

Ausable Township Board Meeting

July 9, 2022

9:00 AM

**Minutes:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called, all board members were present except the Treasurer

A new agenda item was presented and the board went into a closed session meeting with the township attorney Daniel White who represents the township in its interests in the Donaldson V Ausable township. A motion by Kurtis with a second by Ron to go into a closed session meeting. A vote was conducted and the motion carried 4-0 with the Treasurer being absent.

The township Supervisor made a motion with a second by Ron to re-enter a public meeting with all applicable FOIA requirements in place. This motion carried 4-0

There were three motions in regards to the closed session meeting. (See last pg. of minutes)

A motion by Kurtis and a second by Ron to accept the minutes from May 2022 All in favor, motion carried.

The following balances were reported by the Treasurer in her report:

A. CD 1 (6287)	\$53,540.39
B. CD 2 (6311)	\$53,540.39
C. CD 3 (5037)	\$13,188.00
D. General Checking	\$63,324.38
E. Fire Account	\$33,182.03
F. General Savings	\$132,550.32
G. Tax Account	\$11,758.10

A motion by Kurtis and a second by Kathleen to Ann the Treasurers report as presented. All in favor, motion carried

**Bills** were presented for payment. A motion to pay the bills was made by Kurtis and a second by Ann. All in favor, motion carried.

Payroll \$5,462.85 Net pay \$4,462.12

EFTPS \$1,229.32 Liabilities Fed \$393.50 Medicare \$79.21 FICA \$338.70

MVW & Associates INC Assessors contract \$1,060.00 includes summer taxes prep/mail

Adam Monk \$12.50 Township website/computer time

MTA \$222.55 Annual dues 7/1-6/30

Waste Management trash removal \$593.51

Consumers Energy Electric Bill \$54.44

Forward Energy \$101.00 Budget Plan 185941

Sarah Watson \$16.15 treasurer supplies 2022 summer taxes

Kathleen Wray \$77.89 custom frame reimbursement (survey)

Gerrish Township \$7.58 Summer Deferment ad (townships portion)

State of Michigan \$3,092.45 account number f38235696

Hess Law office \$1,579.50 legal services rendered 5/2-7/8 2022

**Total \$13,016.23**

#### **Debit Card Purchase's**

Verizon Wireless \$28.00 town hall phone (auto pay)

Meijer (Gaylord) \$102.43 Election Supplies (re-districting)

Amazon.com \$89.47 double pack ink toner and 500 envelopes

**Total \$219.90**

#### **Old Business:**

Mio fence to move fence at hall (locked in at \$4,748.00) Kurtis (Waiting in Mio Fence now) Supervisor has a call pending on movement date 7/12/22

Notice in paper once contract with Crawford County is in effect so residents know to contact them vs the State of Michigan. Supervisor is currently working with Bob on this.

#### **New Business:**

Kirtland Community College now on tax roll \$13,707.99 yearly increase in township revenue. The board by a recommendation from Julie (Township Assessor member) made a motion to enter court proceedings to collect taxes on Kirtland Community College properties (if needed) since educational services are no longer rendered on aforementioned properties. Kurtis made the recommended motion with a second by Ann. There was a vote and this motion passed 4-0 with the treasurer being absent.

GUMRO case—Default judgement (Township won) illegal structure will be removed

#### **Zoning Administrator:**

1 illegal trailer was removed in the Running Deer Subdivision

Numerous calls on zoning questions and 1 land use permit issued, A copy for the boards records and a check for \$35.00

**Correspondence:**

No correspondence this month

**Public Comment**

Steve Dubois from RTA (mini bus) had literature and spoke about the importance of the millage on the August ballot.

Charlie Midstruf spoke about a possible noise ordinance complaint from the firing range that KCC had. Supervisor will look into this.

Jack Cormen spoke about zoning in the Running Deer subdivision.

Dan Lockert claims he never received his property taxes on a new piece of property he purchased. The treasurer verified it was sent to the previous owner. Treasurer informed assessor via email about this and mailed by US Mail a current bill to Mr. Lockert

John Hetu spoke about moving voter approved millage to summer taxes since their cheaper. Did research and this isn't allowed.

John Gumro spoke at length about various topics including "Tiny Houses"

Laura Lockert spoke about a tax issue, property isn't homesteaded, the clerk made copies of Mrs. Lockerts documentation and got it to the Treasurer. The Treasurer scanned these documents and emailed to the Assessor (Megan) Megan responded to Mrs. Lockert, so Megan is working on this issue

Dan Lockert had questions about specific ordinances. The Clerk will provide him a copy of the ordinances on paper at no cost to Mr. Lockert even though they are available on the township's website of [www.ausabletownshipmi.com](http://www.ausabletownshipmi.com)

**Announcement:**

The next meeting is August 13, 2022 at 9:00 AM

A motion was made by Kurtis with a second by Sarah to adjourn the April meeting. All in favor the motion was carried, meeting adjourned 10:07 AM

See page 4 for Specific motions in regards to closed meeting

## Donaldson v Ausable Township

### Motion 1

A motion by Ron with a second by Kurtis move that the township board approve the settlement agreement which has been presented to us and that Supervisor Kurtis Norton be authorized to execute it via his signature thereon

### Motion 2

A motion by Ron with a second by Kurtis to approve the language that was at a board meeting held December 8, 2015 be rescinded and be no longer in effect: "Future FOIA requests will not be fulfilled until after the current invoice is paid and a copy of the recording made by Mark Donaldson at the October meeting is received by the board as agreed upon at the time of the recording"

### Motion 3

A motion by Ron with a second by Kurtis with respect to any required deposit of estimated charges for future FOIA requests by Mr. Donaldson, the Township shall comply with the Freedom of Information Act, specifically MCL 15.234 (1)-(13) As may be hereafter amended.