow until the affected property has been demolished or cleaned up. The property has been inspected and the escrowed funds will be forwarded to the owner. This is the second time we have participated in this program with success.
- B) **Clerk** – Accounts Payable
- C) **Superintendent** – Superintendent’s Report

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update** - Clerk Graham and Supervisor Beliveau will be attending a virtual meeting with the DNR Trust Fund Board of Directors on June 16<sup>th</sup>. They will be giving a power point presentation regarding the Iron Belle bike trail. Clerk Graham said we are still waiting to hear about our application for grant money from the DNR and MDOT.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A) **Bench** - Superintendent Sutton reviewed the board’s decision for approval of a memorial bench at the last township meeting. Recently the Township received a donation in the amount of \$1,273.00, which will pay for the bench, plaque, and shipping of a bench. Barnes made the motion to accept the donation of \$1, 273.00 for the purchase of a bench, plaque, and shipping. Second by Samotis  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried

- B) Snowmobile Agreement** - Annually we are asked to renew the Snowmobile Agreement with Iosco County Parks and Recreation. The letter remains the same with the exception of dates being updated. Graham made the motion to authorize the Superintendent to execute the Snowmobile Agreement.  
Second by Barnes  
Unanimous – Voice Vote  
Motion Carried
- C) McCuaig Park Request** – The township received a request to utilize the ball diamonds at McCuaig Park. A new generation of softball players would like to resurrect the league and make use of the fields. In order to make this possible, rebuilding the roof on the dugout that was removed due to safety concerns will be necessary. DPW has provided an estimate for the cost of rebuilding the roof. Motion was made by Barnes to approve replacing the dugout roof and repair the fence. Second by Janis  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried
- D) Authorization to Engage** – Superintendent Sutton was authorized to move forward with the USDA loan pertaining to the sewer extension project. A requirement to continue the process is contracting further with the Bond Attorney and Financial Advisor. Mr. Tom Colis, the Bond Attorney we are working with currently, quoted an amount of \$2,500.00 and Mr. Robert Bendzinski, the Financial Advisor, whom we are also working with, and his quote was an additional \$3,500.00 for the additional loan. Barnes made the motion to engage Tom Colis, Bond Attorney for another \$2,500.00. Second by Graham  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried  
Barnes made a motion to engage Robert Bendzinski, Financial Advisor for \$3,500.00 for the subsequent USDA loan for the US 23 sewer extension project. Second by Graham  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried
- E) Resolution 2021-15** - Presented for consideration is Resolution 2021-15 authorizing and providing for the incurrence of indebtedness of \$1,589,000.00 for the purpose of providing a portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing, enlarging, improving and/or extending our wastewater collection system. Second by Janis  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried
- F) Resolution 2021-16** – This resolution is for authorizing and providing for the incurrence of indebtedness of \$211,000.00 for the purpose of providing a portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing, enlarging, improving and/or extending our wastewater collection system. Barnes made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-16. Second by Janis  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried
- G) Water & Waste System Grant Agreement** – Another form which is requestion by the USDA for the grant which must be authorized by the Superintendent and Clerk for an amount not to exceed \$4,767,000.00. Motion was made by Janis to approve the Water & Waste System Grant Agreement, subject to review and recommendation from the township attorney. Second by Barnes  
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote  
Motion Carried
- H) American Rescue Plan** – According to information Superintendent Sutton has gotten, the township is eligible to receive federal money in the amount of \$195,107.00 in two equal installments. It's intended to mitigate some of the effects of Covid and the shutdown. She requested the board to convene a committee to gather facts and possibilities to meet the requirements of the program. Supervisor Beliveau suggested the Executive Committee to fill that roll until further information is available. It was the consensus of the board to begin with the Executive Committee.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Trustee Barnes asked if the resolution regarding zoom meetings would have to be withdrawn due to having meetings in person now. Superintendent Sutton replied that the resolution was a safeguard in case we were shut down again, but it was not necessary to implement the zoom meeting unless it was needed.

Supervisor Beliveau reminded the trustees that after a motion is made there is time for discussion before the vote is taken, and they were welcome to use it.

Superintendent Sutton was informed by Mr. Lopez that there will be wrestlers volunteering to help with the Tire Collection Day on July 17<sup>th</sup>. This is greatly appreciated by the township.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Ms. Alvord, from the Oscoda Press, inquired about the reference to the Water and Waste System and wanted to make sure it was the same as reference to the sewer extension project and if all the resolutions pertained to the same. Superintendent Sutton confirmed both.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Janis

Second by Samotis

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm

Submitted By:  
Susie Olpere  
Recording Secretary

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Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor  
Charter Township of AuSable