

Ausable Township Annual Meeting Minutes March 23, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am with the Supervisor reading the minutes from the previous year.

There were six people in attendance. All six people signed in on the sign in sheet.

There was a motion by Sarah with a second by Kurtis to accept the minutes from 2023. There was no discussion on the minutes. A vote was conducted the motion carried 6-0

Supervisor Norton read his supervisors report. His report talked about all the good things the Township had accomplished in 2023 and some more to come in 2024. All of the old business had been accomplished except getting good high-speed internet into the Township. CCC is currently working in St. Helen so a 2025 start date seems to be a realistic goal. Meeting dates for township meetings along with Plan/Zone meeting dates were handed out and posted at the hall. The meeting dates are also in the Houghton Lake Resorter as required under the OMA.

Supervisor Norton is going to learn more about grant writing in the coming year to help offset the cost(s) of future projects since all ARPA money was spent on 8 great projects.

There were no public comments other than Don the Sanitation Engineer expressing the extra trash day (Wednesday) seems to be pretty popular with the residents.

A motion to end the annual meeting was made by Kurtis with a second by Erica. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting concluded at 9:27AM

AuSable Township
9181 N. Keno Rd.
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Supervisors report
March 23 2024

Last year the township pulled off many improvements again. After the cleaning up of the dead and threatening trees in Richardson Cemetery, we had the blacktop refreshed. True Home Maintenance filled the cracks and applied 2 coats of asphalt seal. The bill was split with the remainder of ARPA funding and general funding.

The township provided roll off dumpsters for spring and fall cleanups. They all got filled completely full. Better in the dumpsters than in the woods.

This year has created a challenge in our voting procedures. Many things had to be put in effect to comply with the new voting requirements. The township had to put in a concrete pad to secure the new ballot box for early voting and absentee voting. In the process some more gravel needed to be brought in to level out the parking area. Cameras on the ballot box are required, so we had 2 more cameras added to our existing system. There was much training for this new voting system and many extra hours required for the Township Clerk. We have an excellent election committee that partnered with Richfield Township for this election and the future November election.

A new mailbox was installed at the roadway. This is major improvement over the last one, which the door was held on with a paper clip. Thank you Ron for taking care of the installation.

Randy Booth was added to our payroll this last year as our Township Assessor. This tax season has definitely proven how under provided we were. Randy is definitely getting our township back on track for property values and inspections. Thank you Randy for your time and hard work.

We lost a cherished person and member of our board this year. Ann Church will definitely be missed. Erica Weiss has filled Anne's position for the remaining term of trustee.

Our zoning board/ planning committee has undergone a few changes. It is definitely not an easy position to be in. There are many great tasks to be accomplished. The township has allocated much funding to support the future challenges that board faces.

Don has agreed to open the gates and monitor trash drop-off on Wednesdays along with Saturdays. This has already been conveyed, by residents, as a great convenience. Wonderful job Don.

As the Supervisor, I am a strong believer that as the government challenges us much harder we must be prepared and trained. In the budget I have boosted the expenditure estimates to comply with this task of strength. If we are not prepared, we fail. I thank the Township staff, in all positions, for your time and hard work.

For this future year I would like to see a few things get accomplished or even investigated,
Learn more about grant writing

A fence around the perimeter of the trash area

Solid stakes placed where wooden surveyor stakes exist

Blacktop/ concrete driveway and trash area

Gazebo

Playscape/ playground.

As always, we will try to maintain and grow as a township in a financially responsible way.
Thank you for the opportunity to represent this beautiful township.

Kurtis Norton

Ausable Township board meeting and Plan/Zone Meetings

2024-2025

Board meetings 2ND Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM unless marked by a *
Plan/Zone meetings 3RD Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM

<u>Board Meeting</u>	<u>Plan/Zone</u>
April 13, 2024	April 16, 2024
May 18, 2024*	May 21, 2024
June 8, 2024	June 18, 2024
July 13, 2024	July 16, 2024
August 10, 2024	August 20, 2024
September 14, 2024	September 17, 2024
October 12, 2024	October 15, 2024
November 16, 2024*	November 19, 2024
December 14, 2024	December 17, 2024
January 11, 2025	January 21, 2025
February 8, 2025	February 18, 2025
March 8, 2025 8:30 AM Budget	March 18, 2025
March 22, 2025 Annual Meeting*	